



PACK 414

Chartered by
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PARENTS' INFORMATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF
CUB SCOUTING!!

Where Character Counts

And

The Adventure Begins...

My Pack Number is: **414**

My Pack Meets on: **the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the hall**

My Pack Meets at: **St. Jane Frances School; 8513 St. Jane Drive Pasadena, MD**

My Cubmaster's Name is: **Michael J. Clabby Sr.**

My Cubmaster's Phone Number is: **410-446-5451**

E-mail: **pack414cubmaster@stjane.org**

My son is a: Tiger Cub (1st grade) Wolf (2nd grade) Bear (3rd grade) Webelos (4th or 5th grade)

My Den Number is: _____

My Den Leader's Name is: _____

My Den Leader's Phone Number is: _____

E-mail: _____

My Den Meets on: _____

My Den Meets at: _____

My Council is: **Baltimore Area Council**

My Scouting District is: **Four Rivers**

Links

Boy Scouts of America www.scouting.org

Baltimore Area Council www.baltimorebsa.org

Four Rivers District www.crwflags.com/4rd/

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St. Jane Frances Church www.stjane.org

THIS I BELIEVE:

A Hundred Years from Now
It will not matter what my bank account was,
The sort of house I lived in,
Or the kind of car I drove.
But, the world may be different,
Because I was important to the life a child.
- Forest Witcraft



For Every One Hundred Boys Who Join Scouting:

- Two will become Eagle Scouts.
- Rarely will one be brought before juvenile court.
- Twelve will have their first contact with a church.
- One will enter the clergy.
- Eighteen will develop hobbies that will last through their entire adult life.
- Five will earn their church's religious award.
- Eight will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system.
- One will use his Scouting skills to save a life.
- Seventeen will be future Scout volunteers.

Spending Time With Your Child: The Secret of Success!

Come join the fun of Cub Scouting as a family...it's fun! You'll make new friends, too, as you work with the parents of your son's new friends. No job is too difficult when you're having fun as a part of a team of Cub Scout parents, reinforcing each others' efforts to help your boys grow up to be good citizens.

CUB SCOUT SHOPS

Baltimore City

800 Wayman Park Dr.

Baltimore, MD 21211

410-338-0144

Mon-Wed and Fri 9am-5pm

Thur 9am-7pm

Sat 10am-3pm

Anne Arundel County

7502 Connelley Dr. Suite 120

Hanover, MD 21076

410-553-6913

Mon, Tue, Thur, and Fri 9am-5:30pm

Wed 9am-7pm

Sat 10am-3pm

SCOUTING....AN AID TO PARENTS

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of self-worth, who is self-reliant, dependable, and caring. Scouting has these same goals for your son. Since 1910, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, promoting citizenship, and fostering physical fitness in youth. Scouting promotes family values, citizenship, and physical fitness, but Cub Scout age boys do not joint Scouting just to get their character built -- they join because it is **FUN!**

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

PURPOSES OF SCOUTING

Cub Scouts Packs serve boys who are in first through fifth grade (7 to 10 years old). Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the purposes of cub scouting.

The Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

DO YOUR BEST

This is the Cub Scout Motto. Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family values for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect himself, his country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating
 - Develop personal independence

In society, your son is often taught winning is everything. Cub Scouting teaches him to "Do his best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise. A Cub Scout Den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. In the Den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement with the new skills he learns.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

FIRST GRADE (TIGER CUB)

EACH FAMILY IS A MEMBER OF A TIGER DEN

1. Each den has five to eight boy/adult teams.
2. Usually meets twice each month, goes on a field trip or outing once a month, and attends the Pack meeting every month.
3. Each boy/adult team takes turns hosting the meetings. Meetings are conducted by the Tiger Den Leader and last no more than one hour.
4. Uniforms:
 - The Tiger Cub uniform is an official blue Cub Scout shirt, orange Tiger neckerchief and slide, and Tiger Cub belt. (Optional: blue and orange cap)
 - The Den Leader should wear a Cub Scout Leader uniform with the orange neckerchief.
5. Advancement:
 - The Tiger Cub first earns his Bobcat badge by completing eight requirements.
 - The Tiger Cub earns his totem.
 - For every Family Activity, Den Activity, or Go-See-It, he earns a bead.
 - For every ten electives completed, the Tiger Cub earns a Tiger Track Bead.
 - After the Tiger Cub has completed all 15 parts of the five achievements, he will be awarded the Tiger Cub rank badge.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE (WOLF/BEAR)

