

**ST AUGUSTINES CUB SCOUTS
PACK 49**



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PACK MEETINGS

Pack meetings are typically held the second Friday of the month from 7:00-8:00 in the Parish hall. Some meetings are rescheduled based on holidays and the school calendar. A theme is set for each meeting. A parent must accompany the scout during the meeting. Typically information about upcoming pack events is discussed at each meeting so it is important to follow-up with your den leader if you miss a meeting.

DEN MEETINGS

Den meeting and trip dates and times are set by each den. Typically they are run one afternoon or evening each month and held at the parish hall. Each boy should bring their scout handbook to each meeting to get their progress on achievements recorded. The BSA requires that a parent or adult must accompany each Tiger scout during all meetings and activities.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Pack Committee is responsible for running all aspects of the Pack including scout registration, unit re-chartering and planning Pack events. The positions on the Committee currently include Committee Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We would like to include a Pack Trainer and Pack Outings Chair. Pack Committee meetings are typically held the week prior to the Pack meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm.

UNIFORMS

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. There are many reasons for this. The uniform is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles to which we are committed: character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform, we are openly identifying ourselves with those values where everyone can see us. We stand together, not alone, in encouraging others to live by those same principles. Boys and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended. Uniforms are an important part of Cub Scouting. They give the boys a sense of belonging and pride in the achievements they have earned.

The uniform also does these things for a boy:

- It reminds him to live up to the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, and motto - Do Your Best.
- It encourages neat, correct appearance as well as proper behavior.
- It provides the only place for proper display of his badges and awards.

- It reminds him of the steps along the Scouting trail and encourages him to continue into Boy Scouting.

The uniform for Pack 49 is as follows:

Blue uniform shirt for Tigers through First year Webelos (1st through 4th grade) and Tan shirt for Second Year Webelos with all appropriate patches (see appendix), and neckerchief and slide. Shirts must be tucked in. Boys should wear school uniform pants with Blue Cub Scout belt or black school belt to all meetings. Occasionally, leadership will specify that boys should wear jeans, (to camp-outs, for instance). The hat for each year is optional and should never be worn indoors.

PACK 49 ACTIVITIES

THUNDERBIRD GAMES

Each year, the weekend following Columbus Day, the Westchester Putnam Council runs a themed council-wide event at Croton Point Park. Tiger through Webelos Scouts from the two counties come together on Saturday for a day of games and a campout for scouts and their parents in 2nd -5th grade. Each scout along with their family must bring their own camping equipment (e.g., tent, sleeping bag, etc). We camp together as a Pack and cook dinner and breakfast. The Council runs the evening entertainment.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

To promote community service, the Pack participates in Scouting for Food. The Westchester Putnam Council along with Commerce Bank runs a food drive each October. Each scout will be given several plastic bags to pass out in his neighborhood to collect can goods for the hungry. Each scout then collects the filled bags from the people he gave them to a few days later.

The bags then combined together by each den and driven to the Commerce Bank collection points. The food will then be picked up by the Westchester County food bank, Putnam Community Action Program, and the Putnam County food bank, who make the food available to the needy. Each participating scout receives a patch for his uniform.

PINEWOOD DERBY

The pack will provide each scout with a Pinewood Derby kit. Each scout, assisted by an adult, carves out a car following the Derby guidelines and races them at the Pack 49 Derby. Trophies are given to three fastest cars in addition to special prize categories

(e.g., Most Original, Funniest, Most Kid Crafted, etc.) Pizza, soda and dessert are served and the Pack gets together for a fun night of racing.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

One Sunday morning each Spring the Pack runs a Pancake Breakfast following each of the masses. It is a great opportunity to give back to the parish as well as a fun event for the scout families. Family members and scouts take turns on shifts to setup, cook, clear and clean up for the event. A 50/50 raffle is also run. The event is usually a break-even event rather than a fundraiser for the pack.

