

# Pack 436 Cub Scout Parent Handbook



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## Pack 436 Mission

The leaders of Cub Scout Pack 436 are committed to providing a quality program of Cub Scouting activities. Special emphasis is placed on character development, family, citizenship, and outdoor activities.

**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 436 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.

**Joining Pack 436:** Any boy in the first through fifth grades is welcome to join Pack 436. The boy’s parent must fill out a Cub Scout application, which can be obtained from the Cubmaster, Steve Watkins, or Pack Committee Chairman, Eric Bowser.

**Registration:** The registration fee for joining Pack 436 for the 2011 – 12 school year is \$35.

This fee pays for:

- Registration with the Boy Scouts of America
- Unit insurance
- Annual Subscription to *Boys’ Life* magazine
- Awards and Advancements (Neckerchiefs, Badges, Activity Pins, and Books)

The registration fee should be turned in to the Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chairman along with the Cub Scout application. **All checks should be made payable to Pack 436.** Please request a receipt upon payment.

**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. Cub Scouts have two types of uniforms. The more formal blue Cub Scout shirt, or tan scout shirt for Webelos, is known as the Class A uniform. Another part of the Class A uniform is the neckerchief and slide.

In addition to the Class A uniform, Pack 436 typically purchases an outdoor activity uniform known as a Class B uniform. The Class B uniform is a t-shirt that is purchased through the Pack and contains the Cub Scout logo and Pack name. We typically try to purchase these in

bulk towards the beginning of the school year at a cost of no more than \$5 per Scout.

Other, optional, parts of the Scout uniform include hats, green scout pants or shorts, scout socks, and belts are available online or at the Scout shop.

Pack 436 provides the Scout handbook and neckerchief for each Scout who has chartered and paid their \$35. The Scout handbook will serve as their guide to Scouting for the requirements to reach the next rank.

Uniforms and other Scout supplies and equipment may be found at: the Miami Valley Council Scout Shop located at 6550 Poe Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45413. Please notice that this is a new location for the 2011 – 12 school year.

In addition to the local Scout shop, uniforms and supplies can be purchased online at <http://www.ScoutStuff.org>

For those of you who are inclined to use online auctions, eBay has lots of good deals on used uniforms.

**Scholarships:** Should fees or costs become an issue for your family, please contact the Cubmaster, Steve Watkins or Pack Committee Chairman Eric Bowser.

We are much more concerned about your son joining scouts and enjoying what we have to offer than we are about uniforms, etc. Our goal is to make sure that every boy in our area who wants to be a Scout has the opportunity to do so. If uniforms are the issue, please ask if the Pack has any surplus uniforms that other Scouts have donated or outgrown. If the cost of a uniform is prohibiting your son from participating in Scouts, please let us know and we will try to find a way to assist.

**Parent Responsibilities:** When joining Pack 436, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their son in the following ways:

- See that he has, and wears, the proper uniform.
- Remind your son to bring his Scout book to all Den meetings.
- 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.
- Assist with arranging Go-And-See events.
- Check the Pack website on a regular basis for announcement and information.

Parent volunteers are always needed!

**If you'd like to help in any capacity, please contact the Pack Committee Chairman Eric**

## **Bowser, 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 we are a complete volunteer driven organization. You may be asked to be a Den leader, or act in a support role to assist your son's Den or the entire Pack. Please be willing to do your part when asked. We're not looking for perfection; we just need everyone to pitch in to make this a quality Pack!

**Adult Leaders:** If you are requested to be in a leadership role, such as a Den Leader, we will need you to complete an Adult application. This application is filed with the council so that they can do appropriate background checks. In addition, those in leadership roles must take the on-line Youth Protection Training offered by Boy Scouts of America. Your son's safety is our primary concern!

**What is Cub Scouting?** In 1930, the Boy Scouts of America launched a home and neighborhood-based program for boys aged 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 the USA in 1930 to millions of boys and tens of thousands of 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:**

1. To influence the development of character.
2. To encourage spiritual growth.
3. To help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
4. To encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
5. To improve understanding within the family.
6. To strengthen the ability of boys to get along with other boys and respect other people.
7. To foster a sense of personal achievement in boys by helping them develop new interests and skills.
8. To show boys how to be helpful and to do one's best.
9. To provide fun and exciting new things for boys to do.
10. 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. 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 6 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.

Boys who have completed first grade or are 7 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

When a boy has completed the second grade or is 8 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 grade (9 years old) and fifth grade (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. This award can also be worn on the Adult Scout Uniform. Towards the end of fifth grade the Webelos Scout will be ready to cross over into Boy Scouts and join a Boy Scout Troop. Pack 436 typically crosses Scouts over at our Blue and Gold Banquet held each year in February.

