

Super Secret Pack 303 Funbook



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“The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it.”
Lord Baden Powell

Introduction

In 1981 I was 16 and a member of the Senior Patrol in Troop 159 chartered to St. Simons Episcopal church out of Arlington Heights Illinois. On a fall campout, during a 10 mile hike, my colleagues and I, all members of the Senior Patrol, the patrol which was supposed to set the example for the younger boys, decided to sort of fade into the background and sit out a four mile loop of the hike changing the 10 mile hike into a (we thought) much more reasonable 6 mile hike.

We didn't run this decision past our adults...We just sort of did it.

We figured that if we could fade out, we could just sort of fade back in when the rest of the troop caught up with us – if we just found the right spot on the trail. We spent considerable time looking for just the right spot and ended up in a big argument which I won. We sat in the shade of a big oak tree on the reverse slope of a hill and waited for the troop to return.

Everything went pretty much according to plan. The troop eventually came past our hiding spot and we watched them from just under the crest of the hill – first the boys, then the leaders, then our turn to slink down the hill and “rejoin” the hike. Everything was perfect until...

I can still hear Brad Schulman's voice as he yelled, “Hey! I found the seniors!”

The trail went around the hill. We hadn't checked that.

I still remember the talking-to we got from Mr. Prochaska, our scoutmaster. He said, “You let the troop down. The younger boys look up to you. Don't ever do anything like that again.”

And you know what? We didn't.

About now you are probably wondering why I chose to tell this story in the introduction of a pack informational booklet. Well, here it is...

Scouting provides boys with opportunities to serve, to lead, to play, to grow, and to screw up – all in a supervised and (age appropriate) safe environment. Scouts learn from all these opportunities – which is why scouting can be a very valuable part of a young man's life.

I hope this booklet is helpful and I hope the activities we've planned this year give all our boys the opportunity to grow, mature, learn and have fun. Contact me with questions.

Jim Walker Co-Cubmaster Pack 303

Just the Facts

Organization Name: Cub Scout Pack 303 (Boy Scouts of America)

Chartering Organization American Legion (Chanhassen)

Membership Boys 1st grade through 5th grade (inclusive) generally students at Chanhassen Elementary although this is NOT a requirement, and their adult leaders.

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Purposes and Methods of Cub Scouting

Purposes of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting is a year-round family-oriented part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program designed for boys who are in first through fifth grades (or are 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the 10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

The Methods of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting uses seven specific methods to achieve Scouting's aims of helping boys and young adults build character, train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness. These methods are incorporated into all aspects of the program. Through these methods, Cub Scouting happens in the lives of boys and their families.

1. The Ideals

The Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Tiger Cub motto and Promise, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.

2. The Den

Boys like to belong to a group. The den is the place where boys learn new skills and develop interests in new things. They have fun in den meetings, during indoor and outdoor activities, and on field trips. As part of a small group of six to eight boys, they are able to learn sportsmanship and good citizenship. They learn how to get along with others. They learn how to do their best, not just for themselves but also for the den.

3. Advancement

Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.

4. Family Involvement

Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting. When we speak of parents or families, we are not referring to any particular family structure. Some boys live with two parents, some live with one parent, some have foster parents, and some live with other relatives or guardians. Whoever a boy calls his family is his family in Cub Scouting.

5. Activities

In Cub Scouting, boys participate in a wide variety of den and pack activities, such as games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, and trips. Also, the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program and Cub Scouting's BSA Family program include activities that encourage personal achievement and family involvement.

6. Home and Neighborhood Centered

Cub Scouting meetings and activities happen in urban areas, in rural communities, in large cities, in small towns—wherever boys live.

7. The Uniform

The Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout uniforms help build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the uniform to all den and pack meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.

Taken from the scouting website:

<http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/AboutCubScouts/pandm.aspx>

“There is no teaching to compare with example.” Lord Baden Powell

Uniform

In Pack 303 the cub scout uniform consists of a shirt, neckerchief, slide, shoulder loops (on the khaki shirt only), and belt, all available at the council scout shops (see appendix 1 for maps and hours).

Tiger cubs, Wolf cubs, Bear cubs and first year Webelos wear the blue cub scout shirt. First year Webelos and second year Webelos wear the khaki cub scout shirt.

Notice the overlap? First year Webelos can wear either color. Generally the growth rate of the cub scout is the deciding factor (if the blue shirt gets too small, its time to move on to the khaki). After a first year Webelos becomes a second year Webelos (at the Blue and Gold celebration in February), he must switch to the khaki uniform shirt (and get blue shoulder loops).

When you purchase the uniform shirt you also need to get several patches. The easiest way to get the right patches is to look helpless in the scout shop. You could also use the list below:

Council strip	→	Northern Star Council	Top left shoulder
Pack numerals	→	303	Left shoulder below the council strip
Den Number	→	_____	Right shoulder below the American flag
World Crest	→	There is only one	Left front 2 inches above the pocket
Shoulder loops	→	Blue	On the shoulder loop Holders (khaki shirt only)

As your son advances in rank and participates in various events, the shirt will fill up. Indeed, eventually your cub will have more patches than he is allowed to put on his shirt. There are a few traditional solutions to this problem.