PACK CAMPING

The Westchester-Putnam Council runs a camping facility, Agatha A. Durland Scout Reservation (formerly Clear Lake) in Putnam Valley. The facility is open to all Packs for either Cabin or Tent Camping. In 2008, the pack held an overnight cabin camping trip in late April. Activities included archery, fishing, hiking, cooking on an open fire and an evening campfire.

ROCKET DERBY

The pack will provide a rocket kit to each scout to build at home with the assistance or supervision of an adult. The rockets are made from cardboard tubes and are very simple to put together and the scouts enjoy decorating them. We get together as a Pack on a Friday night in May on the field at school for a picnic and the rocket launching. The boys get to turn the switch to launch their rocket and then run around collecting them as they hopefully land free of the trees. This new event was added to the schedule in 2006 and everyone had a great time.

CUB SCOUT MASS

One Sunday each year the scouts are recognized for their service at mass. The boys, in full uniform, process into Mass and sit in the front pews with the Den Leaders and Cub Master. It is an honor that the boys enjoy and brings together the recognition of the community service aspect as well as spiritual growth goals of cub scouting.

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

Each June, the Pack holds the annual Blue & Gold Banquet which celebrates the completion of another year of scouting and advancement of the boys to their next rank. The full Pack of scouts comes together with their families for a dinner and award ceremony usually held in the school gym.

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APPENDIX

THE PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting has ten purposes:

- **Character Development:** Positively influence character development
- **Spiritual Growth:** Enhance each boy's spiritual growth
- **Good Citizenship:** Help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- **Sportsmanship & Fitness:** Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- **Family Understanding:** Improve understanding within the family
- **Respectful Relationships:** Strengthen boys' ability to get along with other boys and respect other people
- **Personal Achievement:** Foster a sense of personal achievement by helping boys develop new interests and skills
- **Friendly Relationships:** Show how to be helpful and do one's best
- **Fun and Adventure:** Provide fun and exciting new things to do
- **Prepare boys to become Boy Scouts**

RANK ADVANCEMENT

Recognition is important to young boys. Rank advancement is one of the methods we use to achieve Scouting's aims - character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Everything a Cub does to advance is designed to achieve these aims and aid in his personal growth. Advancement is the process by which a boy progresses from rank to rank, learning new skills as he goes....as follows:

TIGER CUBS

Tiger Cubs BSA is a simple and fun program for first-grade boys and their families. The Tiger Cub program introduces boys and their parent(s) to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they "Search, Discover, and Share" together.

The Tiger Cubs have one den meeting a month based on a theme from the Tiger Scout handbook. Parents take turns running the meetings and leading the activities as

suggested in the handbook. A Go-See-It is usually also planned each month for the scouts accompanied by their parents. Ideas for Go-See-Its are also included in the Tiger Scout Handbook.

At the end of First Grade, once the Tigers have completed all the activities in the Handbook, the scouts earn their Tiger patch and move up to the next level in Cub Scouts.

THE BOBCAT

Regardless of a boy's age, the Bobcat Badge the first step in a boy's progression after registering as a Cub Scout. Among other requirements, the Bobcat must learn the Cub Scout Handshake, the Cub Scout Salute, and how to give the Cub Scout Sign.

NEXT, HE'S A WOLF!

Next, the Wolf Badge is earned by boys during second grade. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass twelve achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. As a Cub Scout completes his achievements towards the Wolf (and Bear) ranks, the Den Leader recognizes a boy's hard work with the Immediate Recognition patch and beads. This is used as an incentive towards continued achievement.

After a boy earns his Wolf badge, he may work on Wolf Electives which consist of special projects and activities. Completing them allows him to earn Arrow Points to display on his uniform under his Wolf badge.

There is also a very special award that Cub Scouts can earn. By completing a specific set of conservation-related achievements and electives a Wolf Cub can earn International Scouting's World Conservation Award. Earning this award allows Scouts of all ages to heighten their awareness and appreciation of nature and the environment.

In addition, the Light of Christ medal is the Cub Scout Catholic medal the boys can work on at home during their Wolf Year. The medal is presented by the parish priest and worn on their scout uniform only on special occasions but may also be worn on the boy's first communion blazer.

