

PACK 54
NEW SCOUT
GUIDE



Welcome

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 54 in fishkill NY. As a scout, your son will have exciting opportunities to participate in a variety of activities and adventures. In a day and age where competition and winning are often emphasized the Cub Scout motto “Do Your Best“ encourages each scout to learn, grow and most importantly have fun!

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

Cub Scouting can help families teach their children a wholesome system of values and beliefs while building and strengthening relationships among family members. Boys often start projects at den meetings and finish them at home with the help of a parent / guardian. Such projects become the catalyst for parents and boys, joined by siblings and friends, to interact with each other in an informal, relaxed way. The program will give you opportunities to take part in activities with your son that you normally couldn't do.

Cub Scouting emphasizes 12 core values

Citizenship	Courage	Honesty	Resourcefulness
Compassion	Faith	Perseverance	Respect
Cooperation	Health/Fitness	Positive Attitude	Responsibility

The Scout Uniform

Pack 54 requires at minimum a Class A uniform to be worn at den meetings, pack meetings, go-see-its, parades, and some of the community service events. The Cub Scout Class A uniform is comprised of the following:

1. Rank Appropriate Cub Scout or Webelos shirt with all required patches
2. World Crest
3. Council Emblem
4. Pack numbers (54)
5. Your den numbers
6. Rank appropriate Neckerchief & Slide
7. Rank appropriate Hat & Belt
8. Rank appropriate handbook

It is suggested that you label the underside of the slide, and to use a large safety-pin to hold the slide onto the neckerchief to prevent losing it.

Class A Uniforms are expected to be worn properly and with pride. Uniforms should be tucked in with a pair of navy or khaki shorts / pants, or blue jeans. Footwear should cover the toes, no sandals or crocks, to all Pack sponsored events. These include, but are not limited to: Den & Pack meetings, Go-See-It, Scouting-For-Food, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold, parades. Class B Pack 54 shirt are available for purchase at Pack events. New scouts will also be given a red brag vest, to place other patches that do not go on the class A uniform.

Uniform Stores:

Little Darling Uniform Shoppe (Next to Viscount Liquors)
1177 Route 9
Wappingers Falls, NY
(845) 298-7300

Boy Scouts of America Hudson Valley Council
6 Jeanne Drive
Newburgh, NY 845-564-4210
<http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org>

The Cub Scout Den

Once your son gets started he will become a member of a Cub Scout Den. The den meets 1-2 times per month. The den is led by a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader. These Leaders will assist the scouts in advancement & den activities. Den meetings may include games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, but always lots of FUN!

The Advancement Plan

While Cub Scouts will learn skills and begin work on projects in their weekly den meetings, they will often be completed at home. The advancement plan is designed for parents to create a learning environment in their home. With the Cub Scout handbooks as a resource, parents and boys work together to do the achievements required for each badge. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges. As each task is done or each skill is demonstrated, the parent signs the Cub Scout's handbook to record its completion. The Den Leader will work with parents to ensure advancement records are being tracked.

The Bobcat

All boys, regardless of age, will earn the Bobcat Badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of Webelos. After receiving the Bobcat Badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level, and den.

Tiger Cubs

Boys in 1st grade or 7 years old are part of a Tiger Den. They work closely with an adult partner to accomplish activities in the Tiger handbook. Achievement beads are presented and worn on a Totem on the Uniform for each achievement completed. After completing all 5 achievements the Tiger Cub is presented with the Tiger Cub Badge at the yearly Blue and Gold ceremony.

Wolf Cubs

Boys entering 2nd grade, or 8 years old work on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf Badge. A boy may work on electives along with achievements, or after completing his electives. For the first ten electives he completes, the boy earns a gold Arrow Point. Each ten electives after that he will earn a silver Arrow Point. He may earn as many Arrow points as he wishes.

Bear Cubs

Boys entering 3rd grade, or are 9 years old work on, and complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear Badge. He can work on electives at the same time or after he has completed his achievements. A scout earns a gold Arrow Point for the first ten electives he completes, and a silver Arrow Point for each ten electives after that he completes.

