

Welcome
To the adventures of
Cub scouting!!!

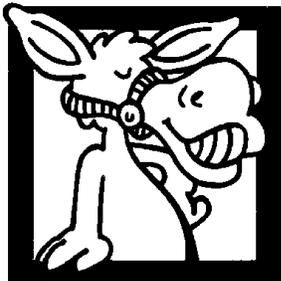
Where Character Counts
and
The Adventure Begins



Pack 39
Marlborough, Ct

OVERVIEW

Read

To
Lead

Magazine

Boys' Life Magazine is the official youth publication of the Boy Scouts of America.

The mission of *Boys' Life* is to entertain and educate America's youth, and to open their eyes to the joyous worlds of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting.

Cub Scout Demographic Version

Since September 1995, *Boys' Life* has published two versions – one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts. The Cub Scout version focuses on the developmental reading needs of Cub Scout age subscribers. It contains eight to twelve special pages (substituted for a similar number of pages in the Boy Scout version) modified especially for Cub Scout age readers.

“The Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* contains something for every boy age 6-11 – word games, cartoons, and puzzles; sports profiles of young athletes; pack activities – articles and activities that interest young readers. They also receive most of our regular lineup of action packed articles and columns, Boy Scout adventures and humor. With the Cub Scout version, *Boys' Life* reinforces its commitment to be the “magazine for all boys.” – JD Owen, editor in chief, *Boys' Life* magazine.

Cub Scouts Who Subscribe to *Boys' Life*:

- **Stay in Scouting longer than non-subscribers.** The most recent finding by Globes Research Corporation reports that, on average, *Boys' Life* subscribers stay in Scouting 2.5 times longer than non-subscribers.
- **Advance in rank faster and more often than non-subscribers.** The advancement rate for *Boys' Life* subscribers is more than twice that of non-subscribers.
- **Are more active in Scouting events than non-subscribers.** Surveys taken at council Scout shows pointed out that 85% of participants are *Boys' Life* subscribers.
- “The decision to publish a Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* magazine represents a strong commitment by BSA to your son's success in Scouting.” – Jere Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive, BSA (retired)
- **At \$12 per year for a subscription – this is a tremendous bargain!**

Your Son, Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, we have

been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting IS family values. However, Cub Scout age boys do not join just to build character. Boys join Cub Scouting because IT IS FUN!!

Scouting is Fun with a Purpose!

Statistics show that over the long term, boys and young men who have experienced Scouting's programs are more likely to have success in school, career, and family, as well as stronger ethics and better relationships with others. For example:

- Boys with 5 or more years in Scouting (98%) are more likely to graduate from high school than those who never were a Scouts (83%).
- Former Scouts (40%) are also more likely to be college graduates than non-Scouts (16%).
- 33% of men who were Scouts for five years or more have household incomes of \$50,000 or more, compared to 17% of non-scouts.

(SOURCE: 1995 Harris and Associates study)

Tiger Cubs, BSA Program

Tiger Cubs, BSA is an exciting program for first grader boys and an adult partner. Tiger Cub dens meet 2-3 times monthly and follow the Tiger's Motto of "Search, Discover, Share." The Tiger Cub Den has four to eight families as members, and each family takes turns hosting a meeting or outing. Each meeting is based on a monthly theme coordinated with the pack.

The Tiger Cub den is led by the Tiger Cub den leader(one adult member of the den). Tiger Cubs will take part in the monthly pack meetings, where all of the dens and their families come together for fun, recognition, and fellowship.



How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

Activities are intended for the whole family

You will work with your son on his advancement award requirements

Many skills he will learn are family oriented

The Cub Scout Den

Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Den

The den meets 2-3 times per month

The den is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent)

The Den Leader usually has an Assistant Den Leader and may have a den Chief (a Boy Scout helper) and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members)

Den meetings may include games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, but always lots of FUN!

The Cub Scout Pack

Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Pack

The pack meets once per month – all Cub Scout families attend

The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster

The pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meetings and activities

Pack meetings may have games, songs, skits, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that the boys earned during the month

The Pack Meeting

The pack is run by a committee of volunteer parents

The pack committee is made up of all den leaders, the Cubmaster, and parents

The pack committee is led by a committee chairperson

The committee plans den and pack meetings around a monthly theme

The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages finances, funds meeting places, orders, badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders

The Chartered Organization

The pack is sponsored by a chartered partner. Our pack is Chartered to the Marlborough Congregational Church, but can be any school, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in helping youth

The chartered partner approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within their own guidelines and the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America

The chartered organization selects a representative to serve as a liaison between the pack and the organization

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for 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 completed at home with the family.



