

Cub Scout Pack



2006 - 2007

Parent Handbook

Welcome to Pack 655!

We're so glad you've chosen to enroll or re-enroll your son in our Pack. We know that you and he will be so glad you did. We've planned an exciting year and your son will have a great time learning, advancing and playing.

The Leaders of Pack 655 seek to provide activities that provide opportunity for physical fitness and educational value. Every member of a Cub Scout's family can enjoy many of our planned activities.

This booklet will provide you with an overview of the program and Pack Award Policies. If you have questions or concerns about our program, please contact me directly, or your son's Den Leader.

At the end of this booklet is a Parent Contract. After reviewing the handbook, please sign the Parent Contract and return it to your son's Den Leader at his next meeting.

After reading thought this handbook you will become familiar with the Pack structure and the number of people it takes to make this a successful program. We can't do this without volunteers. If you are interested in filling one of the **vacant** positions or feel you would like to assist with one of the many activities we do, please let us know.

Thanks!

Yours in Scouting,

Ken Bell
Cubmaster
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PACK 655 MISSION

The Committee and Leaders of Cub Scout Pack 655 are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of Cub Scouting activities. Special emphasis is placed on character development, spiritual growth, citizenship and family.

Cub Scouts are required to memorize the following pledges and motto. We seek to make them real in their lives and hope that you will encourage your son as he strives to do so.

The Cub Scout Promise

**I 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**

Law of the Pack

**A Cub Scout follows Akela
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

PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America began Cub Scouting as a program for younger boys more than 75 years ago. The purposes of Cub Scouting state that Parents, Leaders and Organizations work together to achieve the following:

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

PACK STRUCTURE

Like every effective organization, Cub Scout Packs have a structure. Understanding this structure and how it works will increase your son's enjoyment of the program and leave you far less confused.

Pack Organization



The Pack Committee

- Pack Committee Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership Coordinator
- Registration Coordinator
- Awards Coordinator
- Activities Coordinator
- Pack Editor
- Pack Photographer
- Pack/Troop Liaison
- Cubmaster
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Den Leaders
- Den Leader Coach

Other Volunteer Positions for the Pack:

- Popcorn Sales
- Wreath Sales
- Space Derby
- Pinewood Derby
- Blue and Gold Banquet
- Resident and Summer Camp

CHARTER PARTNER REPRESENTATIVE



Charter Representative

David Scibek

The Charter Representative provides coordination between the chartered partner organization, the Pack, District and Council. The representative is also a voting member of the Council and the District that attends Pack Committee meetings and meetings of the chartered organization and the District Committee.

PACK COMMITTEE



The general function of the Pack Committee is to plan and carry out the Cub Scouting program for Pack 655 in concert with the policies of the chartered partner organization, the Lake Champlain District and the Green Mountain Council of Boy Scouts of America. The Committee is responsible for (1) selecting the Cubmaster, assistants, and Den leaders, with the approval of the head of the chartered partner organization, (2) helping to train and support all Pack leaders, (3) preparing the annual re-charter documentation and reporting to the chartered organization and the local District and Council representatives and (4) insuring the permanency of the Pack. The Committee is comprised of the leaders of the Pack and any interested Parents.

Pack Committee Chair

Ken Bell (acting)

Calls and conducts monthly Pack Committee meetings for which he/she and the Cubmaster prepare the agenda. Recruits committee members and assigns responsibilities. Works closely with the Cubmaster and other Pack leaders to plan and carry out monthly Pack meetings and other activities. Attends monthly District Roundtable and other meetings pertaining to Pack operations. Attends training sessions offered by the District and Council as necessary to carry out the duties of this position.

Treasurer

Lisa Bell

Maintains Pack financial records, registrations, and registers all boys and adults. Maintains Pack budget, receives all funds, pays bills on recommendation of Cubmaster or Committee Chair and approval of Committee. Supervises Pack fund-raising activities and assures accurate record keeping for all Pack funding and expenditures. Attend training sessions offered by the District and Council as necessary.

Secretary

Maria Membrino

Maintains an inventory of the Pack property. Maintains a library of all Cub Scout program literature materials, records, and forms to help leaders function effectively. Maintain up-to-date information on memberships, leadership, attendance, and advancement using PackMaster software Package. Keeps notes on Pack leaders and committee meetings and distribute accordingly.

Membership Coordinator

Ken Bell

Supervises the annual Pack re-charter procedure and charter presentation; promotes and conducts recruiting of new boys, School Night, and 1st and 5th grade graduation plans. The Membership Coordinator works with the Cubmaster and Committee Chair to ensure eligible boys and parents are moved into Webelos Dens at the appropriate time. This person should attend training sessions offered by the District and Council as appropriate and necessary to competently carry out the duties and functions of this position.

Registration Coordinator

Ken Bell

Supervises the annual registration of new and returning boys. Works with the Membership Coordinator during the annual recruiting process. The Registration Coordinator works with the Cubmaster and Committee Chair to ensure eligible boys and parents are getting registration information submitted in a timely manner. This person should attend training sessions offered by the District and Council as appropriate and necessary to competently carry out the duties and functions of this position.