AND THEN A BEAR...

The Bear Badge is earned by boys during third grade. There are twenty-four Bear achievements in four different categories. The Cub Scout must complete twelve of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more difficult and challenging than those for Wolf. As a Bear-aged boy progresses, he too can earn the Immediate Recognition patch and beads. One of the Bear achievements involves earning the "Whittling Chip" wallet card. Earning this card shows that a Bear has learned the fundamentals of knife safety. After earning the Bear badge, a special

collection of age-appropriate Bear Electives are also available to allow Bear Cub's to earn Arrow Points too!

There is also a special set of requirements to allow a Bear Cub to earn the World Conservation Award.

The 3rd grade Catholic medal to earn is Parvuli Dei.

IN 4TH GRADE HE ENTERS WEBELOS

The Webelos Badge is for boys who have completed third grade. The Webelos rank is the first step in a boy's transition towards a Boy Scout troop. As he completes the achievements in the Webelos Scout Book, he will work on Activity Badges. These are age-appropriate projects for older Cub Scouts. Activity badges are sorted into five discipline-related groups. They are the Community Group, the Mental Skills Group, the Outdoor Group, the Physical Skills Group, and the Technology Group. Activity Badges can be displayed on the front of the Webelos cap or on the Webelos Colors.

After earning the Webelos badge, the Webelos Scout may receive the Compass Points emblem and gold 'devices' to pin on it as an incentive to complete additional Activity Badges.

Completion of the Forester, Outdoorsman, and Naturalist Activities Badges, and completion of a special conservation project allows a Webelos Scout to join the Wolves and Bears in earning the World Conservation Award as well.

THEN CUB SCOUTING'S APEX... THE ARROW OF LIGHT

After a boy has completed the fourth grade and earned the Webelos badge, the next step on the Webelos trail to becoming a Boy Scout is earning the Arrow of Light Award. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can learn, and is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout Uniform. As a boy works on the Arrow of Light, he gets a chance to practice some Scout skills that he has already learned, earn more Activity Badges, and REALLY learn what a Boy Scout is.

BOY SCOUTS, HERE HE COMES!

Finally, a boy is ready to become a Boy Scout! This has been a long road filled with fun and learning.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

NECKERCHIEFS

The Wolf, Bear, and Webelos neckerchiefs are the only official neckerchiefs that may be worn by the boys. Neckerchiefs are worn only with the official uniform and never with T-shirts or civilian clothing.



How to Wear the Neckerchief

1. Fold the long edge over several small flat folds to about 6 inches from the tip of the neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck and is more efficient than rolling or twirling.
2. Place around the neck over turned-under collar of uniform shirt. Or, wear under shirt collar if desired.
3. Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly. Let neckerchief ends hang loose.
4. The portion of the neckerchief showing below the back of the neck should measure no more than 6 inches.

STANDARD UNIFORM PATCHES

WESTCHESTER PUTNAM COUNCIL EMBLEM

A council shoulder patch (CSP) emblem is worn by all Cub Scouts directly below the shoulder seam on the **left sleeve**.



UNIT or PACK NUMERALS

A white numeral embroidered on red background. Worn by all boys and pack leaders directly below council patch on the **left sleeve**



U.S. FLAG EMBLEM

A red, white, and blue embroidered American Flag emblem for all members. Worn by all Cub Scouts on the **right sleeve** centered directly below the shoulder seam.



DEN NUMERALS

A gold numeral embroidered on navy blue background. Worn by Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts centered and touching the bottom of the U.S. flag on the **right sleeve**.



WORLD CREST

The World Crest emblem should be worn by all youth and adult leaders. The 1-1/2" diameter badge is white on a violet background. It contains a basic fleur motif encircled by a rope tied with a reef or square knot symbolizing the unity and brotherhood of the World Organization of Scouting Movement (WOSM) throughout the world. The emblem should be worn centered horizontally above the **left pocket**, and placed vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.

BADGES OF RANK



TIGER CUB BADGE

A diamond-shaped cloth badge, orange and black embroidered on orange background with gold trim. Worn on the **left pocket**, in the 6 o'clock position.