- The red patch vest (available at the scout shop).
- A patch blanket (Just an old blanket to put patches on).
- A sack in a drawer (my personal favorite).

If you like to sew then the prospect of attaching patches is a happy one. If you do not, many places which perform clothing alterations will also attach patches for a very reasonable rate. For everyone else there is badge magic – a product available at the scout shops which makes all patches iron-on.

Do not buy a neckerchief. The pack likes to present them in a ceremony. Buy an official slide if you'd like but a piece of PVC pipe or a sister's hair scrunchie works as well and you will not be out \$4 when it falls off – which it will.

Please do not ever tie a neckerchief around your cub's head. It is a safety hazard. Please do buy a belt. Some awards slide onto the belt and then clink in a very satisfying manner.

If you cannot afford to purchase uniform materials please contact the Pack Committee Chair. Scholarships can be arranged.

Some pack and den activities are full uniform events – like most pack meetings. Others are uniform shirt events (no neckerchief needed). Still others are field uniform events – where a scouting T-shirt is acceptable. See the Pack calendar to know what to wear when. Dens should decide on their own what the boys should wear to den events, but remember – the uniform is one of the methods by which scouting achieves its purposes.

Camps, the scout shops and the pack have T-shirts for sale. Contact a Co-Cubmaster for more information.

Information on patch placement is available at the website below:

<http://www.geocities.com/cybercubber/cubinsignia.html>

Pack Structure (Boys)

Cub scouting operates on two organizational levels. The primary level of organization for boys is the Den – a small group of boys the same age (and/or grade or rank) who meet together about two to four times a month (perhaps less when school is out) for perhaps 45 to 90 minutes.

Cub scouts complete at least some of their rank requirements at den meetings. Rank requirements are available in the cub scout handbooks (there is a different one for each grade level), which the pack provides.

The location, time and program for den activities is agreed upon by the members of the den as facilitated by the den leader. The den leader is the adult who ultimately takes responsibility for the den and its program. Because the den is a small group and scheduling is flexible, it is pretty important that each cub attends each den event.

Pack 303 has a strong tradition of using co-leaders. Many dens also ask that each family plan and execute at least one den meeting a year. The pack provides each den with \$10 per boy per year to help defray den expenses.

Tiger cubs attend all scouting functions with their adult partners. This requirement is relaxed for older cubs although adults often accompany their cub to everything. Generally there is a way for siblings to participate as well.

All cub scout functions must have a minimum of 2 adults present.

The second level of organization is the pack. The pack consists of dens of various grade levels bound together (in our case, more or less) by attendance at Chanhassen Elementary School. Cub scouts range in age from first grade to fifth grade. The mix of boys make pack events a unique opportunity for older boys to lead and younger boys to learn.

Pack meetings and activities are scheduled at the annual Pack planning meeting. The fruit of this labor is annual pack schedule which can be found towards the end of this booklet.

All family members are welcome to attend and participate at almost all pack events (exceptions are rare and are listed in the annual pack schedule).

Some cub scouts attend every pack event. Others do not because of scheduling conflicts. Pack events are designed to be fun and to meet one or more of the purposes of scouting. Furthermore, like anything, the more events your boy attends, the more fun it will be for him – and you too.

“See things from the boy's point of view.” Lord Baden Powel

Pack Structure (Adults)

The pack structure for adults is a good deal less complicated. Den leaders take care of their dens autonomously (although the pack trainer will provide support as needed). Training for den leaders is available online and at training workshops. Program materials are also available at the training workshops.

Online training and upcoming workshops can be found on the council website under the training menu. The link below should get you where you need to go.

<http://training.nsbsa.org/NewLeaders.aspx>

Click on choose a program – our program is cub scouting and then proceed from there by answering the prompts.

The Pack Committee is a group of adults who interact with the local scout district and council. The Pack Committee is ultimately responsible for developing and executing the Pack's program, solving problems when they arise, and helping dens as needed. The Pack Committee keeps the pack's paperwork and make sure the pack meets its obligations. Ultimately, while the Cubmaster gets the glory, the Pack Committee ensures the smooth operation of the Pack.

The Pack Committee hosts pack planning meetings on a monthly basis. Den Leaders (or another den representative) should attend these meetings.

Structure Beyond the Pack

Of course, the structure goes on and on. In scouting, geographical areas are broken into districts. We are part of the Lake Minnetonka District. Districts are served by a paid staff member called a district executive. Our district executive is Patti Czech. In addition, our pack is served by a commissioner – a volunteer with significant scouting experience named Bob Snyder. Districts are grouped into councils. We are part of the Northern Star Council – which extends from part of Wisconsin to the border of South Dakota.

Is there more structure? Yup. This is enough for a start. It ends with the world wide Boy Scouts organization.

