

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION



Cub Pack 1127
McLean, VA

Welcome & Intro

- Pack Leadership
 - Cubmaster Brian Gibson
 - Committee Chair Traci Schweikert
 - Den Leaders
 - Greg Griswold – Sr Webelos (5th grade)
 - Chuck Marks – Jr Webelos (4th grade)
 - Jennifer Secki Shields – Jr Webelos (4th grade)
 - Beau Schweikert – Jr Webelos (4th grade)
 - Filicia & Dan Davenport – Bears (3rd grade)
 - Valerie Warner & Leah Ullman – Bears (3rd grade)
 - Dan Frisk – Wolves (2nd grade)
 - Jeff Lutton – Tigers (1st grade)

Purposes of 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

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

1. **Citizenship:** Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. **Compassion:** Being **kind** and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others.
3. **Cooperation:** Being **helpful** and working together with others toward a common goal
4. **Courage:** Being **brave** and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.
5. **Faith:** Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.
6. **Health and Fitness:** Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies **clean** and fit.
7. **Honesty:** Telling the truth and being **worthy of trust**.
8. **Perseverance:** Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. **Positive Attitude:** Being **cheerful** and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. **Resourcefulness:** Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. **Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. **Responsibility:** Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

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 Scout Promise, the Scout Law, 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

3. Advancement

4. Family Involvement

5. Activities

6. Home and Neighborhood Centered

7. The Uniform

How Cub Scouting Is Organized

- **Den** – same grade boys. This is where most of your Cub scouting is done. Your son's den will have a nickname (rank) which changes with each grade, and a den number which stays the same year after year.
- **Pack** – collection of dens, boys 1st through 5th grade. This is the main organizational unit of Cub scouting. Each pack is chartered by a community organization. Pack 1127 is chartered by Charles Wesley UMC, 6817 Dean Dr., McLean
- **District** – collection of packs and scout troops in a local area. We are in the Chain Bridge District, which is Arlington & McLean scout units.
- **Council** – all scout units in the larger area. National Capital Area Council serves scouts in metro DC.
- **National** – the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)

Joining requirements

- The first badge all Cub Scouts earn, regardless of age, is the Bobcat Badge. After earning the Bobcat Badge, they proceed to work on advancement specific to their age level. As part of these requirements, they must learn the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Cub Scout Motto.

- Cub Scout Motto
Do Your Best!



Scout Oath & Law

□ Scout Oath

On my honor
I will DO MY BEST
To do my DUTY to GOD
And my COUNTRY,
To OBEY the Scout Law,
To HELP other people at all
times, and
To keep myself
PHYSICALLY STRONG,
MENTALLY AWAKE, and
MORALLY STRAIGHT

□ Scout Law

A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
HELPFUL
FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS
KIND
OBEDIENT
CHEERFUL
THRIFTY
BRAVE
CLEAN, and
REVERENT

Youth Protection

- Bobcat Requirement #7 is

With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet, ***How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse.***

- All youth leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training and recertify every 2 years.
- Parents are encouraged to take YPT online at www.myscouting.org.

Uniforms & Books

Part 1

- What you need
 - ▣ Scout shirt
 - ▣ Patches
 - Unit number “1127”
 - Den number
 - Council Strip
 - World Crest
 - ▣ Scout hat & neckerchief, slide & handbook for age group: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, & Webelos

Uniforms & Books

Part 2

- Where to buy
 - ▣ Scout Shop in Bethesda, 9190 Rockville Pike, across from NIH
 - ▣ Satellite Scout Shop in Ravensworth Shopping Center in Annandale/Springfield area, on Port Royal Road, right at the Beltway's Braddock Road westbound exit
 - ▣ Casual Adventure in Clarendon

Registration & Dues

- Complete an application to join scouting
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf> or online at
<https://beascoutmembershipapp.scouting.org/youthpersonal.aspx?UnitID=81947&UnitType=cub>
The link is also found on
<http://www.pack1127.com/contact.html>
- Dues for the year are \$145. Make checks payable to “Pack 1127”
- Please turn in your completed application and dues to the Committee Chairman Traci Schweikert

Meetings

- When? Where?
 - Pack meetings
 - Monthly pack meetings, *usually* the 3rd Thursday @ 7pm @ Kent Gardens
 - October pack meeting is a campfire on the 3rd Friday @ 7pm @ Charles Wesley UMC on Dean Dr.
 - Other events
 - Den meetings
 - Typically monthly at a date/time/location suitable to the den leader or meeting host
 - Field trips as appropriate
 - STEM meetings
 - Monthly at KGES
- Why?
 - Den meetings are where we have fun, learn, and advance
 - Pack meetings are where we have fun and show off

Advancement Program

□ Age-groups

- Tigers = 1st Grade
- Wolves = 2nd Grade
- Bears = 3rd Grade
- Jr. Webelos = 4th Grade
- Sr. Webelos = 5th Grade

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- Age-appropriate activities, requirements & electives
- Parents can sign-off on completion in book, report back to den leader for tracking
- Recognition for achievement



How Parents Help The Scout

Part 1

- Support the scout working on his advancement.
 - ▣ Many requirements, achievements, and electives are family-oriented activities
- Get him to meetings on time.
- We know that there's much competition for your time and your son's time. Help achieve balance. Be reasonable on time and expectations.

How Parents Help The Scout

Part 2

- Participate!!
- Tiger adult partners are obligated to attend per BSA policy.
- Your child sees you when you're involved. It makes a huge difference.

Adult Volunteering Opportunities

- Every family does a job or an event at the Pack level.
 - ▣ Range of responsibility between serving popcorn on movie night in April to serving as Cubmaster.
- Also expected to help out in some way at the Den level. Suggestion: snacks & helping to run one den meeting a year.
- Easier than you think!
- Tons of online resources & adult leader training
- You never have to go it alone, and you don't have to reinvent anything
- We need volunteers tonight to help at all levels of involvement. ***No experience necessary!***

Goals For The Year

- **Have fun!**
- Camp overnight at least twice
- Earn the Journey to Excellence Award http://www.scouting.org/filestore/mission/pdf/2013_JTE_Pac.pdf
- Earn the National Summertime Pack Award <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf>
- Serve the community
 - Charles Wesley UMC – conduct service project(s) in and around the church
 - Kent Gardens -- help with activities where we can to improve our relationship and increase our visibility
 - McLean -- Clean up Old Chesterbrook Road in October and April
 - DC-area – Distribute bags for Scouting For Food and conduct a successful Friends of Scouting campaign
- Maintain steady membership numbers
- Fully train all adult volunteers
- Every family volunteers to do a Pack job or lead an event
- All Pack jobs filled
- Run a balanced budget