Webelos 1 & 2

Boys entering 4th grade, or are 10 years old becomes a Webelos 1 (We Be Loyal Scouts). Boys entering 5th grade, or are 11 years old become a Webelos 2. The scout works on requirements for the Webelos Badge, twenty activity badges, for two years earning the Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting! Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the two years. In the spring of the Webelos Scout's 5th grade year he graduates from Cub Scouting, and begins his time in Boy Scouts.

The Cub Scout Pack

Your son will also become a member of the Cub Scout Pack. The Pack is made up of all the Dens, and meets once a month including the Cub Scout families. The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster, and may include games, songs, skits, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that the boys earn during the year. There are often event sign-ups at the pack meeting for additional events during the year including; camping, scout day trips, hikes, community service days and much more. Our monthly meetings are held at the St. Mary's School Gym located at 106 Jackson St. Fishkill NY, 12524. . The pack meetings, and events for the year can be found on the pack calendar at www.pack54cs.weebly.com

If you have any other questions about scouting, and pack 54 please feel free to contact the Cubmaster Laura Bolli at ljb_design@yahoo.com

The Chartered Organization

The pack is sponsored by a chartered partner. A charter organization can be any school, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in helping youth. The chartered partner helps the pack by providing a meeting place, and assists the pack in serving the youth in our community. Our pack is chartered by St. Mary Mother of the Church, Fishkill NY.

Belt Loops & Pins

The Cub Scouts Academics and Sports Program is one method of addressing the third aim of Scouting: the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body, the mind, and the emotions. As in most activities in Cub Scouting, this is not meant to be a highly competitive program; instead, the boys are encouraged to **DO THEIR BEST**.

The Academic and Sports Program is an optional program for all Cub Scouts. It is not part of the normal requirements towards ranks, except where used in obtaining various Webelos activity badges and Wolf Electives. Its purpose is to assist the Scouts in learning a new skill, or improving one they already possess. A variety of recognition items are available for the boys (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, or Webelos Scouts) who participate in the program.

1. Belt loops are awarded to boys who complete the three belt loop requirements in an academic subject or sport. Academic belt loops are gold, and Sports belt loops are silver
2. Pins are awarded to boys who choose to continue their involvement in an Academics or Sports area and earn the pin by meeting the appropriate requirements. Pins are worn on the Cub Scout Academic and Sports letter. The letter, a large Blue and Gold "C", representing Cub Scouts can be worn on the boys red brag vest. It does NOT go on the uniform. There are NO specific requirements for earning the letter, as it is designed merely to display the pins.

Cub Scout Academics Program

Currently, recognition can be earned for the following 25 academic areas:

Art, Astronomy, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Disabilities Awareness, Family Travel, Geography, Geology, Good Manners, Heritages, Language and Culture, Map and Compass, Mathematics, Music, Nutrition, Pet Care, Photography, Reading and Writing, Science, Video Games, Weather, and Wildlife Conservation

Cub Scout Sports Program

Currently, recognition can be earned for the following 28 sports:

Archery, BB-Gun, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Hiking, Hockey, Horseback Riding, Ice Skating, Kickball, Marbles, Physical Fitness, Roller Skating, Skateboarding, Snow Ski and Board Sports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, and Volleyball

Special Cub Scout Activities

Annual Fundraiser

The Scouts sell popcorn as an annual fundraiser. The money raised by popcorn sales offsets the cost of other activities and allows Pack 54 to provide a more enriching Scouting program for the boys. This fundraiser takes place in September & October.

Annual Camping Trips

Boys have two opportunities to attend a camping trip, once in the fall and once in the spring. Camping trips include a chance for boys to work on belt loops & pins, as well as have fun at camp fires with skits, songs, and jokes.

Scout Day Trips

Each year boys have the opportunity to participate with other scouts at Scout Day events. These have included trips to; College Football, Basketball & Hockey games, local minor league Baseball games, as well as other Scout specific events. These events are held throughout the year.

Parades and Community events

Cub Scouts participate in local parades and community events including the Fishkill tree lighting, Toys for Tots collection, Wappinger St. Patrick's Day Parade, Fishkill Memorial Day Parade and many more. These events are held throughout the year.