“In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed.”
Lord Baden Powel

“A boy is naturally full of humor.” Lord Baden Powel

“In all of this, it is the spirit that matters. Our Scout law and Promise, when we really put them into practice, take away all occasion for wars and strife among nations.” Lord Baden Powel

Ranks and Awards

Cub scout groupings and cub scout ranks are a little confusing because we use the same words to mean different things. Observe:

A scout in first grade is a	Tiger cub.	He works on the	Tiger badge.
A scout in second grade is a	Wolf cub.	He works on the	Wolf badge.
A scout in third grade is a	Bear cub.	He works on the	Bear badge.

A scout in fourth or fifth grade is a	Webelos scout.
He works on the	Webelos badge and/or the Arrow of Light Award.

All scouts in the pack must complete the **Bobcat badge** before any other rank badge. Scouts are never called bobcat cubs however.

Finally, Webelos are cub scouts even though their age group is called Webelos scouts...ahhh heck. Just know that when the Cubmaster says, "Hey Cubs!" he means all the registered cub scouts in earshot. For the record, when the Cubmaster says, "Hey Cubs!" *she* also means all the register cubs in earshot. All adult positions in the Pack are open to both females and males.

The Arrow of Light award is a pretty big deal. It is the only award unique to Cub Scouts that transfers to the Boy Scout uniform.

After a Tiger cub has completed the requirements for the tiger badge, he can work on elective beads for his tiger paw patch.

After a Wolf or Bear cub has finished the requirements for his rank badge, he can work on electives to earn supplementary arrow points.

After a Webelos has completed the Arrow of Light, he can continue to work on activity pins to earn the Super Achiever Award. He can also earn the Super Achiever Award without the Arrow of Light award but both dens and the pack tend to create program which emphasizes the Arrow of Light award.

There are lots more awards that dens can work on as well...

"The good turn will educate the boy out of the groove of selfishness."
Lord Baden Powel

"Cub scouting is like everything else. The more you put into it, the more you get out of it." Steve Noble

Other Awards

Note: A list many of these and other awards are also available on the Pack website. I love the pack website. Its on my list of "favorites."

Academic and Sports Awards.

The cub scout academic and sports awards can be earned for a wide variety of activities, from map and compass to marbles and from soccer to astronomy. These awards come in two levels. The belt loop award is earned first and usually takes about an hour. The pin award is earned for greater knowledge and proficiency and usually takes a couple of hours. Requirement lists for these awards are available in your den vat or on the council website..

Religious Awards.

Religious awards are available for a most religions and faith traditions. These awards are generally worked on individually. Religious award workbooks are available at the scout shop locations. These awards are often excellent tools for deepening a cub's knowledge of his religion and his faith experience. The "knot" patch for a religious award can be worn by any age level scout (including adult) once it is earned.

The Leave No Trace Award

The leave no trace award can be earned at any age level. Requirements are in the cub scout handbook.

The World Conservation Award

The World Conservation Award can be earned by wolf or older cubs. A list of requirements is available on the council website

The National Summertime Award

This award can be earned by the pack (Pack 303 always earns it) the den or by the boy by attending one scouting related event in June, one in July and one in August. Please let the Cubmaster know if you or your den (50% of the members participate each month) qualify by the middle of August.

The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

This award can be eared at any cub scout level. The requirements are age appropriate and available on the council website. This award can be earned multiple times.

The Cub Scout Diversity Award.

This award can be earned at any cub scout level. The requirements are available at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Forms/NSC/DiversityAwardRequirements.pdf>

Are there more? You betcha! But this is enough to get started.

Packmaster Tracking Software

By now you may begin to have an idea that there is a lot of paperwork and tracking involved in scouting. Indeed, this used to involve a lot of work and every scouting unit lived in perpetual terror that their records would be lost in a house fire and no-one would know anything.

Luckily, the internet was invented, closely followed by packmaster.

A volunteer from each Den has packmaster software installed on his or her PC and is trained in its use (which takes about 20 minutes). On a monthly basis, that volunteer updates what the den has accomplished and exports that information to the Pack packmaster volunteer. Packmaster automatically figures out what awards have been earned by who, and then a cubmaster merrily takes the shopping list to a scout store and then spends about 90 minutes signing cards and sorting awards so they can be presented at a pack meeting.

It is GREAT!

If you are willing to be the packmaster guru for your Den please let your Den Leader know.

Camp and Camping

A big part of scouting is outing – camping and hiking. As a Pack, we camp once a year – in May at a local regional park.

We also participate in council summer residence camps definitely at the Webelos level but reaching lower if there is interest.

Dens are also welcome to camp out together.

For a campout to be “official” there must be at least one BALOO trained adult present the entire time, a trip permit must be completed, and the Cub Scout camping rules must be followed. While none of these requirements are particularly odious, some Dens choose to go on family campouts (where families take responsibility for their children). If your Den goes camping and follows all the Boy Scout requirements then the entire event will be covered by the legendary Boy Scout insurance policy. Family campouts which do not adhere to all of the Boy Scout requirements are not so covered. This generally is not a problem, but it does need to be clear to all the participants.

