



Pack 248
Silver Spring, MD
www.cubpack248.org



So... You're the parent of a Pack 248 Cub Scout.

Fast Facts about How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is family-oriented.

- Many activities, like camping, are intended for the whole family, including siblings.
- You work with your son on his various achievements and awards.
- Many skills and values he will learn are fair play, nature appreciation, citizenship, helping others through charity, and crafts.

Your Scout is a member of a Den.

- Your Scout is a member of a Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos den (see next page).
- Most dens meet one or two times a month.
- The den is led by one or two den leaders with the participation of other parents.
- Den meetings have achievement activities, games, crafts, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

The Den is part of a Pack.

- A pack is made up of a Tiger den, a Wolf den, a Bear den, and two Webelos dens.
- The pack meets once a month — all Cub Scout families attend.
- The monthly pack meeting is led by the **Cubmaster**.
- Pack meetings may have games, skits, special guests, ceremonies and awards. They may also be organized around an outdoor activity.

Dues and fundraising support the pack.

- Dues are paid in September and support a wide variety of benefits. Dues are managed by the **Pack Treasurer**.
- Popcorn sales bring in the balance of the money used to support pack activities.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee.

- The pack committee is made up of the Cubmaster, den leaders, and other parents.
- The committee selects leaders, manages pack finances, and supports the Cubmaster
- Committee currently meets on an as-needed basis. Most work is done by email.

The Pack is sponsored by a Chartering Organization.

- Pack 248 is chartered by Silver Spring United Methodist Church. The church provides space for our meetings and other support. In turn, we support the church by contributing to their food bank for Silver Spring's needy with a canned food drive.
- NOTE: Our affiliation with the church is not a religious one. Our families have diverse backgrounds and faiths.
- Pack 248 is welcoming to all and has earned the support of LGBT families.

What you need to buy for your son

- Your Scout will need a rank-appropriate shirt, hat, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, and handbook.
- You'll also need the NCAC Council insignia and the 248 Pack numbers. The Pack will provide all other patches as your son earns them. See "Resources" at cubpack248.org for uniform insignia locations.
- All scouting materials are available at the Scout Shop, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, or online at www.scoutstuff.org.

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's earning of awards in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family. You'll receive lots of support and resources to help you and your son advance through the requirements.

The Cub Scout Advancement Program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your son. For each special skill or activity your son completes with you, you can sign off one of the requirements he needs to earn his next award. As a result, the awards he earns increase his knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. You can be a part of it by actively participating in the Cub Scout program with him. The rank awards he earns are listed below.



BOBCAT (Earned by ALL new Cub Scouts)

All boys 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 boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.



TIGER CUBS (First Graders)

First grade boys and an adult family member participate in Tiger Cubs. The Tiger Cub Badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and a "Go See It." After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 electives.



WOLVES (Second Graders)

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on achievements to earn the Wolf badge. Each achievement is designed to teach skills and initiate family discussion on values, drug awareness, health, etc.



BEARS (Third Graders)

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), completes 12 to 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Wolf or Bear a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.



WEBELOS SCOUTS (4th & 5th graders)

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting) which prepares him for Boy Scouts.

Staying in Touch

Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CubPack248>. We use this group to send out periodic announcements, updates, and event information. You'll be subscribed to the group if you give us your email address. Also visit our website: www.cubpack248.org.