



# Cub Scouts "101"



## What is Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouts is a **family-oriented program** designed to specifically address the needs of **elementary age children – both girls and boys** – through hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action, prepares them for life, and sets them up for success!

### Cub Scouts participate in a variety of activities such as:

Hiking ♦ Building & Racing Pinewood Derby Cars ♦ Arts & Crafts ♦ Community Service Model Rocket Building & Launching ♦ Learning Life Skills ♦ Camping ♦ Archery ♦ Sports Horseback Riding ♦ Making Lifelong Friendships ♦ Learning Teamwork ♦ Biking Stargazing ♦ Raingutter Regatta ♦ Overnight on Submarine, at Museum, at Ballpark

Most importantly, **Cub Scouts have FUN!**

## What do Cub Scouts do?

## What is the structure?

**Cub Scouts generally meet 4 or 5 times each month** – September through June  
1 Pack Meeting • 2 Den Meetings • 1 Campout/Outing/Activity/Event • 1 Hike/Bike Ride

Kindergarten  
Lions



1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Tigers



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Wolves



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Bears



4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Webelos



5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Arrow of Light



## Den

(age/grade-specific groups)

Cub Scouts work together in **grade specific Dens** to earn their Rank.

**At Den meetings Scouts have fun while working on age-appropriate "Adventure" requirements.**

For example, requirements might include:

- Practicing teamwork and sportsmanship while learning a new game or sport.
- Applying Leave No Trace Principles to respect nature and wildlife.
- Learn how to plan for safe adventures and basic first aid skills.

**Each completed Adventure is recognized with a beltloop (K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) or pin (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade).**

When Scouts have completed all their requirements, they will receive their Rank Emblem Badge to wear proudly on their uniform!

## Pack

(all Dens/ages/grades together)

Together, all Dens make up the Pack that meets regularly for Pack meetings and events.

- Pack meetings are held **one Tuesday per month**, at a local school or nearby venue.
- Pack Meetings allow us to recognize accomplishments and participate in fun activities, such as our annual Pinewood Derby, or outings like visiting a local farm and going on a hayride!
- Most Pack activities are open to your whole family!

For questions email:

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For information or to join visit:

[www.CubScoutsPack1703.com](http://www.CubScoutsPack1703.com)

## What role do parents play in Cub Scouts?

Parents are  
the **KEY** to  
Scouting!

**Our Pack is a 100% volunteer run organization.**

The success of the Pack depends on parent volunteers.  
How do Parents support their Cubs?

- ✓ Participate in meetings, outings, activities, and events
- ✓ Encourage and help Scouts complete achievements
- ✓ Volunteer to help with an event or fundraiser
- ✓ Become a Den Leader or a Pack Leader

## Who are the leaders?

Pack email address:

**CubScoutsPack1703@outlook.com**

This email address is monitored by several leaders and is a great resource to get your Scouting questions answered.

### **Tony Sarna**

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Cubmaster  
Webelos Den Leader

*Available Position*  
Lions Den Leader

### **Sandra Ginger**

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### **Kristina Weiss**

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**Don Slankster**  
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Treasurer  
Arrow of Light Den Leader

### **Melissa Sarna**

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Committee Chair

**Tamra Syracuse**  
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Popcorn Kernel

**Your Name Here**  
A great Cub Scout leader!

Our Packs is always looking for leaders and volunteers. No prior experience or special skills are needed – just a desire to help!



**Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best!**

# 2024 – 2025 Costs

## How much does it cost?

Joining Fee

~~\$25~~

one-time

- ✓ National BSA joining fee
- ✓ One-time fee only paid first year

Waived for online applications

BSA Dues

**\$85+\$85**

per year

- ✓ \$85 annual BSA youth registration fees (national program fees)
- ✓ \$85 annual Council fees (regional program fees)
- ✓ Includes badges of rank (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, etc.)
- ✓ Our Pack does not receive any of these funds directly
- ✓ **Can be paid through fundraisers!**

Pack Dues

**\$70**

per year

- ✓ Includes all Pack Meeting activities for Cub Scouts, and specific supplies, such as Pinewood Derby kit, Raingutter Regatta kit, etc.
- ✓ Includes awards for advancements (belt loops, pins, etc.)
- ✓ Pack maintenance (rechartering fees, equipment, supplies, etc.)
- ✓ **Can be paid through fundraisers!**

Uniform & Book

**~\$80**

- ✓ **Shirt, belt, and pants can be reused multiple years!**
- ✓ Required: Shirt, Neckerchief, Slide, & Handbook
- ✓ Recommended: Hat & Belt
- ✓ Optional: Pants & Socks
- ✓ Available at Scout Shop: 1155 E Long Lake Rd, Troy, MI 48085 (just east of Rochester Road)

Optional Stuff

**Cost Varies**

- ✓ Scout Life Magazine Subscriptions – \$15 per year
- ✓ Fees for optional events/activities are only paid if attending
- ✓ May have some small fees for Den specific activities
- ✓ Fees vary depending on activity; examples of some past activities:
  - ✓ Community Service – Free!
  - ✓ Hikes & Bike Rides – Free!
  - ✓ Den Adventure at Nature Center – \$10 per person
  - ✓ Zoo Overnight – \$50 per person

Scouts is a 10-month activity:  $(\$85+\$85+\$70) / 10 \text{ months} = \text{~\$24 per month}$

## When is payment due?

**NOW**

**\$170**

BSA Dues

**SOON**

**~\$80**

Uniform & Handbook  
(at Scout Shop)

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**\$70 or less**

Pack Dues  
(see fundraising on next page)

**OPTIONAL**

collected by deadline  
for each event/activity

# How does fundraising pay for dues?

Some families choose not to participate in fundraising beyond the one required popcorn "Show & Sell" shift at a local store and pay the remaining balance of the dues, while other Scouts have offset either a portion, or all their dues by participating in fundraisers. Below is an example of how a Scout can significantly reduced their dues through fundraising:

**\$240**      **Total Dues**  
(National \$85, Council \$85, and Pack \$70)

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**- \$27**      **Individual popcorn orders**

- Scout sells ~\$90 worth of popcorn to family & friends
- About 30% of sales are returned to Scout ( $\$90 \times 30\% = \$27$ )

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**- \$30**      **Popcorn sold at Show & Sell**

- Scout sells popcorn during a 2-hour shift at a local store
- About 30% of sales, most of the profit earned during the Show & Sell events, are "credited" to each participating Cub Scout's dues

*Note: Amount is based on funds collected from all Show & Sell events and is determined by the number of shifts worked. Percentages may vary based on Pack budget requirements.*

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Only  
**\$183**      **Final dues owed by Cub Scout**  
***Equivalent to only \$18.30 per month! \****

*\* Based on 10-months of activities. Balance of annual dues is collected November 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Examples of past activities covered by Pack dues:

- Cabin campout with activities and food
- Pack meeting activities and supplies
- Den achievement awards (belt loops, pins, etc.)
- Supplies for wood building project (bird house, Pinewood Derby stand, etc.)
- Pizza and activities at Zap Zone
- Pinewood Derby kit
- Raingutter Regatta kit
- Refreshments at hikes
- Outdoor Adventure Day activities, shelter, and food
- Putt-Putt golf
- And much more!

## Fundraising

### Pack Philosophy

- ✓ Must participate in at least one "Show & Sell" shift (usually about 2-hours)
- ✓ No mandatory individual fundraising or dollar minimum
- ✓ Bulk of fundraising is credited to seller for dues

### Popcorn

- ✓ Sell at "Show & Sells" at local stores
- ✓ Sell through personal orders to neighbors, family, and friends
- ✓ Portion goes to National and Council
- ✓ About 30% of sales go to Pack, and Cub Scouts get credit for sales against dues!