Annual Pack Overnighter

Every year the boys have the opportunity to attend an overnight sleep over at a location in the area. This Year it will be at the Norwalk Aquarium (<http://www.maritimeaquarium.org/index.php>).

Pine Wood Derby

Scouts work together with their parent/guardian to build a gravity powered pine wood race car from a special kit handed out by Santa at the December pack meeting. Boys race against the other boys in their rank for a chance to win awards for most creative, funniest, most original, first place, second place, and third place. The Pine Wood Derby is held in April.

Blue & Gold Banquet

The Blue & Gold Banquet is the highlight of the scouting year. Blue and Gold has become synonymous with celebrating the birthday of Scouting, but it also signifies the point in which Scouts usually receive their achievement ranks, and celebrate with dinner and a special program.

Eskimo Run

The Eskimo Run is a fun activity for Webelos I & Webelos II sponsored by the Hudson Valley Council. This one day Winter Olympics provides a chance to be active in the outdoors during the winter, by competing at several activities and games.

Scouting Sunday

Scout Sunday is held in February, and is one of the ways Pack 54 gives thanks to our charter, St. Mary's Mother of the Church, by attending their morning service in our Class A uniforms, helping greet the parishioners, handing out bulletins, and ushering.

Community Service Project

Another way Pack 54 gives back to our charter is through a community service project specifically for St. Mary's Mother of the Church.

How You Can Help The Pack Go

Volunteering

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of the Scouting principle of service to others. By volunteering you have a chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. Being a volunteer is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the ways volunteering will enrich your life:

1. Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
2. A chance to help boys learn the 12 core values, and become men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the need of others.
3. A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
4. It's fun!

What Does Volunteering Require

A long, rich background in scouting is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and have fun. You'll find support on the Councils web site, and from other leaders. If you would like to volunteer in any way please contact our Cubmaster Laura Bolli (ljb_design@yahoo.com)

Pack Volunteer Positions

Pack Committee

Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack, and help to plan the scouting program for the year.

Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster (Position Open)

Help plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Oversee & run the monthly pack and committee meetings.

Committee Chair

Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps records for the pack, including pack bank account, event sign ups, etc. Attends monthly pack meetings and committee meetings

Advancement/Packmaster Admin (Position Open)

Maintains advancement records for the pack using Packmaster software.

Awards Chairperson

Orders and obtains all badges and awards for the boys, helps Cubmaster with awards at pack meetings.

Pack Training Chair/Coordinator (Position Open)

Is responsible for insuring that pack leaders are trained in their position responsibilities, and that new leaders and adult family members receive orientation within one week of joining the pack, and that leaders receive position-specific training within 30 days.

Public Relations Chairperson (Position Open)

Attend pack events, take pictures, and submit to local area newspapers. Getting the word out about scouting, and the packs involvement with the community.

Camping Chairperson

Plans & implements camping trips with help of the pack committee.

Fundraising Chairperson

The chairperson supervises fundraising events, and ensure that every youth member has the opportunity to participate in pack fundraisers.

Den Leader & Assistant Den Leader (Available for Tigers)

Leads their den at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings. Works with scouts to complete requirements to achieve rank.

Other Ways You Can Volunteer

Each year the pack will work on many short term projects. Parents are needed for activities such as the pack fund-raisers (popcorn sale, can drives, etc.), Pine Wood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, Scouting For Food, Community Service Project, Pack Picnic, etc. These jobs are short in duration, and allow everyone a chance to be involved.