1. Second grade boys are in a Wolf Den while third grade boys are in a Bear Den.
2. Each den has four to eight boys.
3. Led by a Den Leader (usually a parent).
4. The Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader and sometimes a Den Chief (an older Boy Scout).
5. Usually meets once a week. Regular meetings are scheduled at the leader's convenience.
6. Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and periodic field trips revolving around a monthly theme.
7. Work on advancement is usually not done at den meetings. Boys do most requirements for the Wolf and Bear badges at home with the help of their parent or guardian.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE (WEBELOS)

1. Each den has four to eight boys.
2. Led by a Webelos Den Leader (usually a parent).
3. The Webelos Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader and sometimes a Den Chief (an older Boy Scout).
4. The den meets about once a week depending upon the Den Leader's schedule.
5. Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and periodic field trips revolving around a monthly theme.
6. In Webelos, boys do many of the advancement requirements at den meetings, but they still work on a few requirements at home with the help of their parents.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

The staff at the Baltimore Area Council Scout Service Center can assist you or help get you in touch with someone who can. Give them a call at 443-573-2500 or visit them at www.baltimorebsa.org.

Each District is served by a full-time professional staff member, the District Executive (DE).

Roundtables

A leader's meeting and training session for all adult volunteers in your district is held the first Monday of each month. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at Den and Pack meetings. These meetings (called Roundtables) are a great place to ask questions and share ideas.

“Program Helps”

“Program Helps” booklet contains meeting plans for Den meetings and shows you how to do crafts and games. There are many other books and resources available at the Scout Shop or you can borrow many of them from the Cubmaster.

The district has a team of volunteers who offer district-wide programs and activities where your boys can participate.

The District also has a volunteer team called the “Commissioner Staff”. They are a communications link between your Pack and the Baltimore Area Council. A commissioner is assigned to assist your Pack.

The District has several leader training opportunities available. All leaders need training!

CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

STEP 1 - FAST START

So you're a new leader! You should complete the Fast Start Training and Youth Protection Training.

STEP 2 - BASIC TRAINING

After you have viewed the Fast Start Tape for your leadership position, the next step is to attend a New Leader Essentials and/or Leader Specific Training course held in your area. This training will help you understand your new leadership position and the Cub Scouting program. These sessions are scheduled in September/October or as arranged with the District Cub Scout Training Chair. Ask your Cubmaster for the date, time, and location of the session nearest you.

STEP 3 - SCOUTING MAGAZINE

All registered leaders receive issues of Scouting magazine. This publication will keep you current on changes to the Scouting program. If you are a Den Leader or Cubmaster, you will also receive "Program Helps" as an insert in your Scouting magazine to help you plan your den meetings.

STEP 4 - COUNCIL WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

To learn more about Scouting programs and news, visit these websites:

Pack 414 www.
Four Rivers District www.crwflags.com/4rd/
Baltimore Area Council www.baltimorebsa.org
Boys Scouts of America www.scouting.org

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting is shared between the family and the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings and some are done at home with the family.



BOBCAT

All boys in first through fifth grade earn the Bobcat badge first. They must learn the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of "Webelos". After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.



TIGER CUBS

The first grade boy and his adult partner work on achievements, projects, and activities found in the Tiger Cub Handbook. Boys earn the Tiger Cub badge after completing the 15 parts of the five achievements.



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different areas of interest until he graduates into the third grade and begins to work on the next rank.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different areas of interest until he graduates into the fourth grade and begins work on the next rank.

ARROW POINTS

For every ten electives a boy completes while he is in the second (Wolf) or third (Bear) grade, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can.

WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting). Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting at a bridging ceremony conducted by the Pack and a Boy Scout Troop.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

ALL FIRST THROUGH FIFTH GRADE BOYS ARE MEMBERS OF A PACK.

1. The Packs is made up of all the dens.
2. The Pack meets once a month -- all Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos families should participate.
3. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
4. Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that the boys have earned during the month.

THE PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE.

1. All parents, den leaders, and pack leaders are members of the Pack Committee.
2. The Pack Committee meets once a month or more often if needed.
3. Committee meetings are led by the Committee Chairperson.
4. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, coordinates fundraising projects, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

THE PACK IS OWNED BY A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION.