BOBCAT BADGE

A diamond-shaped cloth badge, gold and black embroidered on light blue background with gold trim. Worn on the **left pocket**, in the 12 o'clock position.

WOLF BADGE

A diamond-shaped cloth badge, black and gray embroidered on red background with gold trim. Worn on the **left pocket**, in the 9 o'clock position

BEAR BADGE

A diamond-shaped cloth badge, brown and black on green background with gold trim. Worn on the **left pocket**, in the 3 o'clock position.



WEBELOS BADGE

An oval-shaped cloth badge, gold and light blue embroidered on khaki background with khaki trim. Worn centered on the **left pocket**, with no other rank patches.



ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD

A gold design embroidered on a tan background with a blue border. Worn on the **left pocket** flap centered over the button. This is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

BADGES OF RECOGNITION



IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION PATCH (and Beads)

Blue, white, and yellow Cub Scout diamond with the words, "Progress Toward Ranks." Worn on the button of the **right shirt pocket**. A yellow bead is presented for each three Wolf achievements earned until all four beads are earned and the boy is eligible to receive the Wolf badge. Red beads are presented for each three Bear achievements earned. Cub Scouts may continue to wear this emblem after ranks are earned until they become Webelos Scouts.



GOLD ARROW POINTS

Gold embroidered arrow-shaped cloth badges earned during the Wolf and Bear elective

program. A Gold Arrow Point is earned by completing the first ten projects in the Wolf or Bear book. Only one gold arrow point may be earned during the Wolf year, and one during the Bear year. Worn 3/4" below and centered under the current rank badge (Wolf and Bear).



SILVER ARROW POINTS

Silver embroidered arrow-shaped cloth badges earned during the Wolf and Bear elective program. Each Silver Arrow Point is earned by completing ten additional projects from the Wolf or Bear book (after earning the Gold Arrow Point). A Wolf or Bear Cub Scout may wear as many Silver Arrow Points as he can earn. Worn in rows of two below, centered, and touching the Gold Arrow Point or previously earned Silver Arrow Points for each rank (Wolf and Bear)..



WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGES

Any of 20 metal pins awarded to Webelos Scouts for completion of a prescribed set of criteria. Broken into the five 'Groups' of:

1. Physical Skills,
2. Mental Skills,
3. Community,
4. Technology, and
5. Outdoor.

Earned only by Webelos Scouts, and worn on the light blue front panel of the Webelos cap or on the optional Webelos colors.



WEBELOS COLORS

Green, red, and gold streamers on a blue metal bar. Worn on the **right sleeve** immediately below and touching the U.S. flag. (It covers the den [patrol] emblem and Quality Unit insignia.) If den number is worn, Webelos colors are worn under and touching the Den number. If colors are worn, activity badges are worn on the streamers.



QUALITY UNIT AWARD

Embroidered cloth strip worn by boys and leaders in packs who meet the criteria. Worn centered on the **right sleeve**, 4 inches below the shoulder seam. Only the most recent award may be worn.

EMBROIDERED SQUARE KNOTS

Embroidered 'Square Knots' are representative of pin-on medals or ribbon suspended medals and are designed for the convenience of the Cub (and the parent!).

Square Knots are always oriented with the loop of the embroidered knot that comes in *front* of the standing part (known as the 'loop' or 'bight') to the wearer's right. Another clue to correct orientation is that knots are worn with the distinguishing color (not white) towards the wearer's right.

Square knots are worn centered above the **left uniform** pocket, in rows of three.



RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS KNOT

Cub Scouts that satisfy all of the requirements of their respective churches award program may wear the silver knot on purple background. Worn on the field uniform to represent attainment of the 'dress' medal. Roman Catholic medals include Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei.

PATCH VEST

A red vest is available to display patches that do not go on the uniform shirt.

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.*

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best.

Law of the Pack

*The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.*

Colors

The Cub Scout colors are blue and gold. The blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. The gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. Together, they symbolize what Cub Scouting is all about,