Important Pack & Den Information

My Council is: Hudson Valley Council

Our Pack number is: 54

My Den Number is: _____

My Den Leader's Name is _____

My Den Leader's Phone number is: _____

My Den Leader's e-mail is _____

My Assistant Den Leader's Name is _____

My Assistant Den Leader's phone number is _____

My Assistant Den Leader's e-mail is _____

My Den meets on _____

My Den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is: Laura Bolli

My Cubmaster's phone number is: (H) 845-765-0942

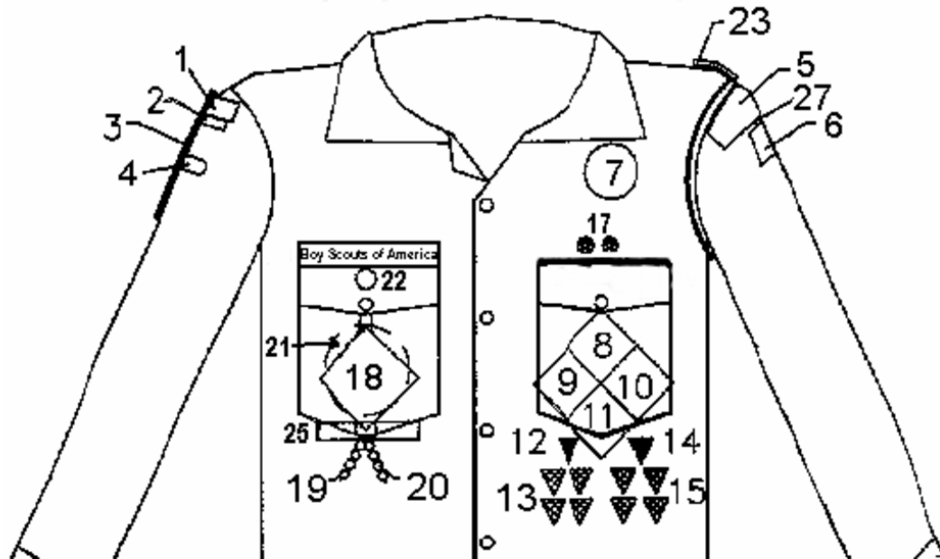
My Cubmaster's e-mail is: ljb_design@yahoo.com

My Pack meets on: Third Monday of the month

My Pack meets at: 6:45pm at the St. Mary's School Gym

Visit Pack website: www.pack54cs.weebly.com for a calendar of events, event registration, leader reference materials, and contact information for pack, and den volunteers.

Uniform Insignia Placement



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| 1. American Flag (comes with uniform) | 16. Tiger Cub Service Star |
| 2. Den Number | 17. Cub Scout Service Star |
| 3. Webelos Colors (optional) | 18. Immediate Recognition Kit (available for Tigers also) |
| 4. Quality Unit Award (most recent only) | 19. Wolf Beads (Yellow) |
| 5. Council Emblem | 20. Bear Beads (Red) |
| 6. Pack Numerals | 21. Temporary Patch (or Webelos Compass Badge) |
| 7. World Crest | 22. Summertime Pack Award |
| 8. Bobcat Badge | 23. Denner Cords |
| 9. Wolf Badge | 24. (Not Shown) Arrow of Light – below left pocket |
| 10. Bear Badge | 25. Recruiter Strip |
| 11. Tiger Badge (or Webelos badge on blue uniform) | 26. (Not Shown). Oval Webelos Badge - Centered on left pocket under flap on tan uniform |
| 12. Wolf Gold Arrow Point | |
| 13. Wolf Silver Arrow Points | |
| 14. Bear Gold Arrow Point | |
| 15. Bear Silver Arrow Points | |

Yearly Cost of Scouting

Item	Cost	Description
Registration Fee	\$70.00 or \$82.00 with Boys Life Subscription	Covers the cost of insurance, and registration with Boys Scouts of America
Program Fee for the Year	\$270.00 for 1 Scout and 1 Parent. (At least 1 parent is required to attend all events, den meetings, and pack meetings with their scout.)	Covers the following events, and activities: October Camping Trip, Spring Camping Trip, January Overnighter, Blue & Gold, Halloween Party, Tree Lighting, Movie Night, Pinewood Derby, Red Vests, Memorial Day Parade, Summer Picnic, Awards, and Christmas Fundraiser
Program Fee with Optional Events Included for the Year Optional Events: Army Football Snow Tubing Army Basketball Army Hockey Renegades Baseball	\$418.00 for 1 Scout and 1 Parent \$50.00 for 1 Scout & 1 Parent \$40.00 for 1 Scout & 1 Parent \$24.00 for 1 Scout & 1 Parent \$24.00 for 1 Scout & 1 Parent \$10.00 for 1 Scout & 1 Parent General Admission	See below. Additional tickets \$25.00 each. Additional tickets \$20.00 each Additional tickets \$12.00 each Additional tickets \$12.00 each Additional tickets \$5.00 each