



Pack 119 Parent Handbook

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Pack 119 Mission

The leaders of Cub Scout Pack 119 are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of Cub Scouting activities. Special emphasis is placed on character development, outdoor activities, sports, citizenship, and family.

Cub Scouting and Your Family

Do you want your son to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable, and caring? Is it important to you that he learns traditional values such as honesty, trustworthiness, and respect for others and the environment? Are you looking for a program for your boy that supports his development and your family? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then you should discover what Cub Scouting has to offer your son.

Pack 119 invites parents and their sons to become part of one of America’s leading value-driven organizations. The Cub Scout program combines fun with educational opportunities and lifelong values. It helps parents to help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness. The program also provides boys with a positive peer group and the tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop. The unique aspect of Cub Scouting is that you, his family, join the program with your son. You will help him along the way.



What is Cub Scouting?

In 1930, the Boy Scouts of America launched a home- and neighborhood-based program for boys ages nine to eleven. The program focused on nature, hobbies, games, preparation for Boy Scouts, and above all, character. While the Cub Scouting program has changed over the last 75 years, now admitting boys as young as six as Tiger Cubs, and grown from 5,102 boys and 243 packs in 1930 to over 1.9 million boys in more than 53,000 packs today, the focus of the program is still on preparing boys to become better adults.

Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations all work together to achieve the ten purposes of Cub Scouting:

- To influence the development of character.
- To encourage spiritual growth.
- To help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- To encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- To improve understanding within the family.
- To strengthen the ability of boys to get along with other boys and respect other people.
- To foster a sense of personal achievement in boys by helping them develop new interests and skills.
- To show boys how to be helpful and to do one's best.
- To provide fun and exciting new things for boys to do.
- To prepare boys to become Boy Scouts.

We achieve these purposes by teaching the ideals of Cub Scouting, which are represented by the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto.

Cub Scout Promise

I, (name), promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country,
to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto

Do your best!

Who Can Be a Cub Scout?

The Cub Scouting program is for boys in the first through fifth grades. Boys who have finished kindergarten may join on June 1st. The program is broken into ranks, and the boys work to earn a specific rank each year in the pack.



Tiger Cubs are boys in the first grade or 7 years old. They join with an adult partner. All of the adult partners share in the leadership of the Tiger Cub den with the guidance and support of the Tiger Cub den leader. The Tiger Cub program is a simple and fun introduction to the excitement of Cub Scouting as the boys and their adult partners fulfill the Tiger Cub motto of "Search, Discover, Share."



Boys who have completed first grade or are 8 years old work towards the Wolf rank. To earn their Wolf badge, boys must complete twelve achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. The boys meet as a den under the leadership of a Den Leader. While they no longer have adult partners with them all the time, parents are still welcome and encouraged to attend den meetings with their boy.



When a boy has completed the second grade or is 9 years old, he begins working towards his Bear rank. There are 24 Bear achievements in four categories (God, Country, Family, and Self). The Cub Scout must complete twelve of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more difficult and challenging than those for the Wolf rank.



Webelos Scouts are boys in the fourth and fifth grades or 10 years old. The Webelos program focuses on more challenging and independent activities and begins the transition to Boy Scouts. Webelos work on 20 activity pins in five groups (Physical Skills, Mental Skills, Community, Technology, and Outdoors). Much of the work on these activity pins take place in the den, rather than at home.



By the time the boy begins the fifth grade, he should be ready to work on his Arrow of Light. This is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only one that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. By the middle of fifth grade (sometime between December and February), the Webelos Scout will be ready to cross over into Boy Scouts and join a Boy Scout Troop.

Joining Pack 119

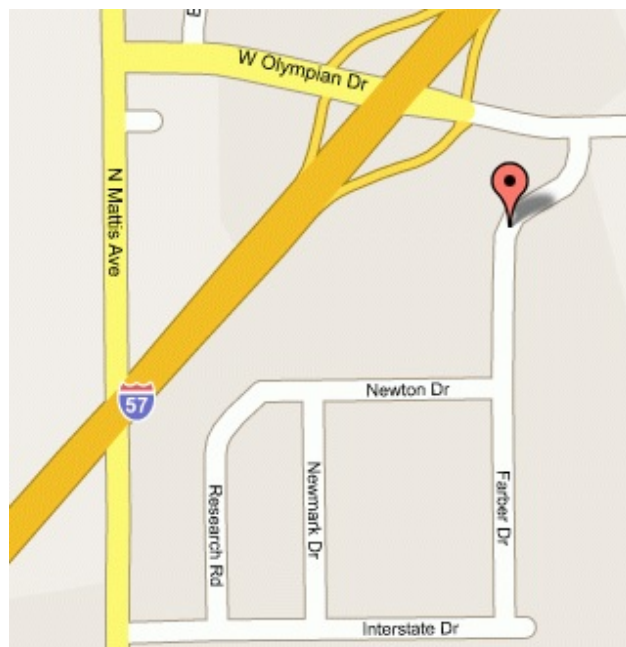
Any boy in the first- through fifth-grades is welcome to join Pack 119. Kindergartners may sign up to be Tigers in May and begin June 1st. The boy's parent must fill out a Cub Scout application, which can be obtained from the Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chairman or at the Prairielands Council offices.

