**Welcome to Cub Scouting**

 **Parent’s Orientation Packet**

 **So, You’re the Parents of a new Cub Scout!!**

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The Pack Website - [Http://deltapack72.Scoutlander.com](http://deltapack72.Scoutlander.com)

**Your Son, Cub Scouting, and You**

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth.

Imagine a program that can help your son learn, grow and mature while he is having fun. There are activities in which you and he can participate together with the rest of the family and get to know each other even better. This is exactly what Scouting is. Every activity gives you and your son the chance to discover and share together.

What does your son learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your son will participate are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life.

Here are just a few of the things your son will gain through Cub Scouting.

A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of boys and caring adults.

New social skills that will help him get along with others.

Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.

A greater understanding of other people and the world around him.

A system of “values” that will help him grow and make good decisions.

A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.

Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.

A deeper relationship with his family and his family’s spiritual foundation

With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to "be prepared" to shape his own future.

***Cub Scouting is fun! But it is fun with a purpose. Woven through all the fun is an inspired program that really works. Tried and proven methods are used that transfer traditional values, build character, and develop leadership skills--all in the context of fun and family togetherness.***

 **Getting Started**

-Complete and turn in the Cub Scout application and registration fee to your leader.

-Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and your son can get the most out of it.

-Purchase a Cub Scout Book now and begin doing the activities in it with your son.

Find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout Pack is doing in the next few months, and put them on your calendar so you can participate. Once registered you will be emailed updates on activities or you can always find out what’s going on via the Event Calendar on the website http://deltapack72.ScoutLander.com. (You must have your invite email)

 Scouting is more fun with friends! Every boy can be a Cub Scout at any time, not just on School Night. Talk with other parents and boys and have them join your son’s Cub Scout Den now to make Cub Scouting even more fun. Your son will be recognized as a “recruiter” and will be recognized by the Pack if he recruits a friend to join.

 Consider being a Cub Scout leader for your son’s Cub Scout den. Your son’s experience in Cub Scouting **depends** on your involvement. Details are on the following pages.

Purchase a Cub Scout Uniform for your son to wear his awards on. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your son grows. Uniforms can be purchased at ACE Hardware in Wauseon, online, as well as the Scout store.

 **How Cub Scouting Works**

**Scouting is Family Oriented**

Activities are intended for the whole family.

You work with your son on his various award requirements.

Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

**Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Den**

The Den meets up to twice a month.

The den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer).

The den leader is usually assisted by an Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).

Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

**Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Pack**

The “pack” consists of all the dens and other leaders. The pack meets once a month on the 4th Thursday (unless changed in advance)– all Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmasters lead the monthly pack meeting.

The pack meeting is the climax of the month’s den meetings and activities.

Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the boys have earned that month.

**The pack is run by a Pack Committee (group of parent volunteers).**

The pack committee is made up of a Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Treasure, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Event Chairs and many other positions. Most of these leaders are parents of boys in the pack. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.

The committee meets once a month.

The committee plans pack meetings.

The committee plans events.

The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

**The pack is owned by a Chartering Organization**

Charter organizations include education centers, parent associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.

The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.

The chartered organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and the organization. The Chartered Organization appoints and approves of the adult leadership group that leads the pack.

Information Regarding Your Son’s New Pack

**My Pack number is**: **Pack 72**

**Website Address:** <http://deltapack72.ScoutLander.com>

**My Den is:**

Kindergarten LION

1st Grade Tiger

2nd Grade Wolves

3rd Grade Bears

4th Grade Webelos I

5th Grade Webelos II

**My Scouting District is:** Chinquapin

**My Council is:** Black Swamp Area Council

**My Den leader's Name, and Phone #:**

Lions - TBA (NEW DEN THIS YEAR)

Tigers – TBA

Wolves – Jack Gibson 419-350-4384

 Dan Johnson 419-340-8146

Bears – TBA

Webelos I & II – Aaron Faehnle 419-467-9857

 Brian Mitchell 419-345-5514

**My Cubmaster is Josh Heinemann**

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**My Den and Pack meet at: United Methodist Church**

101 Northwood Dr – Delta, OH

**When & What Time:**

Your **Den** meetings will be organized by your Den Leader & Den Families.

Our monthly **Pack** meetings are listed on our website Event Calendar. Meetings are most always the 4th Thursday of the month. Holidays may offset meetings.

**Time is 7:00-8:00pm unless otherwise noted.**

**Note**: We do not hold regular Den/Pack meetings during the months of June and July, but there are tons of summertime activities going on. We start back to normal schedule soon after school starts in August. Your Den leader will advise summertime scheduling.

 **Look Sharp in your Uniform!!**

**UNIFORM CHECKLIST** - Employees of the scout shop are always happy to assist you.

 Tiger/Wolf/Bear

 (Webelo’s Purchase Tan instead of Blue)

* Blue Short Sleeve Shirt (buy BIG for room to Grow)
* Cap (Optional)
* Neckerchief
* Neckerchief Slide
* Tiger or Cub Scout Belt (to hold Belt Loops!!)
* Hand Book!!!

