



Pack 57

Parents' Handbook



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Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 57! This handbook is designed to help parents understand the Scouting program and to provide information that you will need as your son progresses through the ranks. To keep printing costs down, each family will receive only one copy of this handbook, so please keep it in a safe place for future reference. Please feel free to contact the Cubmaster if you need additional information.

This is a supplemental information package designed for Pack 57.

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Preface

This handbook was compiled in order to help parents/guardian with the: who, what, where, how and why of Scouting and how Pack 57 functions within the overall scheme of Scouting.

As a 100% volunteer organization all parents are asked to help with activities within the Pack – no matter how big or small it all helps our Pack Go and Grow. So we ask that you participate in a committee or leadership position to help our Pack run.

The Pack and Den Leaders may need your help, whether it's:

- supervising the boys,
- running an activity,
- picking up some items for a Pack meeting,
- administration in the Den & the Pack, or
- being part of a committee.

Simply put, parental involvement is the key element in the ultimate success or failure of the Pack, and – more importantly – of your son's enjoyment in his Scouting journey. As you become part of the pack, jump in – your ideas (and hands) are welcome.



Introduction

In 1930, the Boy Scouts of America created a new opportunity called Cub Scouting for those boys too young to be Boy Scouts. Through chartered organizations, Cub Scouting provides a year-round, Family-centered program which emphasizes involvement between boys and their parents, adult leaders, and friends. In the multidimensional plan of the Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scouting is where it all begins. Currently, it is the largest of the organization's three membership divisions (the others are Boy Scouting and Exploring.) The purpose of Boy Scouting is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Who participates in Scouting?

70 per cent of the men in Who's Who in America were Scouts as youths. Approximately 50 percent of the U.S. Congress participated in Scouting as youths or adults. Of the 214 U.S. astronauts, 130 were Scouts and 33 are Eagle Scouts. Of the 12 men to physically walk on the moon's surface, 11 were involved in Scouting. Approximately 33 percent of the service academy cadets were Scouts and about 10 percent are Eagle Scouts. There are more than 92 million Scouting "alumni"- if they were all alive today, they would comprise the 11th largest country in the world.

What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouting can be the first step in the long process for those boys who want to become Eagle Scouts. Cub Scouting is not a requirement for earning the prestigious Eagle Scout award but it helps in developing the self-discipline, love of the outdoors, leadership, and cooperation - among many other skills - required for Boy Scouting's highest achievement. Once a boy graduates kindergarten he is eligible for Tiger Cubs, meaning all boys first through fifth graders (ages 6-10) are eligible for Cub Scouting. Once a boy joins, he is assigned to a den, made up of 8-10 boys forming a natural playgroup.

Founders of Scouting and the BSA

Robert S. S. Baden-Powell



As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for his military regiment. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it Scouting for Boys. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought Scouting to youth the world over.



Ernest Thompson Seton

Born in Scotland, Ernest Thompson Seton immigrated to America as a youth in the 1880s. His fascination with the wilderness led him to become a naturalist/ an artist, and an author, and through his works he influenced both youth and adults. In 1902 Seton established a youth organization called the Woodcraft Indians, and his background of outdoor skills and interest in youth made him a logical choice for the position of first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910. His many volumes of Scoutcraft became an integral part of Scouting and his intelligence and enthusiasm helped turn an idea into reality.

Daniel Carter Beard

Woodsman, illustrator, and naturalist, Daniel Carter Beard was a pioneering spirit of the Boy Scouts of America. Already 60 years old when the Boy Scouts of America was formed, he became a founder and merged it with his own boys' organization, the Sons of Daniel Boone. As the first national Scout commissioner, Beard helped design the original Scout uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class Scout badge. "Uncle Dan," as he was known to boys and leaders, will be remembered as a colorful figure dressed in buckskin - who helped form Scouting in the United States.

William D. Boyce

In 1909, Chicago publisher William D. Boyce lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and, after guiding the man, refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. He also created the Lone Scouts, which merged with the Boy Scouts of America in 1924.



James E. West

James E. West was appointed the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. Although orphaned and physically handicapped, he had the perseverance to graduate from law school and become a successful attorney. This same determination provided the impetus to help build Scouting into the largest and most effective youth organization in the world. When he retired in 1943, Dr. West was recognized throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boy Scouts of America (BSA)

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was established in 1909 by William Boyce of Chicago, one year after Sir Robert Baden-Powell began the movement in England. BSA was incorporated on February 8, 1910 (it's "birthday" is celebrated each year around this time). The charter for Boy Scouts of America was passed by the House of Representatives on March 6th, 1916, the Senate on May 31, 1916 and approved June 15th, 1916 by Woodrow Wilson. According to Section 3 of the Federal Charter the purpose of BSA is to "promote the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues." BSA membership since 1910 has totaled more than ninety million Scouts with a current membership of more than 5.5 million Scouts and leaders. The Boy Scout



program is intended for boys aged 11 through 17 years of age and is designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. More information on the BSA can be found on the web at <http://www.bsa.scouting.org>.