Awards Coordinator

Sarah Arel

Responsible for the award advancement process. Includes securing of awards and assisting in the presentation of the awards at Pack ceremonies. The chair is responsible for maintaining records of each boy's progress through the Cub Scout program and all awards and segments received based on receipt of appropriate advancement and award forms from each Den Leader. Persons in this position should attend training sessions offered by the District and council as appropriate and necessary to competently and effectively carry out the duties and functions of this position.

Activities Coordinator

Vacant

Coordinates Pack activities. Creates and presents special awards. Keeps records of previous years activities to be used as a reference and guide for current activities. Files trip permits for Pack activities.

Editor

Vacant

Edits and publishes the Pack newsletter. Maintains a current name and address list with phone numbers of Scouts and parents. Stays informed about all Pack activities and events. Attends committee meetings. Obtains input for the Pack Newsletter from Den Leaders, Committee members and Scouts. The Pack Newsletter is published monthly.

Photographer

Diane Bacon

Stays informed about all Pack activities and events. Attends events and takes photos of events to be used by Editor for local paper articles, for the monthly newsletter and for publication of the Web Site.

Pack/Troop Liaison

Ken Bell

Works with the Pack Leadership to keep communication open between the Pack and local Troop. Work to create opportunities for the Pack and Troop to work together on Community project. Must also work on the transition process for boys going from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouts.



Cubmaster

Ken Bell

Plans and conducts monthly Pack meetings; works with the Pack Committee Chair to plan monthly Pack leadership meetings. Insures that the monthly Pack meetings are well organized, fun, and entertaining for the boys and run efficiently. The Cubmaster should attend training sessions offered by the District and Council as appropriate and necessary to competently carry out the duties and functions of this position.



Assistant Cubmaster

Ken Schroeter & Chuck Arel

Works with the Cubmaster and Den leaders to conduct monthly Pack meetings. Participates in songs and skits as needed to insure that Pack meetings are fun and exciting. Fills in for Cubmaster when necessary. Helps with presenting awards to Scouts at Pack meetings.



Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader

This is the best job of all and probably the most important position in the Pack. Each Den Leader is responsible for planning and conducting weekly Den meetings for the boys in the Den. Den Leaders should provide fun and exciting activities for the boys each week and to coordinate Den participation in monthly Pack meetings. Generally, monthly Den activities should follow a theme for that month. Each Den Leader should attend training sessions offered by the District and Council as appropriate and necessary to feel confident in carrying out the duties and functions of this position. The main role of the Den Leader is to support and encourage the boys to complete projects and activities that fulfill their badges. The time commitment is typically three Den meetings per month, approximately 1 hour per week prep time, 1-hour monthly committee meeting and 1 Pack meeting each month from September to May.



Den Leader Coach

Ken Bell

Keeps the Cubmaster and Committee Chair informed about the condition and needs of the Dens; is the Pack's chief helper in finding qualified Cub Scout Den Leaders. This position provides immediate help and training for new Den Leaders and provides continuing support and assistance to all Den Leaders. Attends training sessions offered by the District and Council as appropriate and necessary to carry out the duties and functions of this position.

OTHER VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR THE PACK

Each of the following Pack volunteer positions is responsible for carrying out the fun, exciting, and growth enhancing activities of our Pack. Each of the positions described below requires that the event coordinator record and keep a list of the boys and adults that participate, and to turn in the list to the Advancement Chair as soon as the activity has taken place. The Advancement Chair and the Pack Leadership will use the list of participants to arrange for awards, segments, and advancements for the boys, and to give recognition for the parents that assisted in organizing and carrying out the activity. Some of these activities require more adult participation than others and it is the role of the coordinator to work with the Pack leadership to arrange for assistance from other Pack parents to organize and carryout the activity. For all activities that involve Scouts riding in cars, the event coordinator is responsible for filing a tour permit with the Council office. The Pack tries to keep an up-to-date list of driver information that can be easily attached to the form and faxed into the Council office. This form must be filed at least two weeks in advance of the trip for BSA insurance coverage to be in effect.

Popcorn Sales Chairperson

Vacant

Pack 655 has traditionally sold Trails-End Popcorn as a major fundraiser for the Pack. For the 2006-2007 Scouting year we plan to sell Popcorn in the spring of 07'. The popcorn we be distributed in early May and each Den typically arranges for distribution to the boys for delivery.

Jobs:

- Arranging for sale dates in conjunction with the Pack Committee.
- Ensuring Den participation in the activity (announcing at Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Coordinating with Council to receive & deliver order forms and instructions.
- Arranging for boys in each Den to receive order forms and instructions.
- Arranging for placement of the order sufficiently in advance of delivery date.
- Arranging popcorn delivery and distribution to the Dens and boys.
- Arranging for payment of the popcorn order and deposit of checks/money with the Pack Treasurer.
- Keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair and providing awards for the boys.

Maple Syrup Sales Chairperson

Vacant

Pack 655 started this fund raiser in 2005. We were very pleased with the results and will do again in the 2006-2007 Scouting year. The Maple Syrup will be distributed in early December, just in time for the Holidays!