“It always rains on tents. Rainstorms will travel thousands of miles, against prevailing winds for the opportunity to rain on a tent.” Dave Barry

Scouting Websites

Pack 303 Website: <http://cubscoutpack303.org>

Includes upcoming events, contact information unique to our pack.

Lake Minnetonka District <http://www.lakeminnetonkadistrict.org>

Includes district events and upcoming adult training opportunities.

Northern Star Council <http://www.northernstarbsa.org>

Includes council contact information, scout shop locations, and camping program information.

Council Camping Reservation System <http://www.goscouting.org>
Username: jwalker Password pack3303

This website will allow you to check the date and number of open slots for a particular session of a particular camp. With a password, you can also use this site to make reservations for the pack or den. Contact a Cubmaster if you would like to set up an account.

BSA National Website <http://www.scouting.org>

Good source for general information regarding scouting.

There are lots of other scouting websites put together by “normal” human beings who have an interest in scouting. A quick Google search will help you find tens of thousands of them. Kathy Olmsted, Pack Committee member, Den Leader and former Pack Committee Chair, who knows more about Cub Scouting than any 10 Pack adults (that’s a compliment Kathy) recommends the following site done by a local scouter:

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com>

Adult training and Adult Awards

Nobody has their son join cub scouts so that they can create a pretty uniform for themselves. On the other hand, recognition is available for exemplary service to the pack or a den. Requirements for various Cub Scouter awards can be found in your den vat.

The online Cub Scout training opportunities are quick and convenient. All Den leaders and Pack leaders must complete the youth protection training. The fast start training for various offices (including den leader) is quick, convenient and helpful in expanding a new den leader’s familiarity with the den leader role.

In addition, there is job specific small group training run by the District and Council a couple of times a year. These training sessions will always give an adult at least one new idea to put into immediate use. When they are well run, (and they usually are) the amount of useful information can be tremendous. In addition to the training itself, participants usually go home with additional paper resources.

Finally, there is activity specific training. Our pack program has benefited greatly by adults who have completed BALOO training (allowing us to camp) and Shooting Sports training (allowing our cubs to enjoy a lot more range time than is common for area packs). The pack can always use more individuals who are willing to complete either of these two certifications. Please let a Cubmaster know if you are interested. The pack is happy to pay the fee for training.

District training opportunities (these tend to be geographically close) are listed at

http://www.lakeminnetonkadistrict.org/lakeminnetonkadistrict_007.htm

Remember – your son is a cub scout. Don't bother with boy scout training (yet).

Council Training opportunities (same as the district opportunities with more dates but geographically farther away) are listed at

<http://training.nsbsa.org/>

This website also contains information of the annual scout training fest – the University of Scouting. University of scouting will be held on October 24 this fall.

“A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.”
Lord Baden-Powell

“Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.” Steven Wright

“Scoutmasters need the capacity to enjoy the out-of-doors.” Lord Baden Powell

“There's only one thing wrong with Boy Scouts...there aren't enough of 'em.”
Will Rogers

The Search Institute

Every so often, after a particularly busy day of hauling kids from here to there, I start to wonder why I am doing all this stuff.

The purposes and methods of scouting are included earlier in this booklet. Here is another set of reasons, from the Search institute (an organization that is completely independent of the scouting program on the web at <http://www.search-institute.org/assets/forty.htm>). Based on research, they have created a list of 40 developmental assets which, if present, make it more likely for a kid to avoid “crash landing” in adolescence. The more assets present, the less likely is a major problem as a teen.

Take a look at the list and ask yourself two questions:

1. How many of these does my kid do because of cub scouts (partially or completely)?
2. If my kid wasn't in cub scouts, how would I replace that asset?

15 minutes tops and I am ready to go again. I hope that works for you as well.

Yours in Scouting

Jim Walker

Co-Cubmaster Pack 303

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External Assets

- 1. Family support**—Family life provides high levels of love and support.
- 2. Positive family communication**—Parent(s) and child communicate positively. Child feels comfortable seeking advice and counsel from parent(s).
- 3. Other adult relationships**—Child receives support from adults other than her or his parent(s).
- 4. Caring neighborhood**—Child experiences caring neighbors.
- 5. Caring school climate**—Relationships with teachers and peers provide a caring, encouraging environment.
- 6. Parent involvement in schooling**—Parent(s) are actively involved in helping the child succeed in school.
- 7. Community values children**—Child feels valued and appreciated by adults in the community.
- 8. Children as resources**—Child is included in decisions at home and in the community.
- 9. Service to others**—Child has opportunities to help others in the community.
- 10. Safety**—Child feels safe at home, at school, and in his or her neighborhood.
- 11. Family boundaries**—Family has clear and consistent rules and consequences and monitors the child's whereabouts.
- 12. School Boundaries**—School provides clear rules and consequences.
- 13. Neighborhood boundaries**—Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring the child's behavior.
- 14. Adult role models**—Parent(s) and other adults in the child's family, as well as nonfamily adults, model positive, responsible behavior.
- 15. Positive peer influence**—Child's closest friends model positive, responsible behavior.
- 16. High expectations**—Parent(s) and teachers expect the child to do her or his best at school and in other activities.