History of Cub Scouting

In 1910, Ernest Thompson Seton became one of the founders of the new Boy Scout movement and one of its best known promoters. During the 1920's, he helped Dr. Huber William Hurt develop the Cub program, and by 1928, Cubbing units were field-tested. On April 1, 1930, the first pack charters were issued for the new Cubbing program (not officially called Cub Scouting until 1945.) In the first handbooks, Akela was an American Indian boy, son of the chief of the Webelos Tribe. "Webelos" was explained as "a word with an inner meaning signifying progress from Wolf through Bear and Lion Ranks to Scout: W-B-L-S ... We'll Be Loyal Scouts." The chief of the Webelos Tribe was named Arrow of Light, which was adapted from the Arrow Park World Jamboree in London in 1929, when the Golden Arrow was made the symbol of world friendship.

Current Scouting Programs:



Cub Scouts is a family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for boys in the first through fifth grade (or who are 6 - 10 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Boy Scouting is a program for boys 11 through 17 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. (Boys also may become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade.)

Varsity Scouting, an active, exciting program for young men 14 through 17 built around five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.

Venturing is a program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age to provide positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities that help them pursue their special interests, grow by teaching others, and develop leadership skills.



Des Plaines Valley Council.



The Des Plaines Valley Council came about as a result of the merging of the Thatcher Woods Area Council into the West Suburban Council, which took effect June 1st, 1993. The original charter for the West Suburban Council was granted and signed on January 21, 1918. The Des Plaines Valley Council was named after the fact that the Des Plaines River enters our council from the north at Franklin Park and runs through the entire council exiting in the south in Lemont.

Council web site: <http://www.bsa-dpvc.org/main.htm>

Tall Grass District

After the merging of the two councils a realignment plan called for merging the Pioneer and Trailside Districts of the former Thatcher Woods Area Council into one district, The Twin Lakes District. The old West Suburban Council was divided into two districts by the Tri-State Tollway. The east side, or Cook County side, being named the Voyageur Trace District and the west side, or DuPage side, being our district, the Tall Grass District

Pack 57

St. Paul's United Church of Christ was given a charter in December of 1960 to start up Pack 57. Our Chartered Organization, (St. Paul's), is located at 5739 Dunham Road in Downers Grove. To see how Pack 57 fits into the BSA organization, see the chart in the back pages.

Scoutlander

A useful tool our Pack uses is Scoutlander. Scoutlander is our home site with listing of scouts, dens, events, photos, and documents. As part of Pack 57, you will be entered into our database and receive access to the Private site. Public Web Site:

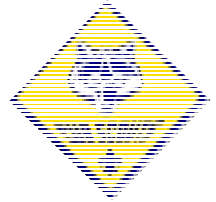
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Purpose

Pack 57

The purpose of Pack 57 is to work with the boys, their families, and the Scout leaders to achieve the following objectives:



1. Influence a boy's character development and spiritual growth.
2. Help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
3. Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing a strong mind and body.
4. Improve the understanding of relationships within the family.
5. Strengthen a boy's ability to get along with others.
6. Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
7. Provide fun and exciting new things to do.
8. Show a boy how to be helpful and do his best.
9. Prepare him to be a Boy Scout.

Key Elements

There are six key elements in our Pack's commitment to providing programs geared to help the boys grow in these areas:

1. Offer an exciting program so the boys can learn skills while having fun.
2. Provide active and committed adult leaders.
3. Establish a good line of communication between the Pack and its families.
4. Maintain an emphasis on advancement and recognition.
5. Provide adequate funding.
6. Pursue an active recruiting program.

Method

The Pack can shine in these six elements, but **how much your child gets out of the program is to a great extent- up to you, the parent.** Cub Scouting is designed to draw families together. Most of the requirements necessary for Wolf and Bear advancement are designed to be accomplished by the Scout at home with his parent(s)'s/ guardian's assistance. The majority of successful Scouts achieve their success through the strong assistance and encouragement of their families.

Basic Concepts

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

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."

Akela: This is the Cub Scout name for a good leader and it may be a father, mother, uncle, grandparent, teacher, Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Den Chief. Before a maturing Cub Scout can become a good leader, he must first learn to follow.

