

Information for families new to Scouting

Welcome to Pack 163!! We are excited to have you join our Pack family!

About Cub Scouts

Your boy is a member of a Den. Dens are small groups of boys who are in the same grade as your son. They meet 2 to 4 times a month on a day that is determined by the Den leader and the families in each Den. A Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader. The leaders are usually parents of the Cub Scouts. You will be contacted by your son's Den leader before September with information about Den meeting time and place.

1st Graders are called TIGERS, and belong to a TIGER DEN.

2nd Graders are called WOLVES, and belong to a WOLF DEN.

3rd Graders are called BEARS, and belong to a BEAR DEN.

4th & 5th Graders are called WEBELOS, and belong to a WEBELOS DEN.

Your boy is also a member of the Pack. Our Pack is made up of many Dens. It meets once a month. All Cub Scouts and their families are expected to attend. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster. Pack meetings can have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges earned. You can view the events calendar at the Pack website <http://www.pack163unionnj.com/events.html> to see all upcoming meetings and events for our Pack.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee, which is made up of Den Leaders, Pack leaders, and all other interested parents. The committee meets once a month, and is led by a Committee Chair. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack finances, orders badges, maintains Pack equipment, and helps train leaders.

Contact Info

Someone will always be available to answer any questions that you may have. If you have any questions about our program please contact our Pack Committee at committee@pack163unionnj.com.

Uniform

Every Cub Scout should wear his Class A uniform to Cub Scouting activities including pack meetings, den meetings, and pack outings unless told otherwise. Uniforms are expected to be worn properly and with pride. They are to be kept neat and tucked in, with covered toe footwear (no sandals or Crocs).

You will need to purchase a Class A uniform for your son. Here are the things your son will need:

Blue uniform shirt

Cub Scout belt

Patriot's Path Council patch

Red Unit numbers 1, 6, and 3

Den patch (numbers are below)

Hat - This goes by school year

1st grade - Tiger (orange) - Den 4

2nd grade - Wolf (yellow) - Den 2

3rd grade - Bear (blue) - Den 3 or 7 (ask your leader!)

4th grade - Webelos (plaid) - Den 1 or 6 (ask your leader!)

5th grade - Webelos (plaid) - Den 5

World crest emblem (purple)

Here are things that are nice to have, but not necessary:

Blue uniform pants

Red patch vest

You also need to buy a handbook for your son, based on his rank (same as hat).

There are two area Scout Shops. The main store is at 1 Saddle Road in Cedar Knolls at Patriot's Path Council headquarters. The smaller store is at 1130 Route 22 West in Mountainside (look for the Verrex sign). Directions and hours for both can be found online at <http://shop.ppbsa.org/locationhours/>. The employees at both are hugely helpful in getting all the uniform parts assembled.

If you've also volunteered to be a leader, thank you! You will need a tan uniform shirt, Patriot's Path Council patch, World crest emblem (purple), Red Unit numbers 1, 6, and 3, and either a Den patch (numbers are above) and Den leader or Assistant Leader patch OR the patch for your position.