Bobcat

All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat Badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "WEBELOS." After receiving the Bobcat Badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.

Tiger Cubs



Boys in 1st grade are part of a Tiger Den. They work closely with an adult partner to accomplish activities in the handbook. Achievement beads are presented and worn on a Totem on the Uniform. After completing all 15 parts of the 5 achievements, the Tiger Cub is presented with the Tiger Cub Badge.

Wolf



A Cub Scout who has completed the 1st grade (or is 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf Badge. After he earns his Wolf Badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he graduates from the 2nd grade. For the first ten electives he completes, the boy earns a gold Arrow Point. Each ten electives after that earns him a silver Arrow Point. He may earn as many Arrow points as he wishes.

Bear



A Cub Scout who has completed the 2nd grade (or is 9) works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear Badge. After he earns the Bear Badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he graduates the 3rd grade. Again, the boy earns a gold Arrow Point for the first ten electives he completes,. Each ten electives after that earns him a silver Arrow Point. He may earn as many Arrow points as he wishes.

Webelos

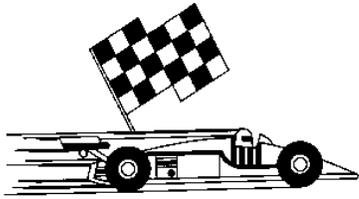


When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is 10) he joins a Webelos den. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos Badge, twenty activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting!. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the two year Webelos program. In the spring of the Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventures of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

Special Cub Scout
Activities

Parent and son work together to build a gravity powered miniature race car from a special kit.

Pine Wood Derby



Blue & Gold Banquet

This is the birthday party for Cub Scouting held by the pack, usually in February. Dinner and a special program is customary.

Cub Scout Day Camp

An exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, BB guns, archery, and LOTS of FUN! Camps are held at local Scout Reserves.



Cub Scout Resident Camp

Another exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, BB guns, archery, water activities, campfire programs, and MORE FUN!

Webelos Camp

The Webelos are introduced to camping and Boy Scout Troop 39 during an overnight campout.

Annual Pack Overnight

Each year boys have the opportunity to attend an overnight excursion. Trips have included sleeping on the battleships, USS

Massachusetts and USS New Jersey, Sleeping with the fish at Mystic Aquarium, and an overnight in the Boston Science Museum.

Winter Swim

Each winter the boys swim in the heated indoor pool at Camp Hemlocks. Afterwards, all enjoy pizza and soda.

Cubmaster's Mystery Trip

Each boy that participates in our annual Popcorn Sale and at least 2 can drives is eligible for this "mystery trip." Past trips have included: Demolition Derby, Navigators/Defenders Games, Lake Compounce, and the Roger William's Zoo.

Annual Pack Picnic

Each spring the pack holds a special picnic at Blish Park or the Moose Lodge. There are plenty of games and activities for the scouts and their families. As evening approaches, a solemn graduation ceremony begins. The 2nd year Webelos scouts become Boy Scouts as members of the Scout Troop welcome them to their ranks.





How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What does it take to be a volunteer? A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

What Do You Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the need of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization – wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

Den Leader(s)

Leads the den at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings
Attends the leaders' meetings throughout the year

Cubmaster

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee
Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the leaders' meetings

Pack Committee

Pack committee members (positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack

Committee Chair

Presides at all pack committee/leaders' meetings
Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps records for the pack, including pack bank account, Scout Store, etc.
Attends monthly pack meetings and leaders' meetings

Advancement Chair

Maintains advancement records for the pack
Orders and obtains all badges and awards for the boys
Attends monthly pack meetings and leaders' meetings

Parent helpers

Each year the pack will undertake many short term projects. Parents are needed for activities such as pack fund-raisers (popcorn sale, can drives, etc.), Pine Wood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, Pack Graduation/Picnic, Day Camp, Resident Camp, etc. These jobs are short duration and still enable all families to assist with the pack responsibilities.



Important Pack Information



Our Pack number in 39

Our Den Name is _____

My Scouting District is Hockanum

My Council is Connecticut Rivers

My Den Leader's Name is _____

My Den Leader's Phone number is _____

My Den Leader's e-mail is _____

My Den meets on _____

My Den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____

My cubmaster's e-mail is _____ cubmaster@pack39.com _____

My Pack meets on _____ (usually) Mondays

My Pack meets at (usually) 6:30 PM in school cafeteria or community room

Visit Pack website: www.pack39.com