The Tiger Cub Promise:

I promise to love God,
my family, and my country,
and to learn about the world.

The 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.

Scouting

In general, Scouting aims at helping boys grow in three areas:

Character

This refers to the boy's personal qualities, his values, and his outlook. Parents and Den Leaders are instrumental in helping to shape a boy's character. It is detrimental - not kindness - for parents and/or Den Leaders to give boys badges, arrow points or activity pins they have not earned. Parents and Den Leaders may see themselves as softhearted when they do this, but it serves as a very poor example to the boys. Boys will only value awards and achievements when they have been challenged in earning them. The Scouting program focuses on age-appropriate activities that instills self-confidence and self-respect so that each boy can meet these challenges successfully.

Citizenship

Used broadly, means the boy's relationship in dealing with others. Scouting helps each boy learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, and to the government that presides over that society.

Fitness

Fitness shows itself in four distinct aspects: the body (healthy); the mind (able to think and solve problems); 'moral fiber' (as shown by courage and respect for others), and emotions (self-control, self-confidence, and self-respect).



Responsibilities

Pack Leadership

Leadership within the Pack consists of the Cubmaster (CM), the Assistant Cubmaster (ACM), and the Pack Leadership Staff. The Pack Leadership is responsible for providing supervisory control (through Den Leaders) and monitoring of all Pack functions, Den programs, and special activities. Additionally, the Cubmaster shall ensure that all Adult Leaders have been trained and meet with the basic guidelines established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Pack Committee

The Pack Committee is chaired by a Pack Committee Chairman and consists of parent volunteer representatives from each Den and assigned to the Committee, the current Cubmaster, the Immediate Past Cubmaster and the Treasurer. The Committee is responsible for putting together the yearly Pack program, setting dues, managing the Pack's finances, fund raisers, and following established BSA policy guidelines.

Den Leader

All Den Leaders are BSA-registered volunteers assigned by the Cubmaster to manage and lead each Den. All Dens may have an Assistant Den Leader(s) assigned to assist in the management and functioning of the Den. Den Leaders and assistants are responsible to both the Scouts and their families of keeping them informed about schedules, activities, and events in the basic yearly program. Additionally, they shall encourage and assist boys in earning their advancements/awards; keep accurate records on all achievements/awards their Scouts earn; and are responsible for the safety, conduct, and actions of their Den during Den and Pack activities.

All Den Leaders must complete Basic Fast Start, New Leader Essentials, and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training for your position as soon as possible. These training's are hosted by the Tall Grass District. Youth Protection Training should also be done as soon as possible.

Ideally Den Leaders should also attend District Roundtables throughout the year, which generally meet on the second Tuesday of every month but can vary from year to year.

Parents

Leaders alone cannot be the basis for a successful program - all parents play a vital role in assisting the Den Leaders. Parents are expected to attend den meetings, and to participate and assist the Den Leaders in running activities and other events. It is not the sole responsibility of Den Leader's to provide a challenging program for each Den meeting, rather it is a collective effort by all members of the Den. Parent expertise in any area is always welcome, by sharing the responsibilities for organizing activities, handling the den's funds, running a Den/Pack activity, managing the phone tree, etc ... allows Den Leaders to concentrate on individual Scout requirements. On occasions parents may not be able to stay for meetings and this is understandable however, children should not be simply left at the door. Parents must escort their child to and from the Den meeting area and must inform the Den Leader that they won't be



able to be there that night. Any special arrangement for the drop-off/pick-up by another Den Parent is the sole responsibility of individual Parents. Please be considerate of your Den Leaders and inform them of your arrangements. All Den Leaders have schedules of their own and waiting around for one or two boys to be picked up after a meeting is not only inconsiderate, but impolite.

Scout

All Scouts have responsibilities that go far beyond Den and Pack meetings. Each Scout is expected to do his best in all that he does especially at home, school and in the community. If a Scout is unable to attend a den meeting, they must notify their Den Leader as soon as possible. Leaders prepare projects for their meetings, and do appreciate knowing how many Scouts will be present for a particular meeting. When Scouts attend Den and Pack meetings and activities they are expected to understand and practice good self-discipline, self-confidence, and behavior consistent with their surroundings. Additionally, all Scouts must be helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, trustworthy, clean, loyal, thrifty, brave, and reverent.

Den Chief

The final members of the Cub Scout "family" are the Den Chiefs, Boy Scouts who have volunteered as "mentors" for the young Cub Scouts and serve as assistants to the Den Leaders. Their responsibilities include helping with den's activities, maintaining good order within the Den, to help plan Den's activities/games, and assisting as required by the Den Leader.



