



Guide to Pack 617

Welcome

Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 617! We are very excited to have your family and your Scout as members of Pack 617!

About Cub Scouting

What does your son learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games, and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your son will participate in are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life. Every activity is specially designed for your son's age, development, and personal needs. Here are just a few of the things your son will gain through Cub Scouting:

- A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of boys and caring adults.
- New social skills that will help him get along with others.
- Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
- A greater understanding of other people and the world around him.
- A system of values that will help him grow and make good decisions.
- A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
- The value of family by fostering quality family time to strengthen the bond between parent and child.
- Leadership skills through leading other boys.
- Citizenship by teaching him how to be a responsible member of his community.
- Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow. With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to “be prepared” to shape his own future. The best thing about it all is that you do, learn and experience the program along with your son, making it all the more special and valuable through your involvement in Scouting with him!

Important Notes

- 1. A Parent or guardian MUST be in attendance with each Tiger (1st grader) and Lion (Kindergarten) Scout at all Cub Scouting activities. A parent or guardian MUST attend all overnight activities with the exception of Webelos campouts.**
- 2. Alcohol is strictly prohibited at all Cub Scout functions.**

The Scouting Year

The Scouting Year officially runs from June 1st to May 31st, but doesn't usually begin in earnest until the beginning of the school year in August. Scouts are encouraged to earn their 'rank' between August and the Blue and Gold Banquet in late February/early March.

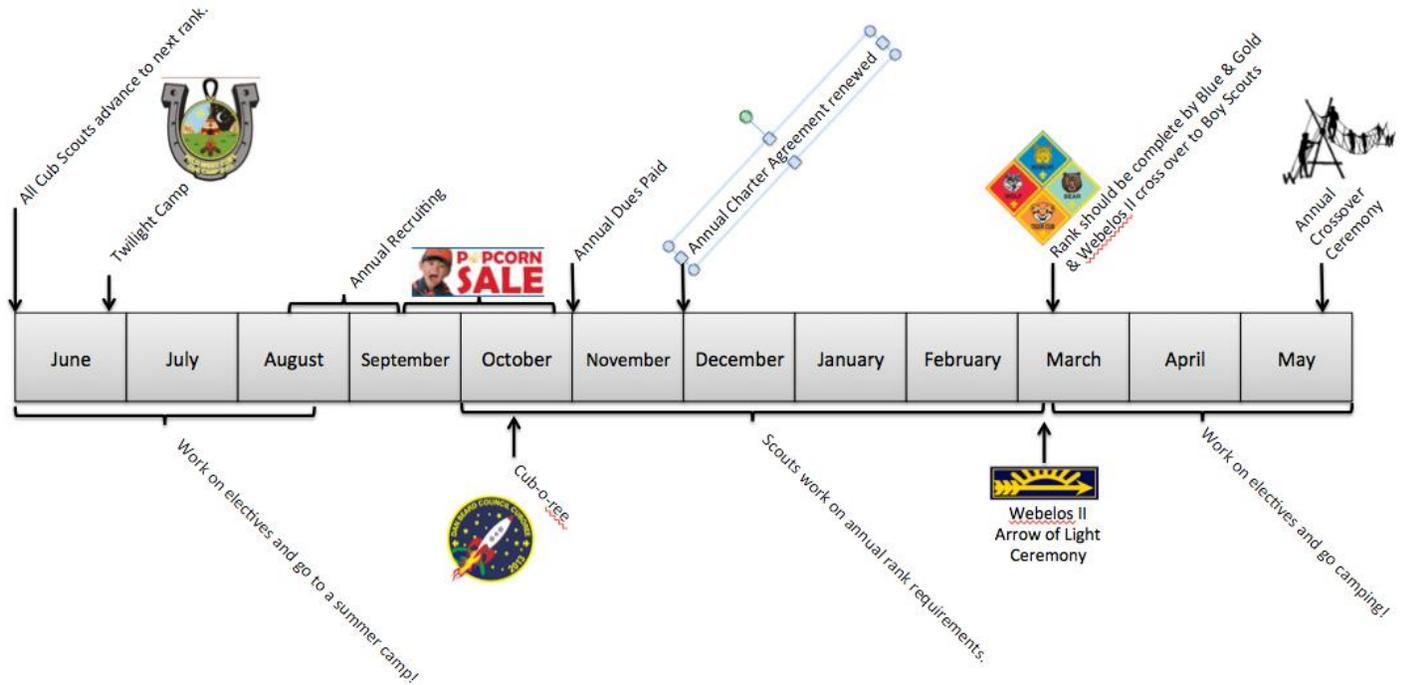


Figure 1- The Scouting Year with major events indicated.