Registration

The registration fee for joining Pack 119 is \$30/year. This fee pays for registration with the Boy Scouts of America, unit insurance, an annual subscription to *Boys' Life* magazine, and leader training. Since Pack 119's charter year runs from January through December, those joining in the middle of the year pay a registration fee of \$45. This fee covers the remainder of the current year and all of the following calendar year. The registration fee should be turned in to the Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chairman along with the Cub Scout application.

Uniforms

An essential component of Cub Scouting is the uniform. Cub Scouts are made to feel part of a group and have a place to display their awards when they wear their uniforms. The minimum uniform in Pack 119 consists of a blue uniform shirt (Webelos may wear tan shirts with blue shoulder tabs) with all patches (council, pack number, den number, World Scouting insignia, and rank), appropriate neckerchief (orange for Tigers, yellow for Wolves, blue for Bears, and plaid for Webelos), and a neckerchief slide. Hats and belts are optional parts of the Pack 119 uniform. New Scouts should also purchase the appropriate Handbook for their rank. Uniforms and Handbooks are available at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center at the corner of Farber Drive and Olympian Drive (see map below). Hours are 9:00am to 5:30pm Monday through Friday (to 7:00pm Wednesday) and 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.



Other Needed Items

In addition to a uniform, you need to purchase a Handbook for your boy's rank. Boys in the first grade need a Tiger Cub Handbook, second-grade boys need a Wolf Handbook, third-grade boys need a Bear Handbook, and boys in the fourth or fifth grade need a Webelos Handbook. These handbooks can be purchased at the Scout Shop along with the uniform.

Scholarships

Should fees or costs become an issue for your family, please contact the Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chairman. Scholarships are available, and all requests will remain confidential.

Parent Responsibilities

When joining Pack 119, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their son in the following ways:

- See that he has the proper uniform and handbook.
- Assist him in attending weekly Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings.
- Work with him to complete the achievements for his rank award.
- Return information forms and permission slips as required.
- Support his Den Leader as a resource person or substitute as asked.
- Agree to serve in some leadership capacity as called upon.
- Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership with regard to Den or Pack programming.

Parent volunteers are always needed. The costs of registration, training, and leader uniforms are covered by the Pack for those who are interested in serving. If you'd like to help in any capacity, please contact the Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, or your son's Den Leader. All types of help are needed—driving on trips, helping organize events, assisting in a Den Leader's absence, etc. Remember, Cub Scout Packs do not exist without volunteer leadership. Please do your part when asked.

The Structure of Cub Scouting

Like every effective organization, Cub Scouting has a structure. Understanding this structure and how it works will increase your son's enjoyment of the program and leave the parent far less confused.

Dens

A den is a group of eight to ten boys all of the same rank. Each den is lead by a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader. A Boy Scout, known as a Den Chief, may also work with your son's den. Dens in Pack 119 meet weekly on various evenings during the week, usually from 7:00pm to 8:00pm during the school year. The Den Leader determines the day and time for the den meetings after consulting with the parents of the boys in the den.

Dens meet at Robeson School, at one of the leaders' homes, or at some other site. The Den Leaders usually determine the den's meeting place. Tiger Cub dens may meet once or twice each month, and have an additional "Go See It" meeting at a location somewhere in the community (TV station, fire station, etc.)

Pack 119 has one or more dens for every rank of Cub Scouting. These are Tiger Cubs (first-graders), Wolves (second-graders), Bears (third-graders), and Webelos (separate dens for fourth- and fifth-graders).