Meetings

Den Meetings

All Dens meet two (or three) times a month. Tiger dens will meet about every three weeks as specified by the Tiger Den Leader. Individual Den Leader's may alter the frequency, time, and place of Den meetings as needed, but shall inform the Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster of any changes. Any event/meeting/activity outside the normal Den/Pack meeting area must have an approved Tour Permit on file with Council. Our Pack uses "Shared Leadership". What that means is even though there is a Den Leader parents will be expected to run and coordinate some Den meetings during the year.

Attendance

Regular attendance is a requirement for successful and meaningful participation in the Scouting Program. Attendance includes all scheduled Den and Pack events and all Scouts are highly encouraged to participate in all events. Repeated absences only deter from the overall success of an individual Scout..

Pack Meeting

The Pack usually meets on the second or third Friday of every month at St. Paul's. at 6:30 PM. All Pack Meetings are FAMILY events - all family members are asked to come and share in the recognition of their Scouts' accomplishments. A Parent/Adult Guardian must attend the Pack Meeting with his/her son; plan on attending these Pack Meetings as they are an important part of the Scouting experience. Please show respect during Pack Meeting ceremonies and presentations.

Pack Committee Meeting

The Pack Committee meets monthly at Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. These meetings are open to anyone and Parents are always welcome- and strongly encouraged to attend! Typically, Den Leaders and interested adult leaders will attend to plan upcoming events and activities. Any information related to upcoming events is available through your Pack Committee Representative or Den Leader and they may be contacted if you have any questions or concerns over upcoming events.

District Roundtables

These are monthly meetings normally reserved for Pack/Den Leaders and Committee Members within the district. The meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month between 7:30 and 9pm. This is a great opportunity to get information on upcoming District and Council events. If you are interested in attending, contact the Cubmaster or a Pack Leader for details.



Cub Scout Ranks

General

The Cub Scouts' plan of advancement emphasizes that each boy learns by doing. Every boy works on requirements based on his school grade or age.

Tiger

Boys who have completed Kindergarten or are in first grade may enter the Cub Scouts as Tiger Cubs. The Tiger Cub program is conducted on two levels. First, the Tiger Cub and his adult partner meet in the home to conduct activities at the family level. Second, the Tiger Cub and his adult partner meet with other Tiger Cubs and adult partners from their Den and conduct an activity. The program stresses simplicity, shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding. At the end of the school year, Tiger Cubs advance into a Wolf den.



Bobcat

All boys entering the Cub Scouting program at any age must earn the Bobcat Badge. Subsequent rank, which is commensurate with their age, will be earned thereafter. Each boy is required to learn the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Scout handshake, salute, sign, and motto.

Wolf

When a boy has completed first grade or is in the second grade he may begin working on his Wolf badge.



Bear

When a boy has completed second grade or is in the third grade may begin working on his Bear badge.



Webelos

(WE'll BE LOyal Scouts). After completing the third grade, a Cub Scout graduates into a Webelos Den. This is a special den for boys in the fourth grade (Webelos I) or fifth grade (Webelos II) to participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become Boy Scouts. The Webelos Scout program is more of a challenge to these boys - and can wear the Tao/Olive Green uniform signifying his new status. At age 11 (normally when completing the fifth grade) he then earns the Arrow of Light signifying he has completed preparation and may join a Boy Scout Troop.





Activities

Safety

Safety of all participants in any activity is of the utmost importance. Anyone in his or her judgment can stop any unsafe activity. Den Leaders are charged with maintaining adequate supervision and to ensure the proper use of materials, equipment, and facilities. Any unsafe incident shall be reported immediately to the Cubmaster for prompt resolution.

Den/Pack Meeting

Den meetings provide Scout's with an opportunity to participate in an activity not only as an individual, but also through interaction with others. It is important that each child understands and respects others in this group environment. Completing advancement requirements may require completion of activities/projects that involve work in the home. Parental help in finishing these project/activities should be of a helpful nature and not one where the Parent takes over/completes. **Scouts are expected to earn their advancements/achievements** and can only do so by learning and completing these requirements on their own.

Pack meetings afford all boys and their families a chance to recognize each boy's efforts/actions while receiving the advancements and achievements in a public forum. Special events such as "Blue and Gold Banquet" in February is set aside as a time to honor the anniversary Scouting and when we give out the Arrow of Light award. This is a time when many distinguished guests participate and recognize the achievements of all our Scouts and the Pack Family.