The Cub Scout Trail

During the Scouting Year, each cub Scout is working toward earning the Rank Badge of his grade Level. Tiger Scouts earn the Tiger Badge, Bear Scouts earn the Bear Badge, etc. Webelos IIs work to earn the highest award in Cub Scouting: The Arrow of Light.



Figure 2- Logos of the Scouting Programs

The progression through ranks is as follows:

Rank	Tiger	Wolf	Bear	Webelos I	Webelos II	Boy Scouts
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6-12
Neckerchief	Orange	Yellow	Lt Blue	Plaid		Varies

Scouting's Organizational Structure

Cub Scouting is a part of Boy Scouts of America; a congressionally chartered youth service organization. Boy Scouts of America (BSA) includes Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Sea Scouts, Venturing and Police Explorers. Every Pack, Troop and Crew in BSA is a unit. The BSA organization is divided into regional Councils.

Dan Beard Council

Pack 617 is part of the Dan Beard Council. This organization is headquartered at the Scout Achievement Center located at 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241, and operates throughout southwestern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Each Council is divided into Districts. There are 66 Councils in the U.S.

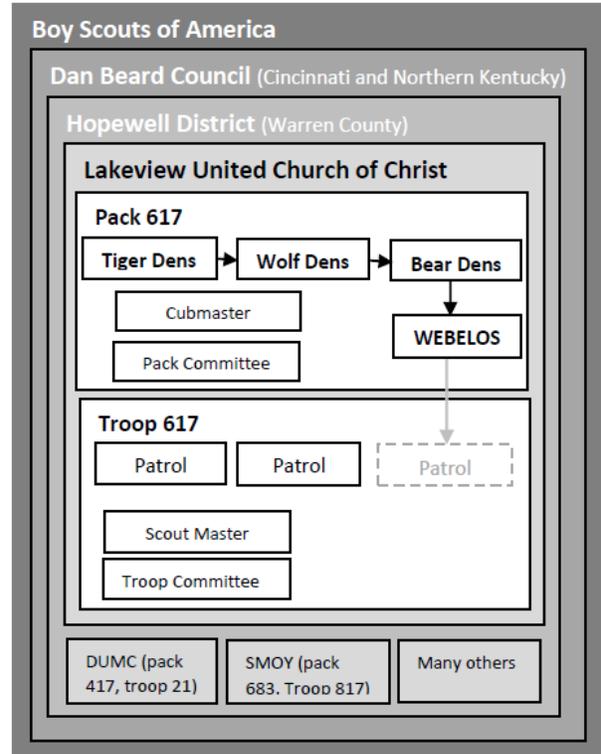


Figure 3- BSA/DBC/Hopewell/LUCC/P617 Relationship

Hopewell District

Hopewell District employs a small number of professional Scouters, called District Executives (DEs) to organize, recruit and assist the units. The DEs are assisted by volunteer District commissioners (DCs). District Commissioners are typically very experienced former Scout leaders who wish to continue to support Scouting after their own children have aged out. They are available to assist units when required.

Charter Organization

A Pack is an organization chartered by a School, Church, Library or other Community organization to serve youth in their geographical region. This Charter Organizations enters into an agreement with BSA to support its Pack in various ways such as providing meeting space, ensuring a quality program and other support items. Pack 617 is chartered by Lakeview United Church of Christ.

The Pack Committee

The Charter Organization selects a Pack Committee to operate and administer the Pack. The Charter Organization Representative (usually an employee or member of the Charter Organization) and the Committee Chairman select Pack Leaders for recommendation to the Charter Organization Head. The pack committee meets monthly and made up of adults (usually parents of boys in the pack) appointed by the chartered organization.

The Pack

A Pack is the name for the Cub Scout unit within BSA. A Boy Scout unit is called a Troop. A pack consists of several dens and meets at least once a month at a Pack Meeting and for other Pack or District events such as Derbies and Camp Outs.