Jobs:

- Arranging for sale dates in conjunction with the Pack Committee.
- Ensuring Den participation in the activity (announcing at Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Arranging for boys in each Den to receive order forms and instructions.
- Arranging for placement of the order sufficiently in advance of delivery date.
- Arranging delivery and distribution to the Dens and boys.
- Arranging for payment of the Maple Syrup order and deposit of checks/money with the Pack Treasurer.
- Keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair and providing awards for the boys.

Wreath Sales Chairperson(s)

Ken Bell

Pack 655 has traditionally done a wreath sale during October-November as a major fundraiser for the Pack. The wreaths are distributed in late November and each Den typically arranges for distribution to the boys for delivery.

Jobs:

- Arranging for sale dates in conjunction with the Pack Committee.
- Ensuring Den participation in the activity (announcing at Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Contacting the wreath company to determine costs.
- Set-up order forms and instructions.
- Arranging for boys in each Den to receive order forms and instructions.
- Arranging for placement of the order sufficiently in advance of delivery date.
- Arrange for materials (pine cones, ribbons, wire, decorations, etc.).
- Arrange for a place to assemble the wreaths.
- Arranging wreath delivery for assembly process by Den and distribution to the Dens and boys.
- Arranging for payment of the wreath order and deposit of checks/money with the Pack Treasurer.
- Keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair and providing awards for the boys.

Space Derby Chairperson

(Not doing in 2006-2007)

Each boy builds a Space Rocket from a kit (supplied by the Pack) and races it at a Pack arranged Space Derby day (usually a weekend but may be at a Pack meeting). Trophies and/or medals are awarded and boys receive a patch for participation. This activity takes place in January. A team of 6-8 adults is needed to successfully pull this activity off.

Jobs:

- Arranging for time and place in conjunction with the Pack Committee.
- Ensuring Den participation in the activity by announcing in prior Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Arranging for boys to receive Space Derby kits at least one month in advance (usually at Holiday Party or Blue & Gold dinner).
- Arrange for adult volunteers for track setup, rocket ship check-in stations, race timers, and starter.
- Making sure check-in station is equipped with rubber bands, tape, extra parts, glue, etc.
- Arranging for race schedule, Den race times, heats, and final race off charts.
- Providing awards for the boys that day and keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair.
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Pinewood Derby Chairperson

Ken Bell

Each boy builds a Pinewood Derby racecar from a kit (supplied by the Pack) and races it at a Pack arranged Pinewood Derby day (usually a weekend but may be at a Pack meeting). Trophies and/or medals are awarded and boys receive patch for participation. This activity usually takes place in late March or early April. A team of 6-8 adults is needed to successfully pull this activity off.

Jobs:

- Arranging for time and place in conjunction with the Pack Committee.
- Ensuring Den participation in the activity by announcing in prior Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Arranging for boys to receive cars at least one month in advance.
- Arrange for adult volunteers for track setup, car check-in stations, race timers, and starters.
- Making sure weigh-in station is equipped with extra parts, weights, graphite, hot-glue, etc.
- Arranging for race schedule, Den race times, heats, and race off charts for filling in boys' names.
- Providing awards for the boys that day.
- Keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair and providing awards for the boys.

Blue and Gold Banquet Chairperson

Heidi McHugh

This is the banquet that's held each February that celebrates Scouting's birthday. It also is the time for the second-year Webelos to "crossover" into a Boy Scout troop if they elect to do so. This is one of the most elaborate and costly functions of the Pack because of the number of attendees, food, and other supplies needed.

Jobs:

- Arranging for a time and place in conjunction with the Pack Committee.
- Ensuring Den participation in the activity (announcing in prior Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Arranging the evening schedule including entertainment.
- Arranging for banquet supplies, food, and purchasing of food.
- Coordination of a facility and staff.
- Arranging for presenting awards for the boys and parents as part of the festivities.
- Keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair.

Resident and Summer Camps Chairperson

Ken Bell

Pack 655 has consistently been able to participate in the many camping opportunities offered our boys by the Green Mountain Council of BSA. These annual opportunities include the week long Summer Day Camp and the week long Resident Camp.

In order to participate in these camping opportunities each year, the Pack must sign up as soon as Council announces them because of the demand in our area. This position will be attentive and responsible for insuring that we sign up and will serve as the Pack contact for all of these camping activities. Beyond this, each of the camps requires adult coordinators and from 3-8 adults to carry out the following activities:

Jobs:

- Attend Council and/or District planning meetings for the camps.
- Ensure Pack and Den participation in the activity (announcing in prior Pack meetings, Pack Newsletter, etc).
- Coordinate all forms/paperwork and payments for the Pack.
- Arrange for the boys and adults to sign up and submit appropriate forms and payments.
- Arrange for adult leaders to supervise groups of not more than 6 boys for each day of the camp.
- Arrange for necessary camp materials and equipment.
- File tour permit with the Council at least one day in advance of the trip.
- Provide for a smooth handoff of necessary paperwork and responsibility to the acting Den Leader.
- Providing recognition for the adults that help.
- Keeping a list of participants for the Advancement Chair.