Outdoor Program

Adventuresome outdoor programs are encouraged for Cub Scouts these include Den field trips, picnics, outings, day camping, weekend Family camping, and resident (overnight) camping. Because Cub Scouting is Family-centered, family camping is highly encouraged. Webelos Scouts are encouraged to go on overnight experiences and to conduct occasional joint outdoor activities with a Boy Scout troop. The Council also conducts summertime Cub Scout day camps as well as resident camping experiences for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts.

Competitive Activities and Sports

Competitive events occur both within the Pack and outside the Pack. Among the activities that have become favorites are the Pinewood Derby, Space Derby, Bicycle Rodeo, and Rain Gutter Regatta, just to name a few. Cub Scouts are also encouraged to be physically fit through the Cub Scout Sports program, which offers over twenty-one different activities.

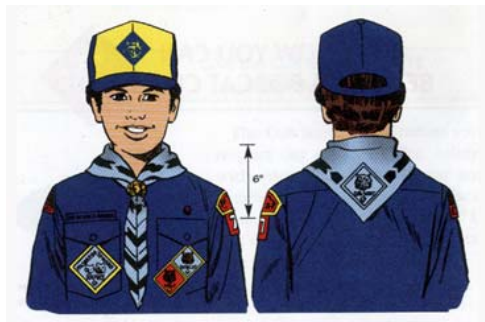


Uniforms

Any uniform regardless of organization is an instant recognition symbol. The Scouting uniform is just such a symbol and makes Pack 57 a visible force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Cub Scouting is an action program and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Cub Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Cub Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth that believe in the same ideals. All boys are expected to wear their uniform during Den/Pack functions and it is an important part of Scouting. Each Class of uniform is listed below, please understand the occasions when each uniform may be worn. If finances are tight, the Pack runs a Uniform Donation Program. Please see the Assistant Cubmaster for more information on available uniform items.

Class "A"s.

The Class "A" uniform consists of the official blue shirt for Cubs and blue or tan shirt for Webelos. The shirt (shirt is tucked in) is worn with the neckerchief, slide, (slides are to be used - not knots) belt and Official Hat; official trousers or shorts and socks may be worn, but are not required. Neat blue slacks or jeans may serve as an appropriate substitute. This uniform is appropriate for all official Scouting events and is the only uniform worn during Color Guard ceremonies. *Unless otherwise told Scouts should always wear the Class "A" uniform to all Den/Pack meetings and events.*



Class "B"s

The Class "B" uniform consists of the official Pack T-shirt with the official Cub Scout hat and is appropriate for outdoor physical activities and summer camps. Please see the Assistant Cubmaster for details on ordering the official Pack T-shirt. This uniform is normally worn when activities are of a nature that would otherwise damage or destroy the Class "A" uniform.

Uniform

As soon as possible after a boy joins Cub Scouts, he should purchase the following items for his Scout uniform (available at the Scout Store, 811 West Hillgrove Ave, LaGrange, IL 60525, and phone (708) 354-1111)



1. **Blue Cub Scout shirt.** Most people find it best to buy a large short-sleeved shirt. It will be large for a second grader, but with a little luck it will fit him through his final Webelos year. In the winter he can wear a navy turtleneck under the shirt for warmth. If a scout reaches Webelos rank but outgrows his blue uniform shirt, he is allowed to wear the khaki Boy Scout shirt. This helps avoid having to buy a second blue uniform shirt as he approaches the end of Cub Scouts. It was never meant to be an automatic requirement for Webelos and there should not be a "den decision" to change to these uniform shirts. It is an individual family's decision based on the need for a larger shirt.
2. **Neckerchief + Slide.** These come in different colors for the respective age groups: gold for Wolf, blue for Bear, and plaid for Webelos. **These are provided by the Pack along with the slide.** Additional/replacement slides can be purchased at the Scout Shop or made at home or with the den. They can be one that belonged to his Dad when he was a Scout, or one designed and made by the whole den. If a Scout successfully 'bridges over' to the next rank, the Pack presents him with a new neckerchief and slide for the next rank.
3. **Patches and Pins.** Several patches are mandatory with the shirt. An Official Placement of Insignia sheet is available from the Scout Shop, in the Scouts handbook, or on the Council web site. On the left sleeve, from the top, are worn the Des Plaines Valley Council patch, and "57". The purple-colored World Crest is worn centered on the left breast of the uniform, between the point of the collar and the top of the breast pocket. The Den number or Patrol patch goes on the right sleeve, right beneath the American flag. Farther down the sleeve is the Quality Unit badge. Only the most current Quality Unit badge is worn.