The Cubmaster leads pack meetings, with Cub Scouts and their families in attendance. The pack meeting includes fun activities, as well as the presentation of awards that have been earned that month.

Dens

Each Scout is a member of a Den. A den consists of 6 to 10 boys of the same grade level who meet about once a week. A den leader (a Scout's parent) is in charge of activities, including games, crafts, songs and lots of fun. Parental involvement is key to success in Cub Scouts and each family should contribute to the overall success of their Scout's Den.

Dens are grouped by grade level. Pack 617 has at least one Den at each level.

- *Lions – Kindergarten*

Lions are a parent run den which gets Kindergarten boys into scouting for the first time.

- *Tigers – 1st grade*

Tiger is a fun program that introduces first grade boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouts as they "search, discover, and share" together.

- *Cub Scouts – 2nd and 3rd grades*

Cub Scouts are boys in second and third grades. Second grade boys work to earn their Wolf badge. Third grade boys work to earn their Bear badge.

- *Webelos – 4th and 5th grades*

Webelos stands for "WE'll BE Loyal Scouts", is a for fourth and fifth grade boys. Boys work on requirements for the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light (the highest rank in Cub Scouting). Camping, sports and outdoor activities are important parts of the Webelos program.

About Pack 617

Meeting Location

Pack 617 is chartered at Lakeview United Church of Christ (LUCC). The address is 8639 Columbia Rd. Maineville, OH 45039. Some Pack activities are held at Landen Park or other locations.

Lakeview has some rules they would like us to follow when the scouts use the Church for meetings.

- Please stay off the playground equipment. It's used by the preschool and they don't want anyone else on it.
- Please don't run around the worship area. Remember, this is a Church so please be respectful.

Den Meetings

Den Meetings are typically held 2-3 times per month. Den meetings are where Scouts will do most of the work on their badges, pins, beltloops and awards. Dens do crafts, play games and acquire new skills and knowledge. A Den leader organizes the Den Meetings with the Cubmaster and the families in the Den.

Pack Meetings

The Pack Meeting is generally the 3th Tuesday of each month at Lakeview United Church of Christ at 6:00 PM. The Cubmaster leads pack meetings, with Cub Scouts and their families in attendance. The pack meeting includes fun activities, as well as the presentation of awards that have been earned that month.

Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at Lakeview United Church of Christ. Refer to the most current pack calendar for exact dates, times and locations. All registered leaders should attend, as should any interested parents. Good Committee attendance and the organization resources and ideas that come with them are key to a quality Cub Scouting program!

Pack Events

Pack 617 is a very active Scouting unit that maintains a year round schedules of activities. See the annual Pack Calendar for specific dates and times. Many Pack activities occur every year, and others are done in unique situations as time and resources permit.

Pinewood Derby

Space Derby

Rain gutter Regatta

Kings High School Homecoming Parade

Spring Campout (at Fort Ancient or Cub World)

Pinewood Derby Overview

Official Pack 617 Rules for PINEWOOD DERBY are available on the pack [website](#).

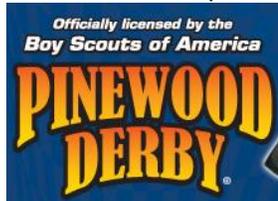
RACE FORMAT: Each car will race four times, once on each lane. All scoring will be done on the computer by our race MC, Mike Spowl. His decisions will be final.

RACE DIVISIONS & AWARDS: Divisions will be determined day of race grouping similar aged boys together. Normally one division per rank. The top 3 places in each division will be recognized. The overall pack winner will also be recognized. All participants will receive a patch. Divisions are only used for presenting awards. Siblings and friends will be scored in their own division, but do not receive awards.

PINEWOOD CAR DETAILS

New Car: The car must be constructed in the current school year by the Scout racing it with assistance from any Akela (parents, siblings, friends, relatives). This is an honor system. If you need help building a car, contact your den leader or cubmaster.

Body: The body in the official BSA Grand Prix Pinewood Derby Kit (The Kit) must be used. It can be shaped, hollowed out or built up as long as it meets all other specifications. Any additions to the body (driver, weights, etc) must be firmly attached. Official BSA preshaped kits can be purchased at the scout achievement center. Be careful with kits and parts from hobby stores or home improvement stores look for these on the packaging.