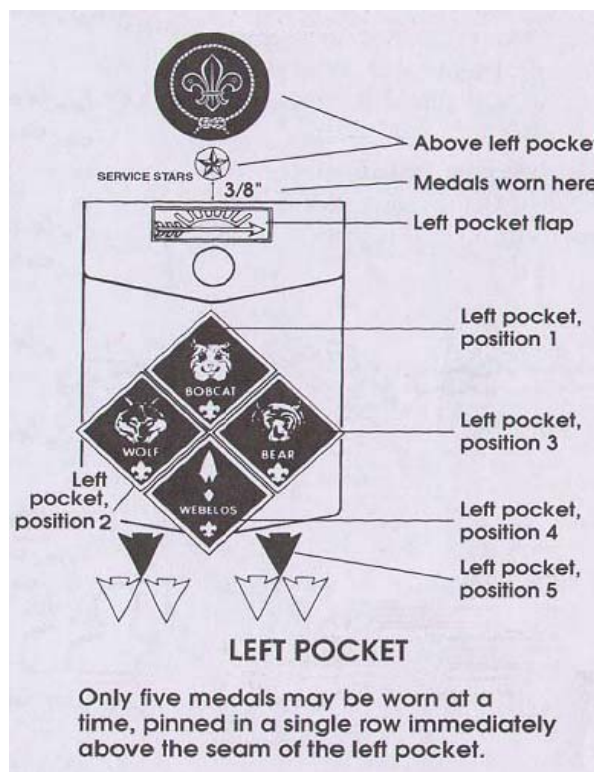
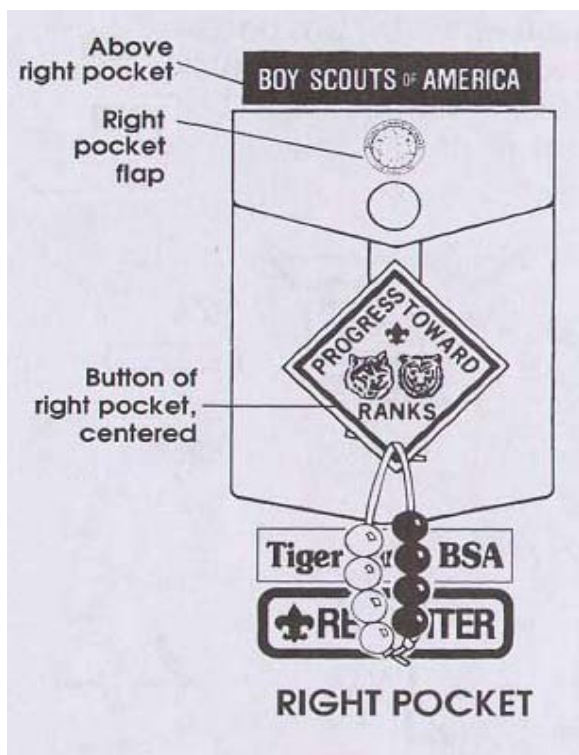
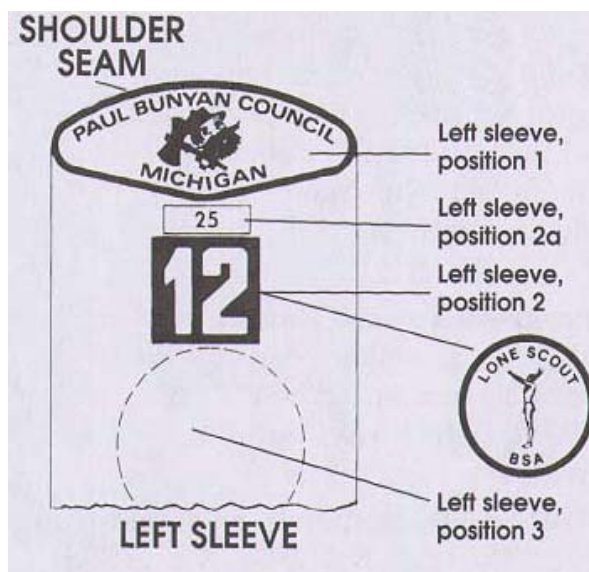
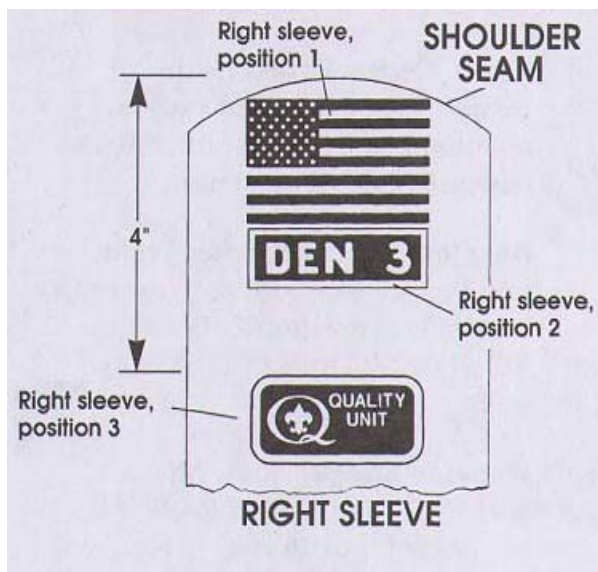
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Wreath Chairperson	Ken Bell Kjbell66@hotmail.com	655-6258
Pinewood Derby Chairperson	Ken Bell Kjbell66@hotmail.com	655-6258
Blue & Gold Chairperson	Heidi McHugh mamaheidi@adelphia.net	879-3988
Popcorn Chairperson	<u>OPEN</u>	
Space Derby Chairperson	NOT NEEDED IN 2004-2005	
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Assistant Cubmaster	Ken Schroeter kenschroeter@hotmail.com	872-9606
Assistant Cubmaster	Chuck Arel csarel5@adelphia.net	879-8807