**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 you, the parent, far less confused.

1. First Grade boys are **Tiger** Cubs
2. Second grade boys work toward their **Wolf** Rank
3. Third grade boys work toward their **Bear** Rank

4. Fourth grade boys are Webelos and work on their **Webelos** rank
5. Fifth grade boys are second year **Webelos** and work on Cub Scouting's highest award, the *Arrow of Light*

**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, hopefully, an Assistant Den Leader. A Boy Scout, known as a Den Chief, may also work with your son's den. Dens in Pack 436 meet each Monday of the month except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. The meetings are from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Occasionally meeting a specific Den's meeting time and/or location may change as they work on a specific advancement.

**Pack 436 – Organization and Leadership:**

**Cub Master – Steve Watkins**

**Council Chairman – Eric Bowser**

**Tiger Cubs: Den Leader – Chris Sherman**

**Wolves: Den Leader – Ruth Ann Bowser**

**Bears: Den Leader – John Pinnix**

**Webelos I: Den Leader – Jen Watkins**

**Webelos II: Den Leader – Steve Watkins**

**Pack:** The Pack consists of all of the dens and their families. Pack 436 meets monthly during the school year, generally on the third Monday of every month (unless that day is a school holiday or conflicts with a school event). Pack meetings are also held from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. We try very hard to start our meetings on time and end them on time.

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. An Assistant Cubmaster may also help with these events.

It is important that a parent or guardian attend the Pack meeting as there are typically important announcements and/or information provided at these meetings.

**Pack Committee:** Pack 436 runs a loose Pack Committee. Basically we need parents to step up and assist with planning special events, Go And See events, and work with Den leaders to share their knowledge or skills.

All parents are encouraged to serve on the pack committee and are welcome to attend committee meetings. Pack Committee Meetings typically take place after each Pack Meeting. We attempt to keep the Pack Committee Meetings as brief as possible.

**Charter Organization:** Every Cub Scout Pack is required to have a sponsor, known as the Charter Organization. Pack 436 has been chartered by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. You do not have to be a member of the Lutheran denomination or the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to be a member of our Pack 436. Pack 436 certainly appreciated our Charter Organization for supplying meeting locations and a storage location for our supplies and equipment.

**District and Council:** Pack 436 is part of the Wright Brothers District, which covers most of Montgomery County. The District provides support for all of the scouting programs (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing). The Wright Brothers District is part of the larger Miami Valley Council which covers Montgomery County as well as several of the surrounding counties. The Miami Valley Council web site is <http://www.mvcbsa.com/>

**The Pack 436 Cub Scout Program:** 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 den meetings, and both boys and their parents are expected to attend pack meetings. Parents are also encouraged to attend den meetings and all other events as well. While we understand that many of our Scouts are also involved in sporting activities, it can be difficult as a Den leader to help the boys earn their advancements if they do not attend Den and Pack meetings on a regular basis.

**\* Note that the Tiger Cub's Adult Partner must attend all functions with their Tiger Cub.**

To keep parents informed about events, Pack 436 operates a website, an e-mail mailing list, and used the OneCallNow automated dialer system. The pack website is located at [www.pack436.org](http://www.pack436.org) Webmasters: Eric Bowser

At the pack website, you can find the pack calendar of events for the current school year, as well as additional information on scouting, such as references, links to other informative sites, as well as links to the Miami Valley Council web site. When you join Pack 436, the pack webmaster will add your e-mail address to the pack mailing list as well as our OneCallNow automated dialer system. It is important to notify us if your address, phone number or email address changes.

- **No Cub Scout is to be left at any Pack meeting or Pack event without parental supervision.**
- **There must be at least two adults present at ALL meetings or outings.**
- **Siblings are invited to attend Pack meetings and most Pack functions.**

**Pack Meetings:** The core of the Pack 436 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 optional Cub Scout Belt. In years past, Pack 436 has had activities focused on Collecting, Fishing, Hiking, Baseball, Bicycling, Bowling, Flag Football, Ice Skating, Roller Skating, and Soccer.

**Camping:** Pack 436 participates in camping activities each year. The exact number of campouts depends on the desire of the scouts and parents. Please do not feel like you have to go out and purchase a bunch of camping equipment. If you need to borrow camping equipment, please let us know and we will assist in locating the needed equipment.

**Pinewood Derby:** The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable events in Cub Scouting. Pack 436 holds its Pinewood Derby in late January on a Saturday morning. Weigh-in typically starts at 9 am with racing starting promptly at 10 am. The boys receive their kits at the December pack meeting which is typically held earlier in the month. The boys they have a little over a month to work on their derby cars. 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. The races are electronically scored by computer and Scouts race in random heats to provide competition and excitement. This event is incredibly fun and gets better every year.