Front Design: The forward most part of the car must contact the starting pin, which extends 1 inch up from the center of the lane. Cars may not extend over or beyond the starting point.

Car Specifications. Width - 2 ¾ inches, Length - not to exceed 7 inches, Weight – not to exceed 5 Ounces (per the official scales at time of registration). The car width at the wheels may not be modified. They must be the same as the original kit.

Wheels: Wheels and nails must be as furnished in The Kit. No single axles, washers, bushings, rubber tubing, or springs allowed. Wheels may be sanded to remove the flashing only. No reduction in their width, diameter, or in their shape are allowed.

Axles: The precut axle slots must be used (making them square is allowed if needed). It must be obvious to the judges that the wheels and the nails from the kit are being used.

Lubricants: Graphite is the only approved lubricant!

Numbers: Car numbers will be assigned during registration and a label with this number will be affixed to the top of each car.

Other: Cars must freewheel with no stored energy or moveable weights.

Breakdowns: If a piece falls off a car after check-in, it will remain off the car for the rest of the derby. Any piece that falls off a car during racing will remain off the car for the rest of the event. Only exception is a part critical to make the car run (i.e. a wheel) which can be repaired without disrupting the racing. The race director may use his judgment in enforcing the rules.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will take place prior to race day. Cars will be officially weighed, measured and inspected for their compliance with the official rules. Should there be the need for any last minute adjustments, a worktable will be provided. Once your car has been registered and assigned a number your vehicle will be impounded by the Pinewood Derby officials and you will not be able to make adjustments to it.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Scouting encourages good sportsmanship. Remember it is all about having fun. Assist your Pack Leaders at emphasizing the fun of building a car and taking time to be with friends at the event.

District Events

In addition to events planned at the Pack level, District also sponsors several events throughout the year.

Cub-o-ree

Popcorn Fundraiser

Scouting for Food

Equipment and Supplies

Handbook

Each Scout had the option to buy a new Handbook for Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos (the Webelos book covers both years of the program) ranks. The Handbook contains all of the information required for the Scout to earn his rank Badge and various elective awards. Many of these requirements are completed at Den Meetings, while others are done at home or on other outings.

Uniform

For a cost breakdown, see below.

Class A Uniform

The Class A uniform is the uniform most identified with Scouting. Tiger, Wolf and Bear Scouts wear the navy blue uniform shirt and navy blue pants. Webelos can choose to wear the navy blue shirt/shorts combination or the khaki shirt/green pants combination. Leaders and Boy Scouts wear khaki shirt/green pants combination.

Neckerchief colors are orange for Tigers, yellow for Wolves, light blue for Bears and plaid for Webelos. Scouts that attend the annual crossover ceremony in May will be presented with the neckerchief for the next rank.

For safety and a neat appearance, Scouts should always wear closed toed shoes at all scouting functions.

Class A uniform parts:

- Official Scout Shirt
- Official Neckerchief (see above for colors)
- Any neckerchief slide
- Official Belt
- Closed toed shoes
- WEBELOS Colors

Required Patches:

- Dan Beard Council Shoulder Patch
- World Scouting Emblem (purple disk)
- Pack Numerals (617)

- Den Number Patch

Optional uniform parts:

- Official Cub Scout Pants
- Official Cub Scout Socks
- Official Cub Scout Hat

Class B uniform

Class Bs are light blue cotton T-shirts with the Pack 617 logo on the front. Scouts typically wear class B uniforms for very rigorous activities or when less formality is called for. Parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to purchase and wear class B uniforms at any Cub Scouting function. Class B shirts are bought or earned after popcorn sales are done for the year. If a scout sells over \$100 in popcorn he earns a shirt. Parents and scouts also have the option to buy a shirt for \$15 per shirt. Parents earn a shirt by participating in a scouting committee on a regular basis or being a den leader. At the beginning of the scouting year, last year's shirts are sold for \$10 a piece (new scouts first, then first come, first serve).

Where to buy

There are two options for purchasing Official Scouting Supplies: www.scoutstuff.org and the local Scout Shop located at the Scout Achievement Center at 10078 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241

Financial

The Cost of a year in Scouting is about the same as the cost of playing in a youth recreational sports league. The costs tend to be front loaded into a boys first year, primarily due to the cost of the uniform.

