

Cub Scouts



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WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the nation's largest (over 3 million members) and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character.

The Cub Scouts is the co-ed arm of BSA for youth ages 5 to 10, grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. (Scouts BSA has both girl troops and boy troops for youth 11-17 years of age.) Cub Scouting is family focused.

CUB SCOUTING PURPOSE

There are 9 purposes to Cub Scouting:

- Positively influence character development and encourage spiritual growth
- Help youth develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- Encourage growing strong in mind and body
- Improve their ability to constructively participate in a team/group/family
- Strengthen boys/girls ability to get along with others and respect other people
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by helping grow new interests and skills
- Show how to be helpful and to do one's best
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do
- Prepare boys & girls to advance in Scouting

CUB SCOUTING'S ORGANIZATION

Globally the Scouts BSA is broken down regionally into over 250 Councils, which are broken down into Districts, which are made up of Packs which service the local communities.

Pack 101 belongs to:

- **Hawk Mountain Council #528**, Berks and Schuylkill Counties
- **Frontier District**, covering the eastern half of Berks County
- **Pack 101, Kutztown** services mainly the Kutztown Area School District but also welcomes scouts from the surrounding area.

THE PACK'S ORGANIZATION

The Cub Scouts organize boys/girls according to age into Dens. Pack 101 has currently has 6 den levels.

The **Dens** are:

- Lion: Kindergarten
- Tiger: 1st Grade
- Wolf: 2nd Grade
- Bear: 3rd Grade
- Webelos I: 4th Grade
- Webelos II: 5th Grade

Except for Lions, the first rank earned by any Cub Scout, no matter which grade they begin scouting in is the Bobcat Rank. After earning the Bobcat Rank a scout will work towards the appropriate rank of his/her grade.

REGISTRATION

A Cub Scout Youth Application is required to be completed for all boys/girls joining Cub Scouts. Prorated dues are due at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to "**Pack 101, Kutztown**". Annual Pack dues are due in February of each year and are currently \$110/year (prorated for September New Joins to \$88). Our pack is proud to have some of the lowest dues in the council.

The dues cover the national registration fee, insurance coverage, a subscription to BoysLife magazine, and funds the den's activity fund and the one-time registration fee. The pack provides one Class B t-shirt, and each year a Scout handbook and neckerchief & slide for the proper grade.



THE UNIFORM

The Cub Scout uniform consists of the uniform shirt, a neckerchief & slide (called “*Class A*”). Alternately, at certain functions the Pack T-shirt (called “*Class B*”) may be designated for wear.

- “**Class A**” – the uniform shirt for Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos is the Blue shirt (Webelos II have the option of wearing the tan shirt)
- “**Class B**” – is a t-shirt with our pack logo on it. One per scout is provided by the pack.
- **Lions** – instead of a Class A shirt Lions wear a Lion T-Shirt

While parents/guardians’ are responsible for purchasing the Class-A shirt and Lion T-shirt, most patches, the neckerchief/slide, advancement awards and Class-B shirts are provided by the Pack to the scout. Additional items for wear are available for purchase and may be worn by scouts but are optional and are not required (belt, shorts, pants, socks, hat).

WHERE TO GET UNIFORMS

- **Hawk Mountain Council, Beaver Family Service Center**
 - 5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading PA
 - (610) 926-3406
 - MWRF 9-5p, T 9-7p, SS Closed
- **Minsi Trails Council Scout Shop**
 - 91 Postal Rd, Allentown, PA
 - (610) 264-8551
 - MTWF 9-5p, R 9-7p, SS Closed
- **Scout Shop** – Online Retailer of BSA
 - <https://www.scoutshop.org/>



THE SCOUT HANDBOOK

Each rank in the Cub Scouts has its own handbook that is provided by the pack and will be distributed at the first den meeting. The handbook lists the requirements for the rank. Chapters discuss the activities and information associated with each requirement and provide parents tips on how to help cubs complete them.

As a den you will work through the required sections for rank advancement and some electives. Parents are encouraged work on electives that interest their cubs outside of the regularly scheduled meetings. The handbook also serves as the official record to track scouts individual achievements..

MEETINGS

The Pack generally organizes one activity a month. Depending on the activity the location and day of the month will vary.

Each Den typically holds their own meetings or outings 2-3 per month. Dens meet on differing schedules that best accommodate the scouts in their den.

Meeting locations generally are at the “Rec Hall” located behind St John’s Lutheran Church on the corner of North Maple and East Walnut Streets in Kutztown unless an alternate location is arranged.

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers are an important part of Cub Scouting. They fund the pack’s annual budget to buy the awards the cub scouts earn, uniform parts and patches, handbooks, subsidize the

pack activities, and provide resources for Den Leaders to run quality programs. Additionally a portion of every fundraiser a scout participates in funds a scout’s individual account which is maintained within the pack. Funds accrued in a scouts individual account can be used for uniforms, equipment, annual dues, summer camp fees, etc... We do only 2-3 fundraisers per year. We ask everyone to maximize participation in our annual wreath sale in November as it is our main fundraiser.

Our fundraisers enable families to minimize the out of pocket expenses for program participation. Families that participate at a high level can easily pay for all the yearly expenses just from fundraising.

PACK LEADERSHIP

The Pack is run entirely by volunteers and family members like you. All of our leaders genuinely believe in the benefits the organization provides to our community’s youth and are here to support your child.

The Pack is run by a Pack Committee, consisting of a Chairman, Treasurer, Pack Communicator and members. They set the annual calendar, supervise fiscal matters and oversee the pack leadership.

The Cubmaster oversees the pack and coordinates with the Den Leaders to provide resources and assistance. The Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders directly interact with the youth and guide them through activities working towards their next rank. Lions and Tigers are required to be accompanied by a Partner, normally a parent or guardian.

Beyond these formal positions there is always a need for adult helping hands, drivers, etc... *We hope that you will take an active roll in providing whatever assistance you can, because without the volunteer leaders and helpers the pack would cease to exist.*