- 17. Creative activities**—Child participates in music, art, drama, or creative writing two or more times per week.
- 18. Child programs**—Child participates two or more times per week in cocurricular school activities or structured community programs for children..
- 19. Religious community**—Child attends religious programs or services one or more times per week.
- 20. Time at home**—Child spends some time most days both in high-quality interaction with parents and doing things at home other than watching TV or playing video games.

Internal Assets

- 21. Achievement Motivation**—Child is motivated and strives to do well in school.
- 22. Learning Engagement**—Child is responsive, attentive, and actively engaged in learning at school and enjoys participating in learning activities outside of school.
- 23. Homework**—Child usually hands in homework on time.
- 24. Bonding to school**—Child cares about teachers and other adults at school.
- 25. Reading for Pleasure**—Child enjoys and engages in reading for fun most days of the week.
- 26. Caring**—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to help other people.
- 27. Equality and social justice**—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to speak up for equal rights for all people.
- 28. Integrity**—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to stand up for one's beliefs.
- 29. Honesty**—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to tell the truth.
- 30. Responsibility**—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to accept personal responsibility for behavior.
- 31. Healthy Lifestyle**—Parent(s) tell the child it is important to have good health habits and an understanding of healthy sexuality.
- 32. Planning and decision making**—Child thinks about decisions and is usually happy with results of her or his decisions.
- 33. Interpersonal Competence**—Child cares about and is affected by other people's feelings, enjoys making friends, and, when frustrated or angry, tries to calm her- or himself.
- 34. Cultural Competence**—Child knows and is comfortable with people of different racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds and with her or his own cultural identity.
- 35. Resistance skills**—Child can stay away from people who are likely to get her or him in trouble and is able to say no to doing wrong or dangerous things.
- 36. Peaceful conflict resolution**—Child seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.
- 37. Personal power**—Child feels he or she has some influence over things that happen in her or his life.
- 38. Self-esteem**—Child likes and is proud to be the person that he or she is.
- 39. Sense of purpose**—Child sometimes thinks about what life means and whether there is a purpose for her or his life.
- 40. Positive view of personal future**—Child is optimistic about her or his personal future.

"In the 30 years that I've been doing this for a living, I've never had a parent say to me, 'I regretted the time I spent with my son or child in Scouting.'"

Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America

Annual Calendar (Online calendar will contain the latest Information)

Save these dates!

Parents and Siblings are welcome at and may participate in all pack events unless otherwise noted.

Tiger Cubs must be accompanied by an adult at all scouting functions. Wolf, Bear, and Webelos cubs do not need to be accompanied by an adult although there must be at least 2 adults present at all pack and den functions

Welcome Back Family Picnic August 30 at 5:30 pm at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park in Victoria MN

- Contact Person: Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- Cubs will have the opportunity to help prepare some of the food for the picnic, compete in a team sport activity (which may involve earning a belt loop), eat and play capture the flag (after dinner).
- Please RSVP to Jim Walker a couple of days prior to this event so that he knows how much food to buy.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

Chanhassen Elementary Open House September 3 in the afternoon at Chanhassen Elementary

- Contact person: Susan or Steve Noble: 952 474 0842; snoble0817@aol.com
- This is not an event for cubs – it is an adult presence at for the pack at open house to begin our annual recruiting drive.

Flag Raising September 11 at the beginning of the school day at Chanhassen Elementary

- Contact Person: Susan or Steve Noble: 952 474 0842; snoble0817@aol.com
- Cubs will wear their uniform to school, be called out of class early in the day for a (brief) flag raising ceremony.
- Cubs may remove their uniform shirts after the flag raising and prior to returning to class.
- This is a uniform shirt event (excluding neckerchief).

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

— Albert Schweitzer

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting September 17 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- Each den is asked to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting.
- Details on the popcorn sale will be available.
- Kids are welcome – but they usually find it pretty boring. On the other hand, the library can be pretty interesting...

Join Scouting Night September 22 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary.

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- This event is for prospective cub scouts. It is the easiest (but not only) way to join the pack.
- New cubs will be placed into dens at this event.

Pack Meeting September 24 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm at Chanhassen Elementary

- Contact person: Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- Welcome to the pack ceremony.
- Webelos Walk Ons!.
- Large Group Game
- Popcorn Sale information and excitement!
- Sign up for the fall festival and join a carpool at the Pack Kiosk.
- This is a full uniform event (including neckerchief) although cubs new to the pack may not yet have had time to obtain their uniform materials – which is no problem.

Pack Park Clean Up and Family Picnic September 27 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Lake Ann Park in Chanhassen MN

- Contact Person: Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- The park clean up will run from 4:30 – 5:30 throughout the park with dens.
- The family picnic will run from 5:30 – 6:30 in a Lake Ann Shelter. The pack will provide charcoal, lighter fluid, grill equipment (ie tongs), lemonade, hot dogs, water, cups, plates, forks, knives, paper towels, garbage bags and hand sanitizer.
- Families are asked to bring a dish (or two) to share.
- Depending on how the evening goes, we may have time for a game of some sort.
- Participants will earn the Good Turn for America patch or year patch (unless previously earned).
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T-shirt to this event.