Uniforms

An essential component of Cub Scouting is the uniform. Cubs are made to feel part of a group and have a place to display their awards when they wear their uniforms. Your Den Leader will provide you with specific information about what is needed. All uniform items can be purchased at the Scout Shop located in the offices of the Green Mountain Council (in Waterbury).



Registration

The registration fee pays your son's registration with the Boy Scouts of America, unit insurance, and helps to pay for the awards and supplies for each boy. This "once a year fee" avoids the hassles of weekly dues. Boys must, during his first year in the Pack, complete a registration form for the Boy Scouts of America. Parents are also asked to complete a parent / boy registration profile to provide some additional information to the Den Leader.

Scholarships

Should fees or any costs become a problem for your family, please contact the Cubmaster or the Pack Committee Chairman. Scholarships are available and all requests will remain confidential.

Campership

Camperships are available to families that may need financial help in sending their son to Resident camp. The Pack works with the Green Mountain Council to make this offer available. To qualify, a Campership Application needs to be completed and sent into Council no later than March 14th. To obtain more information, please contact Ken Bell.

ADVANCEMENT

Boy's age 6 years (1st Grade) to 10 years are eligible to join Pack 655. Boys work toward a specific rank during each year in the Pack. Your child's advancement requires that you work with him at home. With each level of advancement, there are more requirements. Not all requirements can be completed at the Den level. Your participation with your son furthers our message of family and lets your son know that you support the program.

TIGER – (1st Grade) Boys earn the rank of Tiger by completing all 5 Achievements. Each achievement has 3 parts (Family, Den, and Go See It). A boy earns totem beads for each activity completed: a white bead for Family activities, orange for each Den activity, and a black bead for each Go See It activity.

NOTE: The rank of Tiger requires that an adult partner attend all Tiger events.



TIGER TRACK BEADS

BOBCAT – No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can be awarded a Wolf badge, Bear badge, or Webelos badge.



WOLF – (2nd Grade) Boys earn the Wolf rank by completing all 12 Wolf Achievements.



BEAR – (3rd Grade) Boys earn the rank of Bear by completing 12 of the 24 Bear Achievements (1 God, 3 Country, 4 Family, and 4 Self).



Progress Beads - Boys working on the Ranks of Wolf and Bear receive beads (yellow for Wolf, red for Bear) for every 3 achievements earned.



Arrow Points – Both Wolf and Bear Scouts earn Arrow points. A Scout is eligible to earn Arrow Points after receiving his Wolf/Bear rank. A Scout earns an arrow point for each ten electives completed. A Gold arrow point is awarded for the first ten, and a Silver arrow is awarded for every ten electives completed thereafter.



WEBELOS – Boys earn this rank by completing the Fitness Activity Pin, two other pins from two different skill areas, as well as a few other Webelos badge requirements. Boy must also be in his Den at least 3 months.



Compass Point – A Webelos Scout who has earned seven activity pins is awarded a Compass Point Emblem. A gold Compass point is awarded for each additional four activity pins earned.



Arrow of Light – The Arrow of Light Award is the highest rank in Cub Scouting.



Webelos Scout should set his sights on it early. It's tougher to earn than the Webelos badge, but he can do it! The Cub Scout will have to earn the **Webelos badge** and at least eight **activity badges**, including **Citizen**, **Readyman**, and **Fitness**. The total must include one from each of the five activity groups.

By the time he has earned the Arrow of Light Award, he will have learned many things about a lot of subjects - and a lot about Boy Scouting. He will be ready to join a Boy Scout troop!

Before a scout gets started on the Arrow of Light Award, he should read through the requirements with a parent, guardian, or Den Leader. Each time a requirement is satisfied, he should have his **Webelos Den Leader** sign it off in his Webelos Scout Book.

ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD REQUIREMENTS

1. Be active in your Webelos Den for at least 6 months since completing the fourth grade (or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old), and earn the **Webelos badge**.
2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
 - Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the **Scout Oath** or **Promise** and the **12 points of the Scout Law**. Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.
 - Give and explain the **Scout motto**, **slogan**, **sign**, **salute**, and **handclasp**.
 - Understand the significance of the **Scout badge**. Know its parts and tell what each stands for.
 - Tell how a **Boy Scout uniform** is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
 - Tie the joining knot (square knot)
3. Earn five more activity badges in addition to the three you already earned for the Webelos badge. The total of eight activity badges must include:
 - **Fitness** (already earned for the Webelos badge)
 - **Citizen**
 - **Readyman**
 - At least one from the **Outdoor Group**
 - At least one from the **Mental Skills Group**
 - At least one from the **Technology Group**
 - Two more of your choiceSee page 22 for the activity badge groups.
4. With your Webelos Den, visit at least one Boy Scout troop meeting, and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike.

In keeping with the process of preparing each scout for Boy Scouts, after a scout has completed all five of the above requirements, each boy from Pack 655 will be required to schedule a review meeting with both the Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster for final sign-off.

After meeting the Cubmaster, the scout should talk with their Webelos Den Leader and arrange to visit, with a parent or guardian, a meeting of the Boy Scout troop he thinks he might like to join. The scout should have a conference with the Scoutmaster. This is one of the most important requirements. The scout will talk with the Scoutmaster and turn in an application to become a Boy Scout.

Note to parent/guardian: Paperwork to join a troop may not actually be processed until boys receive the Arrow of Light Award and are ready to become a member of the troop, but this final step encourages him to continue in Scouting and enjoy the program's benefits.

AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

As well as the rank advancement opportunities outlined above, Scouting also offers other opportunities for boys to learn and grow. Some of these opportunities are outlined below:

Academics and Sports Program: The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scout program. The academic subjects and sport activities allow boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship and have fun. Boys participating in the program will be recognized for enjoying teamwork, developing physical fitness, and discovering and building new talents. The Academics and Sports program encourages a boy to do his best. Each activity has two levels of involvement: first, the belt loop, and second, the pin. For more information, please see your Den Leader.



Concepts and Guidelines

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is based on the following concepts and guidelines:

- The program supplements the existing advancement and recognition program for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts; it does not replace it. The program is one element of Cub Scouting, as are den and pack meetings, day camp, and other activities.
- All registered Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have an opportunity to participate in the Academics and Sports program.
- Participation may take place at home, with the family, or within a den, a pack, or the community.
- Adult participation by a parent or adult relative, if possible, is strongly recommended for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts and is required for Tiger Cubs.
- Emphasis is placed on introducing a boy to a sport or academic subject, allowing him to participate in it and encouraging him to do his best. The Academics and Sports program focuses on learning and skill development, not winning.
- The primary focus of the program is on scholarship and sportsmanship.
- Each Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout will be presented with the appropriate recognition item for completing the requirements, whether he does so as an individual Scout, with his family, with his den or pack, or in his school or community.

- The Academics portion of the program covers a variety of subjects, including art, chess, citizenship, communicating, computers, geography, heritages, mathematics, music, science, weather, and wildlife conservation.
- The Sports portion of the program includes summer and winter sports, indoor and outdoor sports, active and less-active sports, and team and individual sports.
- Cub Scouts who have disabilities may select their own activities and design their own fitness or academic program with the help of a physician, teacher, or parent.

Activities

Each activity has *two levels* of involvement: first, the belt loop; and second, the pin.

The Belt Loop:

There are three specific requirements for each belt loop. As a Cub Scout completes these requirements, he is encouraged to do his best to learn about the activity. The Cub Scout or Webelos Scout can take part in one of three ways: (1) individually or with the family, (2) in the den or pack, or (3) in the school or the community. As Tiger Cubs participate in these activities, their adult partners must accompany them.

The Pin:

Once the boy has earned the belt loop, he may choose to stop; however, some boys will want to continue with the activity. A Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout may complete additional requirements to earn a pin.

Belt loops & Pins Available

ACADEMICS BELT LOOPS & PINS

Art, Astronomy, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Geography, Geology, Heritages, Language & Culture, Map & Compass, Mathematics, Music, Science, Weather, Wildlife Conservation

SPORTS BELT LOOPS & PINS

Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, BB Shooting, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Skating, Marbles, Physical Fitness, Roller Skating, Snow Ski & Board Sports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Volleyball

Award Policy

- All Belt Loops & Pins will be presented at the Den Level following a Pack Meeting.
- Tiger Scouts are eligible to earn Belt Loops, while all other ranks must earn both the Belt Loop and the Pin before they can receive either.
- Once a boy has completed the requirements, he must submit the following to the Den Leader:
 - The Award Completion form along with \$1
 - A written paragraph about what they learned while working on this loop/pin (*not applicable to Tigers*)
- The Den Leader must sign-off after reviewing the requirements with the boy.
- Since the Sports and Academic program allows boys to earn the belt loops and pins more than once, the Pack will only cover the cost the 1st time the belt loop is earned. The \$1 payment noted above will cover the cost of the Pins. If a boy completes the requirements a 2nd time and wishes to be recognized, the Parents/Guardian of the boy will be responsible for the cost of the belt loop and/or pin. The Den Leader will notify the parent/guardian if this is the case as each boy's advancement is tracked.

