

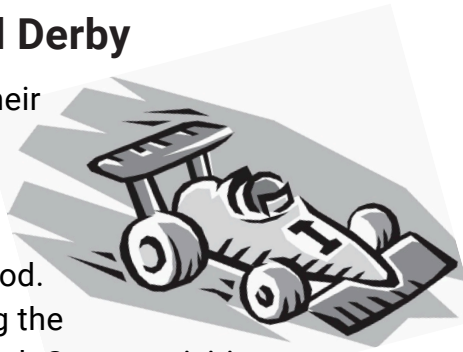
Parent's Guide to Cub Scouts



Things We Do In Cub Scouts!

Pinewood Derby

Scouts and their parents build a race car made from a block of wood. This is among the best known Cub Scout activities. Join us for the big race!



Fundraising

With prizes and incentives, there is no shortage of fun of Cub Scouts as they earn money to help their Pack! Past prizes included tickets to National games, an iPad, and scholarships!

The money they earn also helps reduce the cost of scouting to the family, the pack, and helps support the programs of our Council.

By setting and working towards individual and pack goals, Cub Scouts learn responsibility and team work.

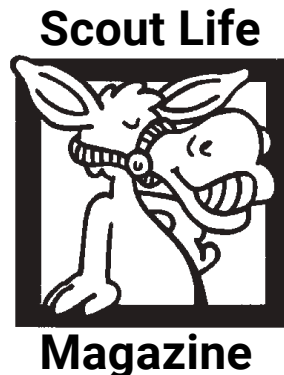


Blue and Gold Banquet

Every year around the birthday of Scouting, we take the time to gather together and celebrate scouting in Monticello, our volunteers, and our Arrows of Light finishing their Cub Scouting journey. This evening is filled with food, skits, and fellowship in scouting.

Scout Life Magazine

A monthly magazine for Cub Scouts and adults. *Scout Life* has — interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics and short stories.



Scouting for Food

Some packs will host food drives. Scouting for Food, helps fill area food pantries with the goods and donations they need for their community.

This Nationwide initiative collects over 1,000,000 pounds of food for local food banks.



Outdoor Adventures

Cub Scouts takes part in many outdoor activities. Some of our favorites are family camping, picnics, hiking, and/or fishing. A Cub Scout's first summer camp is usually Day Camp. Come to one of our local camps and experience a wide range of fun!

Uniforms!

Field uniforms are the traditional blue or tan scout shirt with unit, rank and activity patches mounted on the shirt. A full list of uniform pieces are found below. They are roughly \$60 to start out but can last several years depending on how fast your scout grows. We recommend buying a size larger than needed in the short sleeve uniform shirt. Uniforms may be purchased at the local scout shop or online at www.scoutstuff.org. Used ones may be available at thrift shops or online.

Unit t-shirts, sometimes called activity uniforms, are used for informal settings such as camps and other outings. Sometimes these are included in unit registration fees.

If finances are a concern, please reach out. There are resources for free uniforms available on a need basis.



When to wear the field uniform:

- Pack Meetings
- Special Events (Pinewood, Blue & Gold)
- Parades/Public Events
- Fundraising
- Adventure Camp

Uniform Checklist:

Cub Scout Uniform shirt

- **Lions:**
 - Lions T-shirt
- **Tigers-Webelos:**
 - Blue Field Shirt
- **Arrow of Light:**
 - Tan Field Shirt
- Rank Neckerchief
 - Slide optional
- Patches and Insignia:
 - Council Strip
 - Pack Numerals
 - World Scouting Crest

Optional:

- Scout Pants
- Hats
- Belt
- Clear Rank Badge Holder (recommended)

Check our local scout shops for your scouting needs!

Robeson Scout Shop

3301 Farber Dr,
Champaign IL, 61822

217-356-7291

M-F 9 am - 5 pm

Terminology & Meetings

PACK

LIONS

WOLVES

WEBELOS

TIGERS

BEARS

Arrows of Light

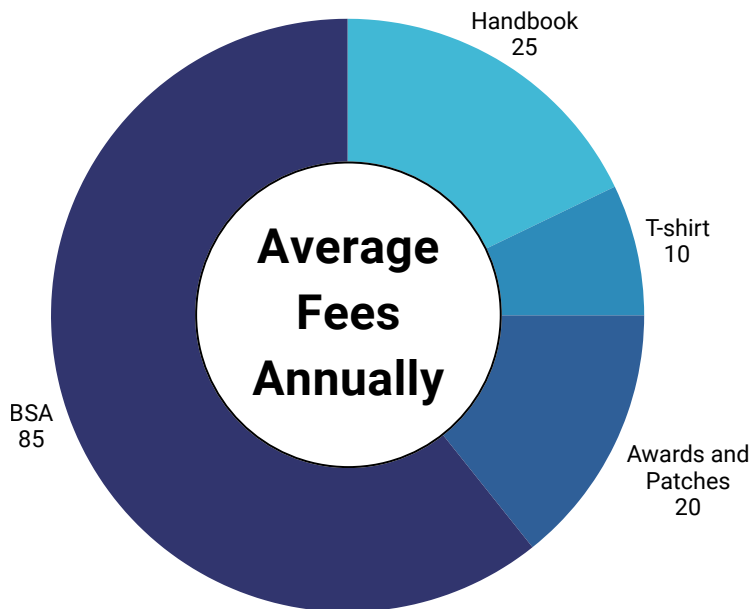
A **Pack** is all members from K-5th. Most meet for a whole pack meeting once a month. **Dens** are a group of scouts based on age/grade. Dens usually meet 2x monthly.

Advancement is one way the scouting program helps youth develop. In their **den meetings**, leaders will guide scouts through fun **adventures** from their den's handbooks. Scouts will need to complete **6 core adventures and 2 elective adventures** by the end of the school year to earn their rank.

At the monthly **Pack meetings**, scouts and leaders will share what they've been working on and receive the **adventure loops** to track their progress towards their rank.

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

The annual registration fee to join scouting is \$85. Some packs will have additional dues to cover the handbook (\$25), a t-shirt (\$10), and awards and patches earned throughout the year (\$20).



Major activities, den projects, and camps and outings may have separate costs. Most units try to keep these to \$15 or less each. Fundraising efforts like the ones held in the fall and spring, reduce the out-of-pocket expenses.

Questions?

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<https://prairielandsbsa.org/>

