THE BIG PICTURE

Who we are

- Cub Scouts are youth and their families from kindergarten through 5th grade. Your pack is this entire group of families across all grades.
- Your child's den is their smaller grade-specific group. The entire pack meets monthly, and dens will meet at least once more per month. Your child's den/current grade level is also called a rank.

Grade	Rank
Kindergarten	Lion
1st Grade	Tiger
2nd Grade	Wolf
3rd Grade	Bear
4th Grade	Webelos
5th Grade	Arrow of Light

Districts

- Your pack is part of a district, which is a geographic service area within the Northeast Illinois Council, the local Scouting headquarters. Each district is responsible for the success of all their Scouting units (packs, troops, and crews) within their territory.
- The district and council also provide fun and engaging events for Scouts. They are also responsible for raising the appropriate funds to grow our Scouting program and reach more families.

Fees, Uniforms, & Handbooks

- The fee to join Cub Scouts is $33 per year. This fee covers liability insurance through the Boy Scouts of America.
- Your pack will collect this fee, and will collect additional dues to offset the cost of activity fees and program supplies. This fee and what it covers can vary by pack.
- You can also subscribe to our award-winning youth magazine for $12 per year.
- Uniform requirements can vary by pack, but each child needs a handbook (your pack may include one with your dues). You can buy your child's uniform, handbook, and patches free of tax at our Scout Shop, located at 850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061.
- Need-based scholarships are available for membership fees and uniforms. Please call us at 847.433.1813 for more information.

GET IN TOUCH

Northeast Illinois Council
Kasperson Center for Scouting at Morrison Park
850 Forest Edge Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061-3105
847.433.1813

Cub Scouts
Parent Guide

www.neic.org

OUR VALUES

These are the two tenets of the Scouting program that all participants and families are expected to adhere to:

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
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.

WHAT WE DO

- Cub Scouts complete requirements that are called "adventures." Each grade level or den has a set of adventures that they can complete to advance to the next rank. Each month, your Cub Scout will work on a different adventure.
- Your child will learn life skills and advance up in rank through camping, activities, field trips, service projects, and other fun events with their den or pack.
- Once per month, your child's entire pack or den will typically go on a field trip for a hands-on experience. This could be a trip to a fire station, a farm, or even a food pantry—there are lots of options in Cub Scouts for fun, excitement, and learning!

The quality of your Cub Scout pack is directly tied to the number of parents who participate. Cub Scouts is a group effort and parents can be involved in a variety of ways. Ask your pack leaders how you can help!

WHO LEADS THE PACK?

- The pack is led by parent volunteers. Cub Scouts is a time to be together as a family. Your pack's Cubmaster is a parent, who helps plan activities and leads the monthly pack meetings. Your child's den is led by one or two den leaders.
- Your pack is organized by a pack committee made up of parent volunteers. This committee is run by a committee chair, who is in charge of pack logistics and delegates tasks to other committee members.
- Other committee members can include a membership chair, treasurer, activities chair, communications chair, advancement chair, and other positions as the pack sees necessary. Ask how you can help!
- Each pack is sponsored by a chartered organization (usually a place of worship, community group, or similar) who helps the pack succeed in a variety of ways.