Pack

The Pack consists of all of the dens and their families. Pack 119 meets monthly during the school year, generally on the third Monday of the month (unless that day is a school holiday or conflicts with a school event), in the Robeson School gymnasium from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Special pack events also occur occasionally throughout the year and may include activities such as the Pinewood Derby, the Blue & Gold Banquet, sports activities, or other pack outings.

The pack serves as the parent organization for the dens and provides direction, program support, leader training, and maintenance of the budget. The pack is led by the Cubmaster and the Pack Committee Chair. The Cubmaster acts as the Master of Ceremonies at the monthly pack meetings and other special activities. Several Assistant Cubmasters may also help with these events.

Pack Committee

The Pack Committee is made up of volunteer adults from the pack who manage the pack and its programs. The Pack Committee Chair runs the committee meetings and is the primary leader of the pack. Along with the Cubmaster, the Pack Committee Chair leads the group in planning and organizing the pack program. The Pack Committee also plans the pack budget and maintains the pack funds. The Pack Committee meets four to six times during the year.

Parents are encouraged to serve on the pack committee and are welcome to attend committee meetings.

Chartered Organization

Every Cub Scout Pack is required to have a sponsor, known as the Chartered Organization. Pack 119 has been chartered by Champaign West Rotary since 2001. The Chartered Organization Representative is a member of the Pack Committee and helps to ensure that the Pack is managed properly.

District and Council

Pack 119 is part of the Prairie Fire District, which covers most of Champaign County. The Prairie Fire District, along with the Indian Trails and Many Streams Districts make up the Prairielands Council, which covers East Central Illinois. The District provides support for all of the scouting programs (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing), training for leaders, and runs various events such as Day Camp. The Council provides additional support for all scouting programs, operates Camp Drake (located south of Oakwood), and runs the Scout Shop (located at the intersection Farber Drive and Olympian Drive on the north end of Champaign).



The Pack 119 Cub Scout Program

Pack 119 runs a year-round program filled with activities. While we don't expect every boy to attend every function, we do encourage him (and his family) to be as active as possible. Boys are expected to attend all den meetings, and both boys and their parents are expected to attend all pack meetings. Parents are also encouraged to attend den meetings and all other events as well. Note that Tiger Cubs attend all functions with their adult partner.

To keep parents informed about events, Pack 119 operates both a website and an e-mail mailing list. The pack website is located at <http://pack119.prairienet.org>. At the pack website, you can find the pack calendar of events for the current program year, as well as additional information on scouting. Some of Pack 119's dens also have a website to keep parents informed. When you join Pack 119, the pack webmaster will add your e-mail address to the pack mailing list. You can also sign up for the pack mailing list at <https://mail.prairienet.org/mailman/listinfo/p119-announce>. There is a link to the signup page on the pack website.

Pack Meetings

The core of the Pack 119 program is the monthly Pack Meeting. Each Pack Meeting includes activities centered around a monthly theme, and the boys may also focus on this theme in their Den Meetings. The Pack Meeting provides an opportunity to recognize the advancement and achievements of the boys, their parents, and their leaders. The pack meeting also gives the boys a chance to demonstrate the skills they have learned and show off projects that they have completed in their dens.

Academics and Sports Program

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program enriches the basic Cub Scout program. The program allows Cub Scouts to learn new techniques, increase scholarship, and develop sportsmanship while having fun. The emphasis of the program is to introduce a boy to a sport or academic subject, to allow him to participate in it, and to encourage him to do his best. Boys who complete an activity in the program earn a Belt Loop that is worn on the Cub Scout Belt.

Pack 119 is an enthusiastic supporter of the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program. We provide several activities each year to help boys earn Belt Loops. In years past, Pack 119 has had activities focused on Collecting, Baseball, Bicycling, Bowling, Flag Football, Ice Skating, Roller Skating, and Soccer.

Camping

Pack 119 participates in several of the Council camp activities each year. These include Family FunFest Camp, Day Camp, and Adventure Camp. Family FunFest Camp is held at Camp Drake and provides a Saturday full of Cub Scout activities at the camp, including BB guns, archery, swimming, boating, hiking, and crafts.

Families can camp at Camp Drake on Friday or Saturday night, or just come out for the day on Saturday.

Day Camp provides a four- or five-day program of scouting activities, including BB guns, archery, swimming, fishing, crafts, and athletics. The last day of Day Camp is usually Family Day, where parents and siblings are invited to join in the fun and discover what their boys have been doing during Day Camp. Pack 119 has attended Day Camps in Mahomet, Rantoul, and Champaign in past years.