Bobcat Adventure Night October 6 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary.

- Contact Person: Kathy Olmsted: 952 974 0001; kolmsted@betamn.com

- This event is open to boys new to cub scouting. Each cub will complete virtually all of his bobcat award.
- This is a full uniform event (including neckerchief).

Webelos Experience at Stearns Scout Camp October 9-11

- This is an every other year opportunity for webelos scouts offered by the council. Contact Jim Walker at walkerj@hfchs.org to register
- Attendees are responsible for their own food. Webelos should attend with a parent or guardian and must complete a health history form.
- Cost is \$15 for a cub and \$15 for an adult.
- You may attend only during the day or Saturday or arrive as early as Friday night and leave Sunday morning.
- Much more information is available at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/Local/WebelosExperience.aspx>
- Boys should wear some form of scoutwear.

Popcorn Sale October 4-30 in front of various local businesses and individually in Chanhassen and beyond

- Contact Person: Bob Schaefer 952 513 8184
- Each cub will have popcorn sale materials. This is the only pack fundraiser of the year. The pack and the sales organization provide prizes for sales including prizes for the most popcorn sold at each age level.
- Each family is asked to sell \$250 in popcorn or buy out of the sale by paying \$80.00 in dues.
- Cubs should wear their uniform while selling popcorn.

"By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail."
— Benjamin Franklin

"If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six sharpening my axe."
— Abraham Lincoln

"One man with courage makes a majority."
— Andrew Jackson

"In life you are given two ends – one to think with and one to sit on. Success depends on which end you use the most. Heads you win, Tails you lose."
Conrad Burns

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting October 15 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- Each den is asked to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting.
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Pack Meeting October 22 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary

- Contact Person: Leslie Tidstrom 952 294 0368; tidstrom@mchsi.com
- This meeting will be a Halloween Party involving games and other fun.
- Popcorn orders are due at the Pack Kiosk.
- Polar cubs sign up at the Pack Kiosk.
- Cubs should wear a Halloween costume to this event.

University of Scouting October 24

- Contact Person: Jim Walker 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- This opportunity is open to adults who are interested in increasing their knowledge of the scouting program or improving their scouting skills.
- Remember – every boy deserves a trained leader. More information about the University of Scouting is available at <http://training.nbsa.org/info/UniversityOfScouting.aspx>

Pack Archery Event November 8 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Lake Susan Archery Range in Chanhassen MN.

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will have the opportunity to safely shoot bow and arrows with a scout trained range officer.
- The pack will provide the bows and arrows. Siblings may not use the equipment.
- Freakish weather could lead to the cancellation of this event.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T-shirt to this event.

Veterans' Day Flag Raising November 11 at the beginning of the school day at Chanhassen Elementary

- Contact Person: Susan or Steve Noble: 952 474 0842; snoble0817@aol.com
- Cubs will wear their uniform to school, be called out of class early in the day for a (brief) flag raising ceremony.
- Cubs may remove their uniform shirts after the flag raising and prior to returning to class.
- This is a uniform shirt event (excluding neckerchief).

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting November 12 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org

- Each den is asked to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting.
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Pack Meeting November 19 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Lamont Tidstrom's house (8679 Chanhassen Hills Dr in Chanhassen).

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Pack popcorn sale recognition.
- Bonfire and large group game (this meeting will be outdoors)!
- Sign up for Webelos II, Webelos I and cub residence camp will be available at the Pack Kiosk
- Polar cubs sign up at the Pack Kiosk (if there is still room available)
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Pack Night at the Movies November 22 from 7:00 – end of the movie at Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria

- Contact Person: Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- Three cub appropriate movies will be available and a relaxing time will be had by all.
- Enter at the main school door.
- See www.hfchs.org for directions to this event.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T-shirt to this event.

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting December 10 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
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“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”
Mark Twain

Pack Meeting December 12 from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm at Summerwood in Chanhassen MN

- Contact Person: Susan or Steve Noble: 952 474 0842; snoble0817@aol.com

- Cubs (and families) will sing seasonally based songs led by Chris Layeux to the elderly.
- Cubs will then adjourn to a nearby home for a hayride, bonfire, sledding and hot chocolate.
- Participants will earn the Good Turn patch or year patch (unless previously earned).
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief. Cubs will need to dress for both the indoors (caroling) and outdoors (sleigh ride).

Bell Ringing December 14 through 18 at various times and locations in Chanhassen MN.

- Contact Person: Mike and Susan Thorud: 952 975 3632; mikethorud@yahoo.com; sthorud13@yahoo.com
- Cubs will sing seasonally based songs by den during a 2 hours shift of bell ringing for the annual Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.
- Participants will earn the Good Turn for America patch or year patch (unless previously earned).
- NOTE: The exact dates and times of this activity will not be available until the Salvation Army Registration website activates.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief

Pack Ice Fishing January 9 from 9:30 am – 10:30 am on the ice at Lake Ann in Chanhassen MN.