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| * **Patches:** (Left Shoulder) Black Swamp area Council Patch, Pack Numbers **7,2**

 (Right Shoulder) flag (if needed)  (Above Left Pocket) World Scout crest Emblem |
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|   **“How much does it cost?”** |
|  **Pack 72 STRIVES to make scouting the lowest cost experience as possible!** **Registration / Application Fee:** $40 per scout **Pack Dues:** We rely on our fundraisers Sales and participation! If we do not make our goal, then Pack dues may be necessary. At this time no dues are charged.**Re-charter Fee:** $40.00 Annually **Individual Activity Charges:** Paid on an event by event basis. Many of our activities are free, and most of our paid activities qualify for group or reduced admission so there is a savings vs. paying for these events individually. **The Best News:** We will participate in fundraisers throughout the year. When we achieve our goals it helps keep scouting affordable.  |
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**The Advancement Plan**

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are done at home with the family. The Cub Scout Advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your son. For each special skill or activity your son completes with you, you can sign off on one of the requirements he needs to earn his next award. As a result, the awards he earns increase his knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. You can be a part of it by participating in the Cub Scout program with him. The rank awards he earns are listed below.

**BOBCAT** (Earned by ALL NEW Cub Scouts)

All boys, (1st – 5th grade), earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, the child safety requirement and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.

**TIGER CUB** (First Graders)

Tiger Cubs who complete five achievements in three areas: den activities, family activity and Go See It earn the Tiger Cub badge. After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead each time they complete 10 electives.

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**WOLF** (Second Graders)

A Cub Scout, who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. Each achievement is designed to teach simple skills and initiate family discussion on values, drug awareness, health, etc.

**BEAR** (Third Graders)

A Cub Scout, who is in the third grade works to complete 12 of 24achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Wolf or Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different areas of interest until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes!

**WEBELOS** (Fourth & Fifth Graders) When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade, (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity pins, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting) which prepares him for Boy Scouting.

**ARROW OF LIGHT** (Fifth Grade)

When a boy earns the Arrow of Light or reaches 11 years of age or

completes the fifth grade, he may graduate from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts at an impressive graduation ceremony. We aim to graduate every Cub Scout to a Boy Scout.

Positions in the Pack

As current leaders move up and on to Boy Scouts, new positions in the

pack and committee are available. Please check with the Committee Chair

to see what is open. There may just be a position that suits you!

**CUBMASTER & ASST CUBMASTER**- Help plan and carry out the pack program

with the help of the pack committee. MC’s monthly pack meeting, and attends pack leaders’ meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.

**TIGER DEN LEADER** - Coordinates the Tiger Cub den to ensure they stay active and participate in pack meetings and activities. Lay a solid foundation of cub scouting values.

**DEN LEADER(S)** - Leads the den at den meetings and monthly pack meeting. They are encouraged to attend the monthly pack leaders’ meeting and roundtable meeting.

**DEN LEADER ASST(S)** - Meets with den leaders monthly to plan pack program with the help of the pack committee. They are encouraged to attend pack meetings, pack leader’s meetings, and roundtable meetings. The Cubmaster may perform this function in a small pack.

**PARENT HELPERS** - Each year the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as pack fundraisers, Scouting for Food, Service Projects, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Summer Camp help and Camping programs. These jobs are of short duration, and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR** - Presides at all pack leaders’ meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Ensures the Pack is fulfilling its duty to the scouts and their families. Also helps lead the pack meeting and attends roundtable meetings.

**SECRETARY CHAIR** – Take minutes of the Pack meeting and record key items such as things needing follow-up or items for the history of the pack. Maintain an inventory of pack property. Handle correspondence for the pack. This may include writing letters of appreciation and requests for reservations, or ordering supplies through the local council service center. ***(This position is currently split up between several people).***

**TREASURER CHAIR** - Keeps all records for the pack. Including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings, pack committee meetings.

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIR** - Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

**OTHER COMMITTEE POSTIONS** – Training Chair, Public Relations Chair, Events Chair, Membership & Registration Chair and Friends of Scouting (FoS) Chair.

**GENERAL** – Do you have a special skill or talent? Check with your Den Leader or Cubmaster to see all the different ways you can help. We often create positions so you can be involved and help to take on some of the Pack’s responsibilities. The more help, the easier it is!

 **The Pack Website**

**www.deltapack72.ScoutLander.com**

We use Scoutlander to host our website. We are currently remodeling this site, so we are still adding to it and making it even more functional! When you register with our Pack, you will soon receive an invitation to register to be able to view the private parts of our Scoutlander page. Scoutlander is free, but you may be prompted to voluntarily pay to help support the site, simply click “Not now”. A brief list of contents (and future contents) is described below.

**Meeting Info**: Lists our current Pack Meeting schedule on one page.

**New Parents Page!**: Here you will find a copy of this orientation packet, many helpful links and an introduction to scouting.

**Event Calendar**: Check out what events and meetings are coming up. RSVP for events that ask for it (please!)

**Leadership**: Contact information

**Photo Gallery & New Photo Gallery**: These are simply galleries of photos from events. Only Pack Members who have been invited to join our Scoutlander page can view these images.

Thank you for taking the time to go through our Parent’s Orientation Packet. We look forward to seeing you and your new cub scout!

If you have any questions please contact:

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