Cub Scouts wear a red vest (we recommend getting a large so it will last four years) on which they can sew on the various patches and pins that they have earned or collected. The Pack supplies the round patch for the middle of the back of the red vest.
4. **Belt.** The blue Cub Scout belt should last all through Cub Scouts since it is adjustable. With the khaki/olive green uniform, the Scout should wear the green Scouting belt.
5. **Hat.** (Optional) Each rank has a respective hat. The Tigers, Wolves, and Bears wear theirs for only one year, while the Webelos can wear theirs during both years of the Webelos program.





Inspections

Uniform inspections are periodically conducted by the Den, Pack, and District Leadership during the course of the year.

Donations & Recycling

When your son is finished with his hat, belt, slide, neckerchief, shirt, etc., consider donating them to others or back to the pack. We at the pack began a program in 2012 to recycle used material. Nearly 20% of our annual pack expenses go for these types of items, so all donations are appreciated. Give them directly to the Assistant Cubmaster for distribution to another child. Our collection day will be the June Pack Picnic.



As always Thanks for passing them on!!



Achievements and Awards

Tigers

Tiger Cubs have achievements they will do towards earning their Tiger Cub badge. There are five achievements with each having three parts. The achievements are: Making My Family Special, Where I Live, Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe, How I Tell It, and Let's Go Outdoors. The three parts for each achievement are: Family Activity, Den Activity, and Go See It. Tigers earn beads as they complete the different achievements and electives. Tigers may also earn belt loop awards for participating in sports and academic activities.

Wolf Badge

When a Cub Scout graduates from Tigers, he begins to work on his twelve Wolf achievements. The achievements are: Feats of Skill, Your Flag, Keep Your Body Healthy, Know Your Home and Community, Tools for Fixing and Building, Start a Collection, Your Living World, Cooking and Eating, Be Safe at Home and on the Street, Family Fun, Duty to God, and Making Choices. Completion of each achievement is recognized with the wearing of yellow beads on an "immediate recognition" badge worn on the right pocket of the Scout shirt. Upon completion of the achievements, he is awarded the Wolf badge, and may continue to work on Wolf electives in twenty-two different areas. When a boy completes ten projects he receives a Gold Arrow Point which is worn just below the Wolf Badge on his shirt. For each additional ten projects he receives a Silver Arrow Point which is worn below the Gold Arrow Point.

Bear Badge

There are twenty-four achievements in the four different groups of God, Country, Family, and Self. To achieve the Bear rank, the Cub Scout must earn his choice of twelve achievements: one from the first group, three from the second group, and four from each of the third and fourth groups. The achievements are: Ways We Worship; Emblems of Faith; What Makes America Special?; Tall Tales; Sharing Your World with Wildlife; Take Care of Your Planet; Law Enforcement Is a Big Job!; The Past Is Exciting and Important; What's Cooking?; Family Fun; Be Ready!; Family Outdoor Adventures; Saving Well, Spending Well; Ride Right; Games-Games-Games!; Building Muscles; Information, Please; Jot It Down; Shavings and Chips; Sawdust and Nails; Build a Model; Typing It All Up; Sports, Sports, Sports; and Be a Leader. Similar to the Wolf's immediate recognition, the Bear's achievements are recognized with red beads. After achieving the Bear badge, a boy may concentrate on twenty-four Bear elective areas until he becomes a Webelos Scout. Gold and Silver Arrow Points are awarded for these projects.



Webelos Badge

The Webelos Scout's advancement is different in that approval of requirements is accomplished by the Den Leader rather than a Scout's Parent. Upon Bridging Over, a boy may begin to work immediately on the Webelos badge and he earns it after achieving four activity badges (one of which must be Fitness). A Webelos Scout can earn a total of twenty Webelos activity badges: Aquanaut, Artist, Athlete, Citizen, Communicator, Craftsman, Engineer, Family Member, Fitness, Forester, Geologist, Handyman, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Readyman, Scholar, Scientist, Showman, Sportsman, and Traveler. These additional badges are represented by the Compass and Compass Points which is a cloth device worn on the right pocket of the Webelos Scout; each device represents four activity badges beyond those required for the Webelos badge.

Arrow of Light

As a fifth grader (or at age 11) a Webelos Scout may earn Cub Scouting's highest award -the Arrow of Light Award. This Award is only one of two eligible Cub Scout awards worn on the Boy Scout uniform. After receiving this award (or upon graduation from 5th grade), he is eligible to become a Boy Scout.

Letters, Pins, and Belt Loops

There are 17 academic and 23 sporting awards, which are available to Cub Scouts. The Belt Loops are primarily provided for basic participation while the Pins and Letters are earned through increased levels of activity. The Pack maintains a library of reference materials, which provides the criteria required in earning the various levels of awards.