- Contact Person: Todd Wilmont: 952 470 2360; toddsolvei@aol.com.
- The pack will provide bait and hot coco.
- Spare fishing rigs are available.
- Cubs may complete the requirements for the fishing belt loop if they fish for about an hour and answer some fishing questions with either Chris Layeux or jim Walker.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event and should dress for the weather. Please contact Jim Walker if you have questions regarding dress.

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting January 14 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- Each den is asked to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting.
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Pack Meeting January 21 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary.

- Contact Person: Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- This pack meeting will feature an indoor pack meeting with a skit or song from each den. Costumes and props are encouraged.

- Dens should contact Jim Walker prior to the pack meeting with their skit or song selection to prevent duplication.
- Den Leaders and the Pack Committee will have a grand finale skit.
- Mr. Michael Kovic will add a special musical element to the evening.
- The schedule of races for the PWD will be available in the Pack Kiosk.
- Polar Cubs car pool sign up sheet will be available at the Pack Kiosk
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Pinewood Derby January 30 from 8:00 am until 11:30 am at Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria MN

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will race by age level with trophies being presented to the top three finishers at each age level. The top two finishers will race again in the pack finals.
- One trophy will be awarded for each age level for the “kids choice” car.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Polar Cubs February 7 all day at Phillippo Scout Reservation in Cannon Falls MN

- Contact Person: Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
- This is a one day winter day camp sponsored by the council. You must contact Jim Walker to register. Siblings may not attend. A 1 to 8 ratio of adults to webelos, a 1:8 ratio of wolf and bear cubs, and a 1 to 1 ratio of adults to tiger cubs, is required. A minimum of two adults must attend. Adults and cubs have lots of fun. Siblings may not attend.
- The cost is \$27 per cub and \$9 per adult which includes a hot (indoor) lunch. The council never issues refunds.
- A car pool sign up will be available at the January Pack meeting.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event and should dress for the weather. Please contact Jim Walker if you have questions regarding dress.

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting February 11 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com or Jim Walker: 952 294 4129; walkerj@hfchs.org
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Pack Meeting February 18 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary.

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- This pack meeting will feature Mr. Layeux’s bag ‘o fun!!
- Cubs will work on creative engineering tasks.

- A commercial for the March FMSC opportunity will be presented, information will be available at the pack kiosk and sign-ups will be solicited.
- An all-pack indoor game will be played.
- Carpooling sign up will be available for April's Pack Urban Adventure
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Blue and Gold Celebration February 21 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Chanhassen Community Center

- Contact Person: Leslie Tidstrom 952 294 0368 or Steve Noble 952 474 0842
- Webelos II cubs will be presented with their Arrow of Light award (the highest award in cub scouting).
- Webelos I cubs will cross over into Webelos II.
- There will be professional entertainment.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- Leaders who have completed their term of service will be recognized.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Sledding at Powers Hill Park (8702 Flamingo Drive in Chanhassen) 3:30 – 5:00pm.

- Contact person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Hot coca will be served.
- Cubs should bring a sled if they have one.
- Freakish weather could lead to the cancelation of this event.
- Cubs should dress for the weather. No need to wear a uniform since it would be covered in any event.

"You don't drown by falling in the water; you drown by staying there."
— Edwin Louis Cole

"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships."
Abraham Lincoln

"Nature, to be commanded, must be obeyed"
Francis Bacon

Feed My Starving Children March 8-12 (Exact date and time TBA) at 6:00pm at Feed My Starving Children at 18738 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen MN.

- Contact Person: Mike and Susan Thorud: 952 975 3632; mikethorud@yahoo.com; sthorud13@yahoo.com
- This direct service opportunity will involve both an opportunity for cubs, parents and siblings to learn about world hunger and then to do something about it.

- Participants will be asked for a donation to help buy food and keep the center running. This is a good topic of conversation for the boys prior to the event.
- A 3 to 1 boy to adult ratio is necessary for Webelos and Bears (or siblings of like age). A 1 to 1 ratio is necessary for younger cubs.
- Please sign up for this event at the February pack meeting or the blue and gold dinner or contact Mike or Susan to register for this event. The pack needs to provide between 16 and 24 workers.
- Participants will earn the Good Turn for America patch or year patch (unless previously earned).
- If you would like to know more about Feed My Starving Children see their website at: <http://www.fmssc.org/>
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting March 11 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
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Pack Meeting March 18th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary.

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Wolf and Bear Awards will be presented.
- An all-pack indoor game will be played.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Pack Monthly Planning Meeting April 8 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Each den is asked to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting.
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Pack Urban Adventure April 10 at 9:30 in Minneapolis Minnesota

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will carpool to a central downtown location in Minneapolis and then use maps and street signs to navigate to one of several locations (TBA).
- Tiger cubs might plan to complete their last Go See It (touring a media facility) on this event – in which case they will tour the public TV station in Saint Paul.

