



# PACK 23 CUB SCOUTS

Chartered by Hamagrael Elementary PTA

◆ Delmar, New York 12054 ◆

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## Cub Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America began Cub Scouting as a program for younger boys more than 70 years ago. The purpose of Cub Scouting is to provide an educational program for boys to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills and provide fun and exciting new things to do.

### Dens

Groups of 4 to 10 boys meet together as a Den. Each den is led by a Den Leader and is assisted by parents. Dens are organized by age groups.

### Pack

Pack 23 meets monthly and for special activities. Pack Meetings are generally held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the school cafeteria. The meeting gives the boys a chance to demonstrate and or work on skills and receive awards they've earned. Although we don't expect every boy to attend every function, we encourage him to be as active as he (and his parent/adult partner) wants to be. The entire family is welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings and activities.

### Levels

Cub Scouting is organized by advancement levels that align with school year and age groups, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Tiger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Wolf
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Bear
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Webelos - 1<sup>st</sup> Year
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Webelos - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

### Advancement

Cub Scouts follow a program outlined in the scout handbook designed for each grade level. As each task is accomplished, the adult partner or scout leader will sign off on the item in the scout's handbook. Upon completion of all basic requirements, the scout will be awarded a patch symbolizing his achievement.

Academics & Sports is a program within Cub Scouting. Generally, each sport or academic subject has two levels of involvement. At the first level, a scout learns about the activity then takes part in the sport or academic subject in practice or play. Once he has done these two steps of learning and participating, he is awarded the Academics or Sports belt loop. At the second level, a scout may continue with extensive participation in the activity and earn an Academics or Sports pin.

In the spring of their final year of Cub Scouts, eligible 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Webelos will earn the Arrow of Light award, which is the highest achievement in Cub Scouting. Upon completion of all requirements, these scouts will cross-over to Boy Scouts.

## **Parent Responsibilities**

Parents or adult partners agree to support their scout in the following ways:

1. Assist him in attending Den meeting and Pack activities;
2. Work with him to complete achievements for his rank award;
3. Support his Den Leader as needed;
4. Agree to volunteer in Den and/or Pack activities as called upon;
5. Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership with regard to Pack or Den programming.

## **Fundraising**

Pack 23 participates in an annual fundraiser by selling *Trails End Gourmet Popcorn* in the fall. Funds raised from these activities go to support Pack program expenses. This is the only fundraising event the Pack participates in.

## **Volunteer Committees**

Pack 23 has a number of Committees which consist of parent volunteers who manage specific programs. Cub Scout Packs don't exist without volunteers!

## **Registration**

Registration for membership in Pack 23 is \$50.00 for each boy in the Pack. The registration fee pays for registration with the Boy Scouts of America, unit insurance, an annual subscription to *Boys Life* magazine, Scout Handbook, name pin and helps to pay for the awards and supplies for each boy. Boys must complete a registration form for the Boy Scouts of America. Parents are also asked to complete a parent volunteer registration form providing contact information to the Pack and Den Leaders.

## **Financial Aid**

Should the registration fees or any costs become a problem for your family, please contact the Cub Master. Scholarships are available and all requests will remain confidential.

## **Uniforms**

Scouts are required to wear the Cub Scout shirt, neckerchief, slide and cap for their scout level. Belts, uniform pants, etc. are optional. The scout shirt also serves as a way to display their awards. Scout shirts along with other scouting merchandise can be purchased at the Scout Shop located in the offices of the Twin Rivers Council (253 Washington Avenue Extension).

## **Council and District Activities**

Several yearly events are scheduled by the Twin Rivers Council and/or the Fort Orange District, where Pack 23 is chartered. Summer Day Camp, Cub Scout Pinewood Derby,

## **Blue & Gold Banquet**

At the end of each Scout year (May/June), Pack 23 hosts a Blue & Gold Banquet as a celebration of achievements earned over the year.

## **How to Join**

1. Complete an application.
2. Pay the annual registration fee of \$50.00 (Checks made payable to 'Pack 23')
3. Contact the Den Leader, who will be indicated to you at some point in the near future (the Den Leader will also attempt to contact you).
4. Obtain a Scout Handbook and neckerchief from your Den Leader or Packmaster. Purchase the remaining uniform elements from the Twin Rivers Council Scout Store located at 253 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany. Phone: 869-6436
5. Attend the next Den and Pack meeting- sometime in September.

## **Questions**

Please contact Pack 23 at [info@pack23cubscouts.com](mailto:info@pack23cubscouts.com) or Andy Baker, Cubmaster, at (518) 475-0273 or [abaker8@nycap.rr.com](mailto:abaker8@nycap.rr.com).