Religious Emblem

This is a prestigious award earned by a Scout with the help of his family and religious minister. It requires a great degree of work and dedication from the Scout who earns it. Each religion (and many denominations) has its own medal and accompanying "knot" for the Scout to wear on his uniform. This is only the second of two Cub Scout awards, which can be worn on a Boy Scout's uniform. Please see the Cubmaster if anyone is interested in more information related to these emblems.

Awards for Bravery and Courage

The highest award is the Honor Award, which is presented to a Scout or adult leader for unusual heroism in saving or attempting to save the life of another at considerable risk to them. Other available awards are the Heroism Award and the Medal of Merit. Please inform the Cubmaster for information on eligibility for these awards

Others

Other awards are available to the Cub Scouts through attendance at different overnight camps (e.g. summer camps), placing in competitive events (Pinewood Derby, etc.), or participating in other Scouting events. A Summertime Recognition Pin is awarded to those Cub Scouts who participate in 3 or more Pack activities during the summer months and is worn on the right pocket flap of the Class "A" uniform.



Adult Awards

A number of awards are available to adult leaders such as the Den Leader Award, the Webelos Den Leader Award, the Cub Scouter Award, Scouter's Key, Cubmaster's Key, etc. Some of the more prestigious adult awards include the Silver Beaver and the Award of Merit.



Publications

Subscription to Boys' Life magazine (circulation 1.3 million) is an excellent source of information and fun reading for your child. Adult volunteers can subscribe to the Scouting magazine (circulation 900,000) for information on national news and events. Published by the Boy Scouts of America both magazines are excellent resource for Den activities and fun 1-deas. As a member of Scouting, each Scout will receive a copy of Boys Life.

There are also a number of Cub Scout and leader publications available through the Scout Store, including the Wolf Cub Scout Book, Bear Cub Scout Book and Webelos Scout Book. Once dues are paid, each Scout will receive a copy of their respective rank books.

Finally, Cub Scout Leader Book, Cub Scout How-to-Book and Webelos Scout Program booklets are available for use from the pack for Scout Leaders.



Communication

The Pack Committee uses various methods to distribute news about Scouting. Occasionally flyers will be sent home with Scouts to alert their families about special events. The Cubmaster and/or Pack Committee Chairman will also disseminate information at the monthly Committee meetings to the Den Leaders and at the Pack meetings to all the parents.

Information can viewed on the Pack web page via Scoutlander on upcoming Pack Activities, Events, and is updated each month.



Funding

General

The money collected by the Pack is used to buy the awards for the Scouts, purchase the Pinewood Derby Cars, and support the Pack's activities in general. This accomplished through the registration process normally within the first month of the new Scouting year (September). Additionally, Den leaders may collect money (Den dues) to support the activities of the Den (such as purchasing crafts and materials for projects). Some of the Dens collect all the money for the year at one time, while others collect it on a periodic basis (monthly, weekly, etc.) Each Cub Scout is encouraged to pay his own way by contributing dues or participating in approved money earning projects which can earn additional income for the Pack such as popcorn sales, car washes, etc.

Fundraising

Scouts are asked to contribute dues to the pack but dues alone pay only a portion of the Pack's expenses, so we conduct fund raising activities yearly to generate additional funds. Our popcorn sales from September through November and occasionally a Car wash or Pancake Breakfast.

These fundraisers allow us to keep Pack dues low while providing sufficient funds to offer a high quality program for the Scouts. All fundraisers regardless of event require approval from District through submission of a Fundraising Application/Permit. This provides authorization for the fundraising activity in the event of liability issues.



Re-Chartering

Each year, all Packs are required to re-charter with National BSA Headquarters by December for the upcoming year. St. Paul's United Church of Christ currently charts Pack 57 and remains an active supporter of the Scouting Program.

A Quality Unit honors is presented annually to all units at the Pack level that achieve timely Re-Charting and Registration objectives. It is an important objective that Pack 57 is proud of and can only be achieved with the continued support of each individual family.