Adventure Camp is focused primarily on Webelos Scouts, but Wolf and Bear Scouts are able to attend with a parent. Adventure Camp is held at Camp Drake, and lasts four days and three nights. Boys participate in scouting activities such as swimming, BB guns, and archery and work on rank advancement, completing either Wolf or Bear achievements or Webelos activities.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable events in Cub Scouting. Pack 119 holds its Pinewood Derby in February, usually on a Saturday morning. The boys receive their kits at the December pack meeting and work with their parent to create a car to race. Boys are expected to do as much of the work as possible by themselves with adult guidance. Tiger Cubs may only be able to help sand and paint their car, while Webelos should be able to do almost all of the work themselves. Boys compete by rank in race and show categories, and the winners of each rank represent Pack 119 at the Council Pinewood Derby in April.

Blue & Gold Banquet

The Blue & Gold Banquet is Cub Scouting's birthday party. Held each year in February, the Blue & Gold Banquet is a chance for Pack 119 to come together for an evening of food, family, and fun.

Summer Program

While there are no Den Meetings or Pack Meetings during the months of June, July, and August, Pack 119 does not shut down. In addition to the camping activities mentioned above, Pack 119 runs a full summertime program. Special activities and gatherings are planned, and boys are encouraged to remain active. Past activities have included picnics, hikes, the waterslide, participation in the Fourth of July parade, miniature golf, and bowling. Boys who participate in at least one activity in each of the summer months earn the Summertime Award.

Special Events

Pack 119 plans a variety of other special events throughout the year that help the boys with advancement, teach new skills, and provide an opportunity for a good time. These events may include going on hikes or tours, attending athletic events, or performing service projects.

Fundraising

While Pack 119 charges an annual registration fee, that fee primarily covers the cost of registering your boy with the Boy Scouts of America, unit insurance, an annual subscription to *Boys' Life*, and leader training. To help pay for awards, den supplies, Pinewood Derby kits, and pack activities, Pack 119 conducts an annual fundraiser in the fall, selling Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn. Prizes are awarded to boys based on how much they sell, and additional prizes go to top sellers and top-selling dens. Pack 119 has consistently been one of the top-selling units in the Prairielands Council, which allows us to maintain our level of activities and support. The Pack Committee has estimated that to maintain Pack 119's current level of activities, each boy needs to sell approximately \$300 in popcorn. Should we ever fail to meet our fundraising goals, the pack would have to cut back on our activities or charge parents for more items.

Pack 119 also provides Cub Scouts the opportunity to help defray the cost of summer camps by selling candy bars in the spring. The candy bar sale generally takes place in late February and March and is strictly optional. Individual scouts or dens may sell candy bars, and all the profits from the sale are passed on to the boys.

Finally, Pack 119 is a supporter of the Friends of Scouting campaign. This annual campaign provides funds for the Prairielands Council. None of your registration fee goes to the Prairielands Council. Council funds come from two primary sources: popcorn sales by units in the Council and Friends of Scouting. Pack 119 includes a Friends of Scouting drive at the annual Blue & Gold Banquet.



Rules of Conduct

Inappropriate Behavior

The goal of Pack 119's leaders is to have a safe, fun program for the Scouts and their families. The adult leaders have the right to intervene in any situation that they deem unsafe. If a Scout is unwilling to abide by the requirements of the adult leaders in charge, they may require a parent to come get the Scout.

Electronic Entertainment

Pack 119 does not allow the use of electronic entertainment (Walkmans, TVs, boom boxes, Gameboys, etc.) at meetings, scout-sponsored functions, or scout outings. Scouts using such items will be asked to stop, and if they do not comply, the adult leader may confiscate the item until the end of the event, at which point it will be returned to the Scout.

Electronic devices such as two-way radios, radios used to check weather reports, or other devices used to ensure the safety of the Scouts, parents, and leaders are allowed.

Camping Guidelines

Pack 119 strives to ensure that several outings each year include family camping. The scout and his entire family are encouraged to attend. The Boy Scouts of America have established guidelines for its members' participation in camping activities.

A Cub Scout may participate in overnight camping when supervised by his mother or father. If a parent cannot attend, the boy's family must make arrangements for another adult relative to be a substitute for a parent at the campout. It is essential that each Scout be under the supervision of an adult. Cub Scouts are limited to boy-parent excursions or program-managed family camping designed for the entire family.

When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian. Webelos Scouts at certain approved outings (such as Adventure Camp) may stay in a tent with other boys without a parent, but still may not stay in the tent of an adult that is not his parent or guardian.

