

# Cub Scouts



## Pack 101, Kutztown

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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 part of BSA for youth ages 5 to 10, grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and is open to both boys and girls and is designed to be very family friendly. (Scouts BSA is for youth 11-17 years of age and has both boy and girl troops.)

### 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Wolf: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Bear: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Webelos I: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Webelos II: 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Annual dues or fees are collected at the time of registration and are for one year. If you sign up with a paper application a check made out to "**Pack 101, Kutztown**" should be attached. If you are completing the application online via [beascout.org](http://beascout.org) you may pay by credit card. The 2023 Annual Fees are \$155 for a new youth registering and \$130 for a returning cub scout. (\$80 National Dues, \$50 Council Service Fee, \$25 New Scout Fee As Applicable). Optional is the Scout Life Magazine of 12 issues for \$15 (recommended for Wolf-Webelos).

These fees cover administrative costs nationally, the insurance and other operating costs. The pack funds itself annually with two fundraisers which provide activity funds for each den, the awards your scout will earn, subsidizes certain activities and provides one "Class B" t-shirt, appropriate patches for "Class A" shirt. Additionally, each year the pack provides an appropriate Scout handbook, neckerchief & neckerchief slide for use during the year.



## **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 pictured above (Webelos II have the option of wearing the tan shirt)
- **“Class B”** – is a green 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 pictured above and this is both their class A & B.

While parents/guardians’ are responsible for purchasing the Class-A 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 to two activities a month. Depending on the activity the location and day of the month will vary.

Each Den 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 a fall and a spring fundraisers per year. We ask everyone to participate 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 believe in the benefits the organization provides to our community’s youth and are committed 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 the den and pack programs/activities. The Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders lead the den program which is focused on the requirements to earn scouts’ current rank. Parents are encouraged to help the Den Leaders as they are able. Lions and Tigers are required to be accompanied by a Partner, normally a parent or guardian at their meetings.

***We hope that you will take an active roll in providing whatever assistance you can, because without the volunteer leaders and help of parents the pack would cease to function. – Welcome to Pack 101!***