1. Chartered organizations includes schools, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
2. Chartered organizations approve all leadership in the pack, helps secure a meeting place for the pack meetings, and helps the pack follow the BSA guidelines and policies.
3. The chartered organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative who serves as the contact person for your pack.

CHARTER ORGANIZATION

PACK COMMITTEE

CUBMASTER

DEN LEADERS

SCOUTS

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

(Examples of ways you can help)

DEN LEADER/ASSISTANT DEN LEADER

Plans and leads weekly Den meetings. This is the most important job in the pack because the Den Leaders work directly with the boys each week.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack Committee members support functions of the Pack. May serve as the Pack popcorn kernel, newsletter editor, or one of many other jobs.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack bank accounts, financial records, etc. and is a member of the Pack Committee.

PARENT HELPERS

Perform "one time" program jobs such as coordinating special Pack participation events: Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Day Camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. Plans and emceeds monthly Pack meetings and attends the Pack Committee meeting. Supports Den Leaders and monitors the health of each den.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER

Assists the Cubmaster as needed. Fills in for the Cubmaster when necessary.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Presides at the Pack Committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders.

ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR

Maintains advancement records for the Pack. Orders all badges, awards, and insignia.

All positions must be filled by an adult (must be at least 21 years of age, except assistants who may be 18). Adult leaders complete an application form that is reviewed by the committee and approved by the charter organization.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to grow with your son and his friends. Also, by being a volunteer you have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding! Leaders find that their experiences in Cub Scouting help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

1. Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
2. The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
3. A chance to help boys learn participating citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
4. The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
5. A code to live by which includes setting a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
6. The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide youth movement, and the pride in being identified as a part of this organization -- wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand for the values and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.



WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Registration is \$10.00 and Boy's Life is \$12.00 per year. Fees are pro-rated from the month you join until the end of the year.

BSA Registration Fees = **\$10.00**

Boy's Life Magazine Subscription = **\$12.00**

Pack Dues* (determined by Pack) = **\$26.00**

Do not let money keep your son from participating in Scouting. Contact the Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or any other leader about a Scouting Scholarship or Uniform Assistance.



Training is an important tool that helps you make the Scouting program more fun, more effective, and more rewarding for your son, for his leaders, and for YOU! Check out the many training courses are offered by the Baltimore Area Council Training Committee, other committees, and by BSA at the famous Philmont Training Center in New Mexico.

Youth Protection - BSA offers Youth Protection Training on the web through the BSA Online Learning Center. The course will take approximately 1 - 2 hours to complete, depending on the speed of your web connection. All parents are strongly encouraged to complete this course.

Fast Start - This is the first step toward training for any volunteer new to Cub Scouting. This online course should be taken immediately after you register but before you begin youth activities. The course introduces the aims and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America's foundational program, then zeroes in on the job. Subsections of the course will brief anyone new to the job of Tiger Cub leader, den leader, Webelos den leader, or Cubmaster. We also cover the standard parts of the meeting and tell where additional resources can be found. This program typically takes no more than an hour to complete. Anyone can take this course to learn more about the Scouting program

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting that is held in February. It is a dinner with a special program to recognize the Scout's major achievements. This is also when the Webelos bridge over to Boy Scouts.

Boys' Life

A magazine for boys and adults, Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Magazine subscription is \$12.00 per year (pro-rated at \$1.00 per issue). Compare this to the cost of a comic book!

BSA Family Program

The BSA Family Program is a series of activities designed to help strengthen all families - whether two parent, single-parent, or nontraditional. All family members are encouraged to participate and earn the BSA Family Award.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood derby is an exciting project where a parent/guardian helps a boy build a model race car made from a kit. The race is held in late March. Trophies are awarded to top finishers in each rank. A trophy is also awarded to the best looking car chosen by the Scouts.

Popcorn

Pack 414 sales joins other packs throughout the country by participating in the council-wide popcorn sale. Boys can earn GREAT prizes and your Pack earns a commission to help each boy enjoy an ideal year in Scouting.

Scouting for Food

Food drive held each year to benefit local food shelters. Part of a nationwide program of the Boys Scouts of America to help the hungry. Held in February.