- There are several belt loops and pins that are required for the Webelos rank. If a boy has completed the requirements for a previous rank, he will need to complete the requirements again to earn credit for the Webelos rank. Based on the policy above, he will not be recognized for earning the belt loop and/or pin a second time unless the parent/guardian covers the cost.
- Boys are limited to earning 1 belt loop and pin per month.

Religious Emblem: The religious emblem programs are created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The religious groups—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblems programs.

The Pack encourages boys to earn an award designed for their faith. The Pack will provide, at no cost, the materials needed and purchase the award for the boy.



Perfect Attendance: A gold-colored pin that may be worn to recognize good attendance at Den and Pack meetings. Year bars are available to attach to the first year bar and pin.



Service Star: Gold metallic numbered star worn with colored background to indicate years of service in Scouting.



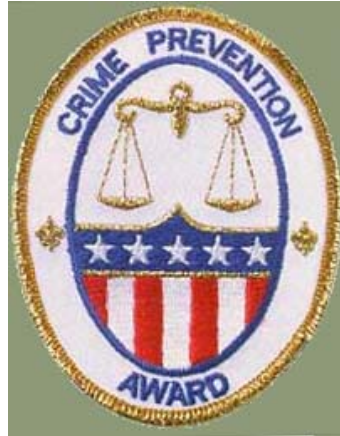
Recruiter Strip: Presented to boys for recruiting another boy into the program.



National Summer Time Award: A gold sunburst pin given to Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts in Packs earning the National Summertime Pack Award. Boys must participate in three summer time Pack activities to be eligible for the award.



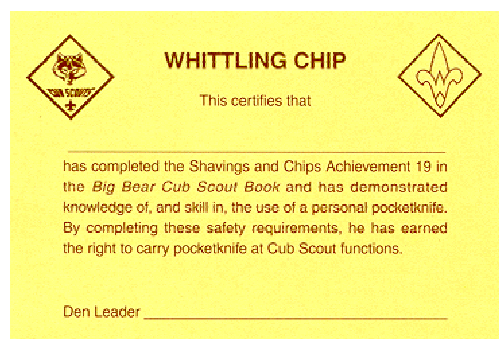
Crime Prevention Program: The Crime Prevention program serves as the cornerstone of a comprehensive initiative emphasizing parent-child communication in teaching self-protection skills; collaboration with national, state, and local enforcement organizations; and grassroots activities such as parent nights organized by local Packs. To earn the crime prevention badge, young people in Cub Scouts learn about crime prevention and then plan and execute a crime prevention project in their home and community, often guided by a law enforcement officer.



Quality Unit Award: The Cub Scout Pack National Quality Unit Award is granted to Cub Scout Packs that achieve (a minimum) of six operational quality commitments out of the total of ten. Completion of four (4) specific commitments is mandatory, plus at least two (2) additional commitments.



Whittling Chip: Bear Cubs have the opportunity to earn the right to carry a pocketknife after completing the Shavings and Chips - Achievement 19 in the **Bear Cub Scout Book**.



Cub Scout World Conservation Award: This award can be earned only once while a Cub Scout.



Requirements mandate participation in a Den or Pack conservation project and completion of the following:

Wolf Cub Scouts

- Achievement 7 - "Your living World"
- And all of the elective projects in 2 of the following:
 - Elective 13 - "Birds"
 - Elective 15 - "Grow something"
 - Elective 19 - "Fishing"

Bear Cub Scouts

- Achievement 5 - "Sharing your world with wild-life"
- And all of the elective projects in 2 of the following:
 - Elective 2 - "Weather"
 - Elective 12 - "Nature crafts"
 - Elective 15 - "Water and soil conservation"

Webelos Scouts

- Forester Activity Badge
- Outdoorsman Activity Badge
- Naturalist Activity Badge

Conservation Good Turn: The Conservation Good Turn is an opportunity for Cub Scout packs to join with conservation or environmental organization (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out conservation Good Turn in their home communities.



Cub Scouting conservation projects should involve the entire Cub Scout Pack, each Den, adult leaders, and family members. Hands-on projects help Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts realize that *everyone* can do things to care for the environment. Suggested projects include, but are not limited to:

- Plant grass, trees, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion.
- As a Den or Pack, adopt a park. Remove litter and garbage from a favorite neighborhood recreation area or park.
- Organize or participate in a recycling program in your neighborhood or visit a recycling center.
- Arrange a natural resources awareness program. Invite natural resource professionals such as wildlife biologists, soil conservationists, foresters, or conservation officers to speak to your pack.
- Participate in a beach or waterfront cleanup. Record the items collected and determine the possible harmful effects to wildlife. With youth participation, develop a plan to educate the public about the dangers posed to wildlife.
- From a local, state, or national organization that is concerned about environmental protection, obtain suggestions for den and pack projects to improve the environment.
- As a Den or Pack, visit a public utility to learn about the wise use of resources, and become involved in programs offered by utilities to help consumers conserve resources.
- Contact the camp ranger or BSA local council property superintendent for information about camp needs and plans. Establish a nature trail, plant vegetation, or carry out other needed projects as requested by the camp ranger.

Leave No Trace Award: This award can be earned each year as a Cub – the requirements change yearly. Adult Leaders can also earn this award. The requirements are below.