Safety Guidelines

Use of Knives by Cub Scouts

To earn the right to carry a pocketknife at Cub Scout functions, Scouts must be in the third grade and have earned the *Whittling Chip* by completing the Shavings and Chips (Achievement 19) in the *Bear Cub Scout Book*. Please do not give your boy a knife until they meet these requirements. Pack 119 encourages this award, as we feel it teaches respect for safety and personal property.

In return for the privilege of carrying a pocketknife at Cub Scout functions **only**, the Scout must understand the rules for safe use of a pocketknife and handle his pocketknife with care. Failure to follow the guidelines will result in suspension of his carrying privilege. If a Scout has a knife in his possession, he must be able to produce his *Whittling Chip* upon request of an adult leader. If the boy is unable to produce his card, but has earned it, the knife will be forfeited until the end of the activity or meeting. BSA guidelines provide that the knife must be a folding knife with a blade shorter than the palm of the boy's hand.

Guide to Safe Scouting Extract

The following key items are extracted from *A Unit Leader's Guide for Current Policies and Procedures to Safe Activities* (ISBN 0-8395-4416-2, © 1998 Boy Scouts of America). Leaders should have access to this document for additional safety topics not covered in this extract (swimming, boating, climbing, etc.). These are national policies enforced by the adult leaders of Pack 119, and violation of these policies by a boy or his parent may result in the removal of the Scout from the Pack. Repeated violations by members of a Pack can result in the revocation of the Pack Charter by the Boy Scouts of America. For additional information, refer to the online BSA document *Guide to Safe Scouting* at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/toc.html>.

Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use and Abuse

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all youth participants.

Guidelines for Safely Using Chemical Stoves and Lanterns

Use compressed or liquid-gas stoves or lanterns with knowledgeable adult supervision only and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted. Never fuel a stove, heater, or lantern inside; always do this outdoors. Never

fuel, ignite, or operate a stove, heater, or lantern in a tent. Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.

Flammability Warning

No tent material is completely fireproof. The most important safeguard is to keep flames away from tent materials. For this reason, the following safety precautions are emphasized:

- Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in tents.
- Never use liquid-fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, matches, and other flame sources in or near tents.
- Do not pitch tents near an open fire.
- Only use battery-operated devices in tents.

Fireworks

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use, and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.

Guns, Firearms, and Archery

The Boy Scouts of America adheres to its long-standing policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, airguns, and BB guns in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs.

Gun-shooting sports are *not* an approved part of the Cub Scout program except at council-approved Cub Scout camps. At camp, Cub Scouts may have an opportunity to take part in a BB gun (rifle) safety and marksmanship program under the direction of a trained and certified BB-gun range officer. Cub Scouts are not permitted to use any other type of handgun or firearm. Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities.

Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the pack level.

These programs are designed to emphasize safety and marksmanship development under the direction of trained range officers using nationally approved instructional methods.

Transportation

Seat belts are required for all occupants. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. Passenger cars or station wagons may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of station wagons. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. Do not exceed the speed limit.

If a vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 persons, including the driver, the driver must have a commercial driver's license. An adult leader must be in charge and accompany the group. The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age.

Cub Scout Glossary

Cub Scouting has a language all its own. Below are the definitions of many of the terms you will encounter in Cub Scouting.

Achievement

To earn the rank badge, Wolf and Bear Scouts must complete achievements found in their Handbook.

Activity Badge

There are 20 activity badges that a Webelos Scout can earn. These are divided into five areas: Physical, Mental, Technology, Outdoor, and Community. A pin is awarded for completion of each activity badge.

Adult Partner

The adult member of a Tiger Cub team.

Akela

A leader; this may be the Cubmaster, parents, religious leaders, Den Leaders, or any other person providing leadership.

Arrow of Light

This is the highest award a boy can earn in Cub Scouting, and is also the only (non-religious) award from Cub Scouts that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform.

Arrow Points

Arrow points are awarded to Wolf and Bear Scouts for completing electives beyond the achievements required to earn their rank badge. A Gold Arrow Point is awarded for the first ten electives completed; a Silver Arrow Point is awarded for each successive ten electives completed.

Bear Scout

These are generally third-grade Cub Scouts who work on activities in four areas: God, Country, Family, and Self. Of the 24 possible achievements, they must complete a prescribed amount from each area for a total of 12.

Blue & Gold Banquet

A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and Cub Scouting in 1930.