Check with the Scout Shop or www.scoutstuff.org for accurate and up to date pricing.

Individual Scout Accounts

Each Scout has an individual Scout Account that reflects the Scout's debits and credits with the Pack. Scouts can add money to their Scout Account (SA) by selling popcorn. The SA can be used to pay for certain Scouting related items.

SA balances zero out after paying dues the following year in October/November. If a Scout moves to a new Pack, their parents can request that their remaining SA balance move with them. A Scout that transitions from Webelos to Boy Scouts can likewise transfer his SA balance to his new Troop. Scouts that leave scouting altogether can expend their SA balance or opt to donate it to the Troop. Transfers or SA balances to other Scouting units is not automatic. The Scout's parent or guardian must make a request to the Pack 617 treasurer to get the balance transferred. Balance transfer checks will be made out to the new unit (Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop) along with a note from the treasurer stating the Scout's name, rank and balance. These items should be given to the treasurer of the new unit.

Individual Scout Accounts may only be used for scouting related activities as indicated in this paragraph. SA's may be used for annual dues, Pack activities such as campouts, items from the Dan Beard Scout Store and Scoutstuff.org, Den activities (such as a Den trip to the Aquarium, or special supplies) or Den dues, Dan Beard Council activities, camping or other outdoor gear from any retailer (REI, Bass Pro, Wal-mart, Target, etc.) such as tents, flashlights, compasses, sleeping bags. In all cases except Pack Dues and Pack activities, a receipt must be provided to the Pack treasurer for reimbursement.

Any unused and *untransferred* SA balance becomes a donation to Pack 617 on June 30th of the year following a Scouts last registration year. While the Scouting year runs from June 1 to May 31, a Scout's registration runs from Jan 1 to Dec. 31. For example, a Scout who joins in the Fall of 2013 will be registered for the full calendar year of 2014. If the Scout quits the program in May of 2014, his registration is still active until Dec. 31, 2014. He will be considered no longer a member of the Pack on January 1, 2015. If he has a remaining balance on July 1, 2015, that balance becomes a donation to the Pack. This means that a Scout has a minimum of six months after quitting Scouts to use his SA funds before they transfer to Pack 617.

Financial Assistance

The goal of Pack 617 is to provide a positive life experience for all young men. If participation in Scouting is a financial hardship for his family, they can request financial assistance. Financial assistance from Pack 617 comes in the form of reduced cost annual dues and activities. Families seeking financial assistance should make a written request to the Pack Committee Chair, Cubmaster or Treasurer.

Financial assistance requests will be reviewed by the Pack Committee Chair, Cubmaster and Treasurer. These three individuals will make an initial determination on behalf of the Pack if financial aid is warranted and if they agree it is, they will bring the request anonymously to the full Pack Committee for a final vote. The requestor's identity will only be known to the Pack Committee Chair, Cubmaster and Treasurer.

The Pack will not assume a request for financial assistance is perpetual. A new request must be made prior to recharter. The request period therefore will span from June 1 until one month before the dues deadline for that year, usually in October or November. Final Determinations of aid are at the discretion of the Pack Committee.

Additional financial assistance may be available from other organizations such as Dan Beard Council or our Charter Organization, Lakeview United Church of Christ.

While financial assistance is intended to make Scouting available to any young man who wishes to participate, one of the goals of Pack 617 is that the Scout learn to take some responsibility to earn his way in Scouting. To that end, a Scout that receives financial assistance should try to earn money for his SA through Pack and Council sponsored fundraisers. If a Scout requests financial assistance and he has money in his scout account from the previous year(s), the

committee will consider the situation and will expect a certain percentage of the scout account balance to be applied toward the dues for that year.

Costs

	First Year Cost	Later Years Cost
Pack Dues	\$80.00	\$80.00
Handbook	\$12.00	
Uniform Shirt	\$22.99	
Neckerchief	\$5.99*	
Neckerchief Slide	\$3.99	
Belt	\$7.99	
Uniform Patches		
Council Shoulder Patch	\$2.50	
World Scouting Emblem	\$1.49	
Pack Numerals	\$2.25	
Den Number	\$1.49	
Total Cost of Uniform	\$55.68	

* Pack 617 supplies neckerchiefs for Scouts that attend the annual 'Cross Over' ceremony in May and handbooks in the fall at the beginning of the school year for scouts that are continuing with the pack.