Tiger Cub Scout Requirements

1. Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
 2. Complete the activities for Achievement 5, Let's Go Outdoors.
 3. Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project.
 4. Promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
 5. Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.
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Wolf Cub Scout Requirements

1. Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
 2. On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
 3. Complete Achievement 7, "Your Living World."
 4. Participate in a Leave No Trace - related service project.
 5. Promise to practice Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
 6. Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.
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Bear Cub Scout Requirements

1. Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
 2. On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
 3. Complete Achievement 12, "Family Outdoor Adventures."
 4. Participate in a Leave No Trace - related service project.
 5. Promise to practice Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
 6. Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.
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Webelos Scout Requirements

1. Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
 2. On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
 3. Earn the Outdoorsman activity badge.
 4. Participate in a Leave No Trace - related service project.
 5. Promise to practice Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
 6. Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.
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Cub Scout Leader Requirements

1. Discuss with your den's Cub Scouts or your pack's leaders the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
2. On three separate outings demonstrate and practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
3. Participate in presenting a den, pack, district, or council awareness session on Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
4. Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project.
5. Commit yourself to the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
6. Assist at least three boys in earning Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award.

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award: Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year.



Requirements:

All Ranks must attend Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp and the rank specific requirements below:

Tiger Cubs

Complete one requirement in Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors" (*Tiger Cub Handbook*) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed below.

Wolf Cub Scouts

Assemble the "Six Essentials for Going Outdoors" (*Wolf Handbook*, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed below.

Bear Cub Scouts

Earn the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award (*Bear Handbook*, Elective 25h) and complete five of the outdoor activities listed below.

Webelos Scouts

Earn the Outdoorsman Activity Badge (*Webelos Handbook*) and complete six of the outdoor activities listed below.

Outdoor Activities

With your den, pack, or family:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.
6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
12. Participate in an outdoor Scout's Own or other worship service.
13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.

Permission Slips

Pack 655 plans a very busy calendar year. Although we don't expect every boy to attend every function, we encourage him to be as active as he (and his parents') want to be. All outings and special events require two or more leaders and parent volunteers. Permission slips will be sent home for Den outings and special events. **Boys without signed permission slips will not be allowed to participate. We'll do our best to help you remember but please make every effort to help us. Leaving a boy behind is something we don't want to happen.**

Program Calendar

The **Pack Calendar** contains details of the events planned for the current year. A copy is handed out at the beginning of each year. A copy can also be found at our Yahoo Group – **Pack655_VT @:**

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Pack655_VT/

We realize that boys and families have different needs and we've attempted to plan a program that meets as many needs as possible. Please note that dates are subject to change, as we get closer to an event. Announcements of special events and calendar updates will come home with the boys from Den meetings or via the Pack Newsletter. If you have suggestions for our program, please let a Leader know. Our annual planning meeting is held in June.

Pack Meetings

Monthly Pack Meetings are held throughout the year. Most Pack meetings will be held on a Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Mallets Bay School, in the cafeteria. There will some meetings held on Saturday's. All Pack meetings are outlined on the Pack Calendar.

We make every attempt to keep the Pack meetings to one hour in length. The Pack meeting gives the boys a chance to demonstrate the skills they have learned and receive the awards they've earned. The entire family is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Fundraisers

To be able to offer activities such as the Pinewood Derby, Holiday party, and the Blue & Gold Banquet, the Pack participates in three major fundraisers per year, Wreath sales, Maple Syrup Sales and Popcorn sales. The funds also enable the boys to raise funds to help offset the cost of Day and Resident camp.

Special Programs

The Pack plans a variety of other special programs that assist the boys in advancing and provide an opportunity for a good time. These events may be hikes, tours, or service projects. As previously mentioned, parents and other family members are always invited to attend.

Council and District Activities

Each year our Council (Green Mountain) and our District (Land of Champs) schedules various events. Events include the Fall and Spring Camporee, Cub Fall Games, Cub Day Camp, Resident Camp, Winter Games, and a Haunted Forest Fest among others. Information will be provided as it becomes available.

Summer Activities

Pack 655 does not close down during the summer. Special activities are planned and boys are encouraged to remain active. Family camping, a Vt. Expos baseball game, fishing and other activities have been held in the past and will be planned again.

Participation in at least one activity per month during the summer entitles a Scout to earn a Summer Time Activity Pin. Dens, as well as the Pack, also have an opportunity to earn a Participation Award.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

When joining Pack 655, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their son in the following ways:

- See that he has the proper uniform and handbook
- Assist him in attending weekly Den meeting and attend monthly Pack meetings with him
- Work with him to complete achievements for his rank award, and help keep his book updated
- Return information forms and permission slips as asked
- Support his Den Leader as a resource person or substitute as asked
- Agree to serve in some capacity as called upon
- Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership with regard to Pack or Den programming.

PARENT CONTRACT

I acknowledge that I have read through the parent handbook and agree to support and work with my son as outlined in the Parent Responsibilities section.

Name (Print)

Date

Name (Sign)

I am interested in the following open position: _____

I am interested in assisting with the following event(s):