- Information on entrance fees for the various locations will be available at the March pack meeting as will a carpool sign up sheet.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

Pack Meeting April 15 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary in Chanhassen MN

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will participate in an outdoor video scavenger hunt as dens. The winning den will receive a festive prize.
- NOTE: Each den will need a digital camera and cord which will allow the camera to download pictures into a computer.
- Tiger Badge awards will be presented at this meeting.
- Den leaders should pick up scouting for food materials at the meeting.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Scouting for Food Bag Distribution April 19-22 (by dens, in an assigned neighborhood in Chanhassen)

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Bag distribution usually takes a den about 30 minutes.
- Bags may not be placed in mailboxes.
- Participants will earn the Good Turn for America patch or year patch (unless previously earned).
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

Scouting for Food Pickup April 24 between 9:00 am and 10:30 am (by dens, in an assigned neighborhood in Chanhassen)

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Food collection usually takes a den about 45 minutes.
- Food should be dropped off with a pack representative in the Chanhassen Legion Parking lot no later than 10:30.
- Participants will earn the Good Turn for America patch or year patch (unless previously earned).
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

“The miracle is this — the more we share, the more we have.”
Leonard Nimoy

Pack ANNUAL!!! Planning Meeting May 13 at 7:00 pm at the Chanhassen Library

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com Each den is asked to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting.
- The 2010-2011 pack program will be planned at this meeting. All are welcome to attend and provide input for this very important meeting!!!
- Kids are welcome – but they usually find it pretty boring. On the other hand, the library can be pretty interesting...

Shooting Sports Event May 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Rum River Scout Camp in Anoka MN

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will have the opportunity to shoot both BB guns and archery on the camp's shooting sports ranges.
- Only registered cub scouts can use the camp equipment.
- Rum River is in Anoka, please carpool as possible (Chris Layeux will help).
- The pack (sadly) needs to charge a \$3.00 fee per cub scout to cover the cost of the range rental.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

Pack Meeting and Campout May 21 - 22 from 7:00 pm (Friday) until 8:00 am (Saturday) at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park in Victoria MN

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cub will graduate to their next rank, play capture the flag and make Kathy Olmsted's famous Fudge Stripe S'mores.
- Families may choose to camp out overnight or go home when they are ready to leave. Let Jim Walker know if you need to borrow equipment.
- Cubs may tent with other cubs or with their guardian. Each cub staying overnight must be accompanied by their guardian.
- Participants will have the opportunity to cook their own pancakes in the morning.
- Participants in summer residence camp should sign up for carpools at the Pack Kiosk.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Memorial Day Service with the American Legion (our chartering organization) May 31 (Time and Location TBA)

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- The pack will celebrate Memorial day with the American Legion. This is a solemn, powerful and fairly short event.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Pack Bike Ride June 6 2009 at 3:00 pm at Chanhassen Elementary

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will use local bike trails to travel to the land of juice and cookies.
- Participants will complete the biking belt loop and will complete applicable rank requirements as well.
- Cubs should wear their uniform or a scouting T shirt to this event.

4th of July Parade July 4 at 2:00 pm at Chapel Hill Academy in Chanhassen MN

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- Cubs will march in the parade, hand out candy and help carry parade banners.
- Cubs should bring a water bottle which may be transported on the pack float.
- NOTE: The city of Chanhassen has not published 4th of July details yet. The time and date of this activity may be changed based on the city's plans.
- This is a full dress uniform event including neckerchief.

Cub and Webelos I Residence Camp TBA at a council camp.

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- A 1 to 1 ratio of adults to boys is required for cubs and a 1:2 ratio of adults to boys is required for webelos. Siblings cannot attend.
- The camp starts late on Friday and ends about midday on Sunday.
- A carpool sign up will be available at the May Pack meeting
- Prepared food and lots of program (divided by pack and age level) is provided.
- This program has worked well for first year Webelos in the past. In fact, camp is HUGE! It is also available to cub scouts. Cubs should participate if they are comfortable with the notion of sleeping with another cub in a tent overnight. The same can be said for the adults. Adults of either gender are welcome.
- Cost is in the \$130 – \$ 160 range.
- NOTE: The exact cost and camp we will be attending will be available in November.
- Cubs will need to wear their uniform to dinner and to flag ceremonies while at camp.

“Whether you think you can’t or think you can, you’re right”
Henry Ford

Webelos II Residence Camp TBA at a council camp.

- Contact Person: Chris Layeux: 952 934 5435; cjlayeux@gmail.com
- A 1:2 ratio of adults to boys is required for webelos. Siblings cannot attend. Only webelos II can attend this camp.
- A carpool sign up will be available at the May Pack meeting
- Prepared food and lots of program is provided.
- Adults of either gender are welcome.
- Cost is in the \$150 – \$ 180 range.
- NOTE: The exact cost, dates, times and camp we will be attending will be available in November.
- Cubs will need to wear their uniform to dinner and to flag ceremonies while they are at camp.

“Be Prepared.” Lord Baden Powell