Uniform costs from www.ScoutStuff.org – All costs subject to change.

Fundraising

BSA National Fundraisers

Popcorn

Trails End popcorn is the major fundraiser for BSA each year. The sales price of the items are divided three ways between the manufacturer, Dan Beard Council and Pack 617.

Popcorn is sold via two primary methods: Take Orders and Show and Sells (aka "Store Sales").

For Take Orders, Scouts are given a sales brochure and go door to door in their neighborhood, or parents can 'take' the form to work.

For Show and sells, Scouts sign up for a time slot at a local store arranged by the Pack 617 Popcorn Colonel and sell popcorn to shoppers, typically as they exit the store. For Show and Sells, popcorn product is on hand.

New scouts will be required to sell \$300 worth of popcorn or pay \$40 to the pack in addition to the \$80 yearly fee. This is because the scouting financial year doesn't start until January so for new scouts, they need to make up the ½ year difference. Future years are then covered by their \$80 yearly dues only.

If a new scout sells \$300 worth of popcorn, the \$40 will be used from their scout account, anything they earn over that will stay in their account. In that scenario, since the new scout sold \$300 worth of popcorn, they also get the free Class B shirt for the year and any other prizes that come with selling that amount. To put that dollar amount into perspective, a scout could easily earn that by volunteering three, hour long time blocks to staff a popcorn table in a store. **Exception to this requirement: Lions and existing scouts are not required to pay the additional \$40 or \$300 worth of popcorn.**

Volunteering:

Pack 617 is always in need of new leaders. Parents of Scouts filling various positions usually take their volunteer efforts with their Scouts to Boy Scouts when the boy moves up. Additionally, every event on the Pack Calendar needs the special attention of a dedicated Event Chair. Please contact a Pack Leader if you can help.

Starting the 2018-2019 scouting year, we will be asking all new adults to scouting to attend all committee meetings so they learn how the pack works and are welcome to volunteer for any open positions or events.

Becoming a Leader:

To become a leader in Cub Scouts, you must complete a BSA Adult Application. This application includes a list of references to be checked by the Pack Committee as well as submits you to a BSA Background Check.

ALL LEADERS MUST COMPLETE YOUTH PROTECION TRAINING BEFORE THEIR APPLICATION CAN BE SUBMITTED BY THE PACK.

Training

Each Leadership position has specific training requirements. Much of the training is available online. The Pack Trainer will coordinate and track the training of leaders.

Each Leader must complete, at a minimum, the following training:

- Youth Protection Training (every two years)
- This is Scouting (once)
- New Leader Essentials (once)
- Position Specific Training (once for each leadership position)

Current Pack Leadership

Committee

Position		
Charter Org. Head	Pastor Todd	
Charter Org. Rep.	Steve Freidhoff	
Pack Committee Chair	Paul Gubanich	Needed
Asst. Committee Chair	Needed	
Secretary	Needed	
Treasurer	Kyle Ryes	
Popcorn Colonel	Sally Skerl	
Advancement Chair	Needed	
Webmaster/Public Relations	Kat Sparks	
Outings/Camping Chair	Chad Toennis	Needed
Membership/Registration Chair	Tanya Hoeting	
Pack Trainer	John Skerl	
Public Relations	Needed	
Webelos to Scout Transition	Bill Lawrence	Needed
Scout Accounts	Kyle Ryes	
Race Coordinator	Eric Watkins	Needed
Blue & Gold Coordinator	Needed	Needed
Cubmaster	Chad Toennis	
Asst. Cubmaster	Needed	
Service Project Coordinator	Needed	
Recruitment Coordinator	John Skerl	

Den Leadership

Den #	Den 11	Den 5	Den 7	Den1b	Den 1a	Den 4	Den 2
Rank	Lions	Tigers	Wolves	Bears	Bears	Webelos	AOL
Leader		Jason Harvey	Alisha Flaherty	Chad Toennis	Kyle Reyes	Ashley Biggs	Bill Lawrence
Asst. Leader							Kyle Reyes