

Cub Scout Pack 378 News

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Happy 48th Anniversary Pack 378

Calendar

September 21, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Pack Meeting &
Ice Cream Social**

St. Michael School Hall

Welcome meeting with
Exhibits and a special treat.

October 5-7, Weekend

**Cabin Campout & Archery
Beaumont Cabin 1**

Parent - Son campout.
Separate cabins can be
reserved for Mom's and
siblings, too!

October 9, School Pictures

October 12, (No School!)

October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Pack Mtg. & Hayride

See Also, "Coming Attractions"

FeedBack

General and background
information can be added to the
newsletter. Contact Cliff
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or about newsletter topics.

What is Scouting?

Cub Scouting is "fun with a purpose".
It's a home and neighborhood centered
program for boys in grades 1 - 5.

It teaches values and life skills in an
environment of fun and adventure.
Scouting empowers boys by assuring
them that they are valued. Feelings of
self-worth are closely tied to
achievement - which is a key element
of the scouting program.

Emphasis is on involvement between
boys and their parents, adult leaders,
and friends.

Cub Scouts do fun things with other
kids! They get to wear a cool uniform,
go places, and see things. They play
all kinds of sports and build things,
like race cars and bird houses. Want
to learn a secret code? Want to learn
about wild animals? If you're a boy in
the first through fifth grades, go Cub
Scouting!

Purpose

Cub Scouting has the following
purposes:

- Influence a boy's character development
and spiritual growth.
- Develop habits and attitudes of good
citizenship.
- Encourage sportsmanship and pride in
growing strong in mind and body.
- Improve understanding within the
family.
- Strengthen a boy's ability to respect and
get along with others.
- Provide fun and exciting things to do.
- Foster a sense of achievement by
developing new interests and skills.
- Show a boy how to be helpful and do his
best.

Who Can Join?

Any boy who subscribes to the Cub
Promise and Law of the Pack
(below), and is in the first through
fifth grades may join a Cub Scout
pack and be assigned to a den,
usually made up of boys in the same
grade who form a natural play group.

Den meetings are held once or twice a
month, usually at one of the boys'
homes or at the school or a
community facility under the
supervision of volunteer den leaders -
generally the mother or father of one
of the boys.

Once a month, all of the dens and
family members gather for a pack
meeting under the direction of a
Cubmaster and pack committee.

Concepts

Boys join Cub Scouting to have fun -
to be with their friends and to have a
good time. Boy's ideas of "having
fun" include more than just having a
good time, however. Fun also means
feeling accepted, finding out that they
can do things that are challenging,
and feeling good about themselves.

With the fun and excitement of Cub
Scout activities, there are a number
of ideals expressed in the day-to-day
life of the young boy and his leaders.

Cub Scout Promise:

I, (name), promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

The Law of the Pack:

The Cub Scout follows Akela (leader).
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

The Cub Scout motto:

Do Your Best.

Do Your Best

ADVANCEMENT

Cub Scouting includes a plan of advancement that emphasizes learning by doing. Boys work on age-appropriate requirements.

Boys can earn awards in areas of sports, academics, religion, and activity participation. Boys are proud to display their accomplishments and earned awards on the scout uniform.

TIGER CUBS

Tiger Cub Scouting is a simple and fun program for **first-grade** boys and their families. The Tiger Cub program introduces boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Scouting as they Search, Discover, and Share together.

In the Tiger Cub program the boy and adult meet monthly with other Tiger Cubs and adults in the group, using the monthly "big idea" for an activity. Each meeting is hosted by a boy and adult team. Tiger Cubs graduate into the advancement program described below.



BOBCAT

When boys join Cub Scouting they earn the Bobcat Badge by learning the basics of the program:

- Cub Scout Promise,
- Law of the Pack,
- Handshake, salute, sign, and motto.

WOLF

Boys in the **2nd grade** are Wolf Cub Scouts. The Wolf Cub program is usually active but comfortable with lots of family involvement.

To earn the Wolf Badge, the boys complete 12 Wolf achievements such

as: *Feats of Skill, Family Fun, Duty to God, and Making Choices.*

BEAR

Third graders are Bear Cub Scouts. Their program is similar to the Wolf program, although the activities are more advanced.

There are 24 achievements in four different groups: *God, Country, Family, and Self*. The achievements include topics such as: *Ways We Worship; What Makes America Special?; Tall Tales; Family Fun; Sawdust and Nails; Build a Model; and Be a Leader.*

WEBELOS

After completing the third grade, a Cub Scout graduates with ceremony into a Webelos den. This is a special den for boys in the **4th or 5th grade**.

The Webelos Scout program is more challenging to the older Cub Scout.

Webelos Scout's advancement is approved by his Webelos den leader rather than a parent.

ACTIVITIES

At **den meetings**, a Cub Scout starts an activity. Perhaps it is a handicraft project or practicing a stunt for the next pack meeting. During the week, with his parents' help, he finishes the project or perfects the stunt. If it happens to be something required for his Wolf or Bear advancement, his parent signs his Cub Scout book. This is one way that Cub Scouting helps to strengthen family ties.

Pack meetings, attended by boys and their families, give parents a chance to see their sons in action. Most pack meetings have two parts: one is informal where boys and families participate in activities, the other part emphasizes ceremonies with varying

formality - to keep it light and quick-moving enough to interest the boys yet solemn as appropriate for the achievements being recognized.

The opening ceremony is followed by each of the dens telling the pack about their activities and perhaps some skits, songs, games, or stunts related to a monthly theme. This is followed by achievement recognition and awarding of badges earned by the boys since the last pack meeting.

Activities that have become favorites are Cub Scout shows, animal shows, handicraft projects, pinewood derbies (miniature car racing on tracks), contests, and Cub Scout outings.

At Pack Meetings, everything the boys do is followed by thunderous applause and usually by one of our special "cheers". Social skills and public speaking skills grow as younger boys watch older boys and all boys watch the leaders.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Adventuresome outdoor programs are encouraged for Cub Scouts. These include den field trips, picnics, hikes, day camping, and overnight camping in cabins or tents.

Resident camps (sleep there) and day camps (commute) are available to provide the camping experience appropriate to Cub Scout age boys.

St. Michael Cub Scout Pack 378 has an active outdoor program with spring and fall cabin camping, a well attended week-long day camp in the Brecksville Metropark Reservation, and numerous fun and educational outings such as Food Drives, Hikes, Picnics, Canoe Trips, Hay Rides, and local tours including Downtown Cleveland (and the RTA trains), Terminal Tower, USS Cod (the submarine), and Independence historical and nature centers.