Bobcat

Every boy who joins Cub Scouts must first earn the Bobcat badge. In doing this, he learns the seven basic tenets of Cub Scouting: the Promise, the Law of the Pack, the sign, the handshake, the motto, the salute, and what Webelos means.

Boy Scout

A Boy Scout is between the ages of 11 and 18 and belongs to a Troop. He advances through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is a nationally-chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Units, Varsity Scouts, and Venturing Crews.

Chartered Organization

This is the organization that charters a unit and approves of all leaders. The Chartered Organization Representative serves on the Pack Committee. Pack 119 is chartered by Champaign West Rotary.

Committee

This is the group of adult volunteers who run the Pack. Any interested adult is welcome to attend Committee meetings.

Committee Chair

The primary leader of the Pack. The Committee Chair works with the Pack Committee, Cubmaster, and Chartered Organization Representative to plan the Pack program, recruit leaders, and maintain the budget.

Council

The Council is an organization of professional Scouters that oversees all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and other units in the area. Pack 119 is part of the Prairielands Council.

Crossover

When Webelos Scouts become Boy Scouts.

Cub Scout

A Cub Scout is a member of the Boy Scouts of America in the first through fifth grade (or ages 6 to 11).

Cubmaster

The Cubmaster is sometimes known as the unit leader of the Pack. The Cubmaster runs the Pack meetings, advises Den Leaders, and works with the Pack Committee to plan and run the Pack program.

Den

The Den is a group of Cub Scouts who meet at regular intervals. Ideally, a Den consists of six to ten boys who are all working towards the same rank.

Den Chief

A Boy Scout, usually of First Class rank or higher, who serves as an assistant leader in a Den.

Den Leader

The adult volunteer who is in charge of planning and running den meetings.

Den Meeting

Individual Den Meetings are held for each rank level of Cub Scouts. These usually occur at regular intervals, such as weekly or bi-weekly. Wolf and Bear dens work on fun projects, crafts, skits, or some of their achievements. Webelos dens use this time to work on the various activity badges

Denner

A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout elected by his peers to help the den chief and den leader.

District

Each Council is divided into a number of Districts. Pack 119 is part of the Prairie Fire District. The District Executive oversees the activities of all units in the District.

Handbook

Each level of Scouting has its own Handbook. The Handbook is **essential** for your Scout, as it spells out the requirements for advancement as well as providing a place to record their completion.

Pack

All of the Cub Scouts in our Dens and their families make up the Pack. The Pack usually meets once every month during the school year.

Pinewood Derby

A pack activity that involves making and racing model cars on a track. Pack 119 usually holds its Pinewood Derby in February.

Rank Badges

The rank badges for Cub Scouts are, in order, Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light.

Scouter

A registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

Summertime Award

To earn the National Summertime Pack Award, a Cub Scout pack must plan and conduct three pack activities—one each in June, July, and August. Cub Scouts who participate in all three activities may wear the National Summertime Pack Award pin on their uniform. Pack 119 generally offers at least two activities in each summer month in order to provide boys and their families plenty of opportunities for fun and to qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award.

Tiger Cub

Tiger Cubs are first-grade boys who, with an adult partner, participate in five achievements, each consisting of a Family Activity, a Den Activity, and a Go See It.

Tiger Partner

The adult partner of a Tiger Cub, usually a family member. Tiger Partners accompany their Tiger Cubs to all Scouting events and activities.

12 Core Values

The 12 Core Values of Cub Scouting are citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility.

Uniform

The uniform is the prescribed clothing for any and all official Cub Scout events and activities. In Pack 119, the minimum uniform consists of a blue uniform shirt (Webelos may wear tan shirts with blue shoulder tabs) with all patches (council, pack number, den number, world scouting, and rank), appropriate neckerchief (orange for Tigers, yellow for Wolves, blue for Bears, and plaid for Webelos), and a neckerchief slide. Hats and belts are optional parts of the Pack 119 uniform.

Unit

Each individually chartered Pack, Troop, Post, Lodge, or Crew in the Boy Scouts of America is a unit.

Webelos

Webelos means **WE'll BE LOyal Scouts**. Webelos is both the singular and plural form.

Webelos Scout

These are fourth- and fifth-grade Cub Scouts who work on up to 20 activity badges in the den setting. These activities are designed to prepare the boys for the merit badge methodology used in Boy Scouts.

Wolf Cub

These are generally second-grade Cub Scouts who work on 12 achievements, mostly in the home setting. Arrow points are awarded for work done on a multitude of electives.