Organizational Structure

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Covering:

Bedford Park	Bellwood
Berwyn	Bridgeview
Broadview	Brookfield
Burr Ridge	Clarendon Hills
Countryside	Darien
Downers Grove	Elmwood Park
Forest Park	Forest View
Franklin Park	Hinsdale
Hodgkins	Indian Head Park
Justice	LaGrange
LaGrange Highlands	LaGrange Park
Lemont	Lyden Township
Lyons	Maywood
McCook	Melrose Park
North Riverside	Northlake
Oak Park	River Forest
River Grove	Riverside
Stickney	Stone Park
Summit	Westchester
Western Springs	Westmont
Willowbrook	Willow Springs

Voyager Trace
Council

Tall Grass District

Covering:

Burr Ridge	Clarendon Hills
Darien	Downers Grove
Hinsdale	Lemont
Westmont	Willowbrook

Twin Lakes Council



High-Level Pack Meeting Plan

September

- Pack Meeting -Open House
- Fall Camp out

October

- Pack Meeting – Responsibility

November

- Pack Meeting – Ornaments
- Brookfield Zoo Tree Trim

December

- Pack Meeting – Toys for Tots
- Caroling
- Game night

January

- Pinewood Derby
- Winter Overnighter

February

- Friends of Scouting
- Blue and Gold Dinner & Webelos Crossover

March

- Pack Meeting - Carnival

April

- Packet Meeting – Rocket building
- Rocket Launch
- Spring Campout

May

- Bike Rodeo
- Memorial Day Parade

June

- Pack Picnic - No Pack Meeting
- Summer Camps



July

- Independence Day Parade

August

- Pack summer overnighiter



Pack 57 Pinewood Derby Rules

The Pinewood Derby is open to all Cub Scouts. Cars should be built by the Cub Scouts along with adult guidance. Any technical assistance should be fully explained to the Cub Scouts so that he can use that knowledge on future projects. Building a Pinewood Derby car is a great way for Cub Scout and parent to spend some time together, but be sure to let the Cub Scout build the car.

Remember the Cub Scout Motto: DO YOUR BEST.

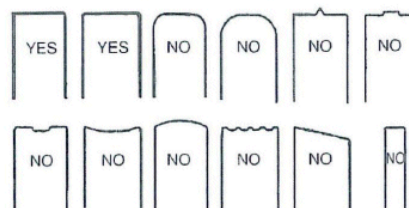
It says nothing about being perfect.

1. All cars must pass inspection to qualify for the race. The inspection points are as follows:
 - a. The car must have been made during the current year (the year in which the Derby is held)
 - b. The width of the car shall not exceed $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
 - c. The length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
 - d. The weight of the car shall not exceed 5 ounces.
 - e. The width between the wheels should be $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches.
 - f. The clearance between the bottom of the car and the track should be $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch.
 - g. Axles, wheels, and body wood shall be as provided in the BSA official Grand Prix Pinewood Derby Kit.
 - h. Solid axles are prohibited.
 - i. The burrs on the underside of the heads of the axles and the crimp marks may be sanded/ground down.



- j. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
- k. Indexing wheels (drilling sidewalls) is prohibited.
- l. Modifying the tread of the tires is prohibited
- m. Wheels may be sanded to remove surface imperfections but treads must be left flat.

Wheel Profile Illustration:





- n. Burrs inside the wheel where the axles go may be removed.
 - o. The car shall not ride on any kind or type of springs.
 - p. Any details added (drivers, steering wheels, decals, exhaust pipes, and so on) are permissible as long as they do not exceed the maximum length, width, and weight.
 - q. The car must be freewheeling with no starting device.
 - r. Loose or moving weights of any kind are not allowed in the car (i.e. such as lead shot, decorations, or liquids - adding kinetic energy).
 - s. The official number must be marked and visible on the car.
 - t. Use of Dry Graphite Lubricant only. Recommend the “black” graphite.
2. If a car fails the pre-race inspection, the owner will be told the reason and will have to correct the problems and resubmit the vehicle for inspection in order to race. Pack 57 hosts PWD clinics prior to the race. We encourage to come to these clinics to ensure your car meets standards.
3. Scouts/parents must bring their own “pit” supplies. This includes a drill, Dremel tool, hot glue gun, extra weights, and other items.
4. Once a car has passed inspection, it will be kept by the Race Committee and will not be returned until the end of the race or if it is damaged in handling or during a race.
5. Race divisions will be split according to rank: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos.
6. Each heat will be announced. Drivers will report to the starting line and place their cars on the track. All other people must remain behind the barrier.
7. The starter will make sure the cars are on the track properly and then will start the race.
8. If a car leaves the track, runs out of its lane, interferes with another car, loses an axle, or has some other issue, the heat will be rerun. If the same car has trouble on the second run, the car is disqualified and automatically loses that race. If, on the second run, another car is interfered with, then the heat is run a third time but without the disqualified car.
9. Cars running in the next heat can be put on the track at the starting line. Cars not running in the next heat will be put in the “garage.”
10. Awards will be given out at the end of the event.
11. All discrepancies will be handled by the race committee and resolutions will be final.