



Cub Scouts “101”



What is Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouts is a **family-oriented program** designed to specifically address the needs of **elementary age children – both girls and boys** – through hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action, prepares them for life, and sets them up for success!

Cub Scouts participate in a variety of activities such as:

Hiking ♦ Building & Racing Pinewood Derby Cars ♦ Arts & Crafts ♦ Community Service
Model Rocket Building & Launching ♦ Learning Life Skills ♦ Camping ♦ Archery ♦ Sports
Horseback Riding ♦ Making Lifelong Friendships ♦ Learning Teamwork ♦ Biking
Stargazing ♦ Raingutter Regatta ♦ Overnight on Submarine, at Museum, at Ballpark

Most importantly, Cub Scouts have FUN!

What do Cub Scouts do?

What is the structure?

Cub Scouts generally meet 4 or 5 times each month – September through June
1 Pack Meeting • 2 Den Meetings • 1 Campout/Outing/Activity/Event • 1 Hike/Bike Ride

Kindergarten
Lions



1st Grade
Tigers



2nd Grade
Wolves



3rd Grade
Bears



4th Grade
Webelos



5th Grade
Arrow of Light



Den

(age/grade-specific groups)

Cub Scouts work together in **grade specific Dens** to earn their Rank.

At Den meetings Scouts have fun while working on age-appropriate “Adventure” requirements.

For example, requirements might include:

- Practicing teamwork and sportsmanship while learning a new game or sport.
- Applying Leave No Trace Principles to respect nature and wildlife.
- Learn how to plan for safe adventures and basic first aid skills.

Each completed Adventure is recognized with a beltloop (K – 3rd grade) or pin (4th & 5th grade).

When Scouts have completed all their requirements, they will receive their Rank Emblem Badge to wear proudly on their uniform!

Pack

(all Dens/ages/grades together)

Together, all Dens make up the Pack that meets regularly for Pack meetings and events.

- Pack meetings are held **one Tuesday per month**, at a local school or nearby venue.
- Pack Meetings allow us to recognize accomplishments and participate in fun activities, such as our annual Pinewood Derby, or outings like visiting a local farm and going on a hayride!
- Most Pack activities are open to your whole family!

For questions email:

CubScoutsPack1703@outlook.com

For information or to join visit:

www.CubScoutsPack1703.com

What role do parents play in Cub Scouts?



Our Pack is a 100% volunteer run organization.

The success of the Pack depends on parent volunteers.

How do Parents support their Cubs?

- ✓ Participate in meetings, outings, activities, and events
- ✓ Encourage and help Scouts complete achievements
- ✓ Volunteer to help with an event or fundraiser
- ✓ Become a Den Leader or a Pack Leader

Who are the leaders?

Pack email address:

CubScoutsPack1703@outlook.com

This email address is a great resource to get your Scouting questions answered.

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Cubmaster

Available Position

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Wolf Den Leader

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Webelos Den Leader

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Arrow of Light Den Leader

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Popcorn Kernels / Fundraising

Melissa Sarna

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Committee Chair

Our Packs is always looking for leaders and volunteers. No prior experience or special skills are needed – just a desire to help!



Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best!

2025 – 2026 Costs

How much does it cost?

Joining Fee

~~\$25~~

one-time

- ✓ National BSA joining fee
- ✓ One-time fee only paid first year

Waived for online applications

BSA Dues

\$85+\$85

per year

- ✓ \$85 annual BSA youth registration fees (national program fees)
- ✓ \$85 annual Council fees (regional program fees)
- ✓ Includes badges of rank (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, AoL, etc.)
- ✓ Our Pack does not receive any of these funds directly
- ✓ **Can be paid through fundraisers!**

Pack Dues

\$70

per year

- ✓ Includes all Pack Meeting activities for Cub Scouts, and specific supplies, such as Pinewood Derby kit, Raingutter Regatta kit, etc.
- ✓ Includes awards for advancements (belt loops, pins, etc.)
- ✓ Pack maintenance (rechartering fees, equipment, supplies, etc.)
- ✓ **Can be paid through fundraisers!**

Uniform & Book

~\$80

- ✓ **Shirt, belt, and pants can be reused multiple years!**
- ✓ Required: Shirt, Neckerchief, Slide, & Handbook
- ✓ Recommended: Hat & Belt
- ✓ Optional: Pants & Socks
- ✓ Available at Scout Shop: 1155 E Long Lake Rd, Troy, MI 48085 (just east of Rochester Road)

Optional Stuff

Cost Varies

- ✓ Scout Life Magazine Subscriptions – \$15 per year
- ✓ Fees for optional events/activities are only paid if attending
- ✓ May have some small fees for Den specific activities
- ✓ Fees vary depending on activity; examples of some past activities:
 - ✓ Community Service – Free!
 - ✓ Hikes & Bike Rides – Free!
 - ✓ Den Adventure at Nature Center – \$10 per person
 - ✓ Zoo Overnight – \$50 per person

Scouts is a 10-month activity: $(\$85 + \$85 + \$70) / 10 \text{ months} = \text{~\$24 per month}$

When is payment due?

NOW

\$170

BSA Dues

SOON

~\$80

Uniform & Handbook
(at Scout Shop)

NOVEMBER 1st

\$70 or less

Pack Dues
(see fundraising on next page)

OPTIONAL

collected by deadline
for each event/activity

How does fundraising pay for dues?

Some families choose not to participate in fundraising beyond the **required popcorn** **“Show & Sell” shifts at local stores** and pay the remaining balance of the dues, while other Scouts have offset either a portion, or all their dues by participating in fundraisers. Below is an example of how a Scout can significantly reduce their dues through fundraising:

\$240 **Total Dues**
(National \$85, Council \$85, and Pack \$70)

- \$27 **Individual popcorn orders**

- Scout sells popcorn to family & friends
- About 10% (or more) of sales are returned to Scout ($\$270 \times 10\% = \27)

- \$30 **Popcorn sold at Show & Sell**

- Scout sells popcorn during a 2-hour shift at a local store
- About 10% (or more) of sales during Show & Sell events are “credited” to participating Cub Scout’s dues

Note: Amount is based on funds collected from Show & Sell events and is determined by the shifts worked. Percentages may vary based on Pack budget requirements.

Only
\$183 **Final dues owed by Cub Scout**
Equivalent to only \$18.30 per month! *

** Based on 10-months of activities. Balance of annual dues is collected November 1st.*

Examples of past activities covered by Pack dues:

- Cabin campout with activities and food
- Pack meeting activities and supplies
- Den achievement awards (belt loops, pins, etc.)
- Supplies for wood building project (bird house, Pinewood Derby stand, etc.)
- Pizza and activities at Zap Zone
- Pinewood Derby kit
- Raingutter Regatta kit
- Refreshments at hikes
- Outdoor Adventure Day activities, shelter, and food
- Putt-Putt golf
- And much more!

Fundraising

Pack Philosophy

- ✓ Must participate in “Show & Sell” shifts (usually about 2-hours each)
- ✓ No mandatory individual fundraising or dollar minimum
- ✓ Significant amount of fundraising profit is credited to seller for dues

Popcorn

- ✓ Sell at “Show & Sells” at local stores
- ✓ Sell through personal orders to neighbors, family, and friends
- ✓ Portion goes to National and Council
- ✓ About 30% of sales go to Pack, and Cub Scouts get credit for sales against dues!