**Go And See:** Our Scouts like nothing more than to change the pace of a typical Den meeting. Go and See events are where we take our Scouts to locations here in the Miami Valley and take a tour, or learn a new skill. Many of the Scout ranks have requirements that Scouts see, or participate, in certain events or activities in order to earn rank advancements. Go and See events might involve a tour of a local restaurant or business, a tour of the local police or fire station, a trip to a local pond where parents and a Den leader work together to assist boys in learning to fish. Other events may include a hike or a bike ride. If you have a place of business, or know of a business, that accommodates tours; please let us know so we can work to schedule these events.

**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 436 to come together for an evening of food, family, and fun. The Blue & Gold Banquet is also where our second year Webelos Scouts cross over into a Boy Scout troop of their choice.

**Summer Program:** While there are no Den Meetings or Pack Meetings during the months of June, July, and August; there are still Scouting events available. In addition to the June camping event mentioned above the district holds a week long Day Camp. Scouts are highly encouraged to participate in Day Camp as there are events held at Day Camp that we are not allowed to do as a Den or Pack.

**Special Events:** Pack 436 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. One of the highlights of our Scouting year is our annual museum campout. Each year, typically in March, we arrange for all of our Scouts, and a parent chaperone to spend the night at a local museum, aquarium or zoo. In past years we have used the Boonshoft Museum, the Cincinnati and Columbus Zoo and the Museum Center in Cincinnati. We are always open to new and exciting adventures for our Scouts. If you know of a museum that offers overnight activities for Scouts, please let us know.

**Fundraising:** While Pack 436 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 camping trips, pack and den supplies, Pinewood Derby kits, and other pack activities, Pack 436 conducts one major annual fundraising event in the Fall. The major fundraiser is a Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn selling drive. Prizes are awarded to boys based on how much they sell, and additional prizes go to top sellers and top-selling dens.

Our popcorn sales consist of two primary components:

1. Show and Sale – We have specific times and locations where we can set up a booth for sales outside a local business (most likely Krogers). Two scouts man the booth in two hour shifts. Sales total for the day at a specific location are split evenly among any the Scouts participating at that location during our block of times. Show and Sale times are limited so your son will want to sign up early!
2. Form Sales – If your son is a returning Scout you should receive a sales form in the mail. If your son fills up this form he may obtain additional forms from his Den leader or from the Scout shop.

### **Rules of Conduct:**

**Inappropriate Behavior:** The goal of Pack 436's leaders is to have a safe, fun program for the Scouts and their families. The Pack's leadership has all completed the BSA Youth Protection Training and understands safety and child protection. Pack 436 leaders reserve 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.

Parents, please be aware that smoking is not permitted at Scouting events. If you must smoke, please remove yourself from the group and the site of other Scouts. Please respect our charter organization by not smoking anywhere on the church grounds.

Alcohol is **never** permitted at Scouting events.

**Electronic Entertainment:** Pack 436 does not allow the use of electronic entertainment (iPods, DS, DSi...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 436 strives to ensure that 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. **Please do not ask for an exception to these rules. These are BSA rules and are not subject to local control.**

## **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 in the *Bear Cub Scout Book*. **Please do not let your Scout bring a knife until they meet these requirements.** Pack 436 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, 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. 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:** 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 436, 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 (nonreligious) 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 for earning 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** - 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, and Venturing Crews.

**Charter Organization** - This is the organization that charters a unit and approves of all leaders. The Charter Organization Representative serves on the Pack Committee.

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

**Pack Committee Chair** - The Pack Committee Chair is the primary leader of the Pack. The Committee Chair works with the Pack Committee, the Cubmaster, and the Charter 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 436 is part of the Atlanta Area Council.

**Crossover** - When Webelos Scouts become Boy Scouts, or when Scouts move from one rank to the next

**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

**District** - Each Council is divided into a number of Districts. Pack 436 is part of the Cherokee Pickens 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.

**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

**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, who is 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 436, 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. Class B / Activity (Scout T-Shirt) is also acceptable as a uniform for all non-formal functions.

**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.

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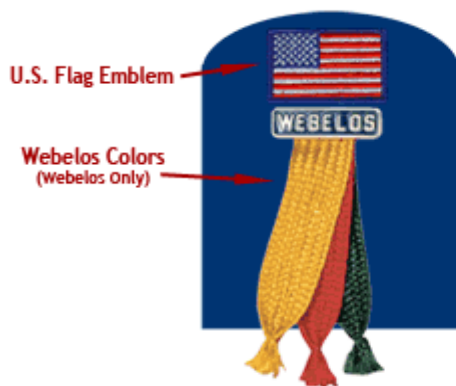
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# Appendix A – Uniform and Patch Placement



Cub Scout Right Pocket

Cub Scout Left Pocket



Right Sleeve



Left Sleeve



TIGERS

WOLF

BEAR

WEBELOS

## Appendix A – Organizational Structure

