

Cub Scout Pack 3094

2012-2013 Parent Handbook



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Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 3094!

Hi, and welcome to Cub Scout Pack 3094! Here's hoping the information and guidelines presented to you in the next few pages will help you get off to a good start for the coming year. Please keep this packet as a handy reference for future information needs regarding Pack policy and uniform information. Thank you.

To begin with, your son is a member of Pack 3094, which is in the Trailhead District, belonging to the Heart of America Council. The Pack is made up of Dens, which is a group of boys usually in the same grade as that of your son. Each Den has a specific numeral attached to it. Collectively, we are Cub Scouts, and are members of the National organization, the Boy Scouts of America.

All Packs have a Chartered Organization, which acts as a 'sponsor', and ours is the Overland Park Lutheran Church located at 79th and Lowell.

The Pack is run by the registered BSA Adult Leaders of the Pack who make up the Pack Committee, which includes a Committee Chair, Treasurer, Den leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and others. All parents of a Cub Scout in Pack 3094 are welcome and encouraged to attend committee meetings and/or become a Committee Member.

Leader meetings are held on Mondays when we do not have school, along with the Committee Meeting.

Committee meetings are held on Mondays when we do not have school, at the Overland Park Lutheran Church.

Pack meetings are always the Last Monday of every month (unless previously announced) at Overland Park Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM.

Den meetings are held every week on Mondays at Overland Park Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM.

Please see the calendar on <http://pack3094.scoutlander.com/> for weekly details.



Den Meetings

A lot of scouting happens in the den meeting. Please remember that your son's Den Leader is a *volunteer* putting forth his or her time and effort to help your boy 'do his best' to complete achievements towards his badge of rank, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offers. Please assist them in the following ways.

- **Please have your son to den meetings on time.** Your den leaders have lots of activities planned and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects.
- **Please pick up your son from den meetings on time.** Your den leader has places to go and kids that they have to put to bed, too. Better yet, ask your den leader if they could use an extra pair of hands that night and stay. Your help will be appreciated and you can see first hand what your son is working on.
- **Please make sure your son has his handbook,** and anything else he needs for the meeting before leaving the house.
- **Be an active parent.** *Everybody* has some special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Information / Parent Volunteer Sheet and return it to your son's Den Leader or Committee Chairman. In addition to the boys learning new skills from *you*, I promise that you will have a good time helping *them*.

Please remember Tiger Cubs must have an Adult Partner with them at all meetings, trips, etc. Enjoy the time together!



Pack Meetings

Whereas at weekly Den meetings the boys might do activities towards earning rank badges and awards, the monthly Pack meeting is *where* these awards are presented. It is an **important** part of the program, as it allows the boys to receive their recognition in front of the group as a whole, inspires the younger scouts to strive towards achieving future ranks, and brings everybody together for the big night!

At Pack meetings, the Cubmaster will 'do his best' to make sure that each Den has a chance to display that special craft they made, song they learned, skit they've rehearsed, or share interesting information about places they visited. In addition, there might be a drawing, advancement ceremony, or other themed event planned for the evening.

Please observe the followings guidelines in regards to Pack meetings:

- **Please accompany your son to his Pack meeting.** Pack meetings are a *family* event - brothers, sisters, grandparents, but most of all, **YOU!** We require you there not only to help keep order at the meeting (things *can* get a bit rowdy), but also because in Scouting many awards are presented to the parent who then presents it to the Scout. Cub Scouts is a family program.
- **Please arrive to Pack meetings on time.** Plan on arriving at least ten minutes early. Some gathering activities (drawings, contests, ...) require a little extra time to setup. The extra time may also be used to confer with your son's Den leader about upcoming activities, or just chat with friends. Getting these things done early will help get the pack meeting started on time. If your son is helping out as a member of a flag ceremony, or assisting with other Pack meeting activities, it is imperative to have him there on time. Thank you.
- **The Pack meeting is *definitely* the place for the Cub Scout to wear his uniform.**
Class A - Shirts tucked in - looking sharp!

Most of all, we hope to make Pack meetings entertaining, enriching, and FUN!!!



Uniforms, Patches, and Accessories

Scouts in uniform are more conscious of their role in Cub Scouting, and feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing one. A uniform provides a proper place for the display of badges earned and a way for him to 'show the world' that he has been rewarded for his achievements.

In addition, Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, visible image in the community that helps to strengthen the important ties between the public and the Scouting organization.

Where to Buy

Uniforms, patches and accessories are available at the Scout Shop located at 10210 Holmes Road in Kansas City, Missouri. Their phone number is 816-942-7757, and they will be happy to assist you. For a *real* treat, take a drive and visit the wonderful Scout Shop. In addition to uniforms, they carry everything you see in the Scout Catalog and then some. Enjoy the time spent there! Your son will love it! Nill Brothers Sports also carries uniforms, patches, and Scout handbooks. They are located at 15810 Shawnee Mission Parkway West. Also, the Pack might have some 'experienced' uniforms for sale. Please see Cubmaster Dale for details.

Shirts and Pants

The main article of the uniform is the shirt, as it displays the rank of the Scout, and identifies him as belonging to a certain Den, Pack and Council. When purchasing a new uniform, remember that your son is growing and if, for example, he is now a newly signed up Wolf Cub, get an extra size or two larger, so he can wear it for his Bear year as well. You may also purchase pants, or shorts, at the Scout Shop. Although a complete official uniform for your son is strongly encouraged, a nice pair of blue jeans (or casual pants) will complete a uniform nicely.

Patches

In addition to the purchasing of a uniform, there will be many patches that need to be sewn on your son's shirt. Please pay close attention as to *where* on the uniform these need to be placed. (Please refer to uniform insignia placement on the next page).

It is important that when your son receives a patch that is to be a part of his uniform, you affix it to his shirt as soon as possible. He earned it, and he deserves to have it displayed. It is customary for badges of rank (Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, or

Webelos) to be pinned on upside down until your scout has done a good turn (a good deed without being asked); sew it on right side up to recognize his good deed. A uniform is something that a Scout can help pay for himself by assigning him various chores around the house, or helping out with other home projects. Also, keep in mind that uniforms, Scout accessories, camping supplies, and other ‘Scout stuff’ make *excellent* birthday and holiday presents for your son or the Scouter in your family.



What to Buy

Tigers, Wolves and Bears

- ❑ Tiger, Wolf or Bear Handbook (please purchase handbook as soon as possible) \$5.99 to \$8.99
- ❑ Blue Cub Scout Shirt with U.S. flag – [(short sleeve / long sleeve)] \$22.99
- ❑ Heart of America Council Patch \$1.50 to \$5.50
- ❑ Pack 3094 (red and white numerals) \$1.19
- ❑ Your son's Den Number Strip
- ❑ World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol) \$1.49
- ❑ Tiger (orange) Wolf (yellow) or Bear (blue) Cub Scout Neckerchief (the Cub Scout Slide is optional) \$4.99
- ❑ Official Tiger, Wolf or Bear Hat (optional)
- ❑ Cub Scout Web Belt And Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn) \$6.49 to \$10.99
- ❑ Official Cub Scout [Shorts / Pants] (optional)

Webelos

- ❑ Webelos Handbook (please purchase handbook as soon as possible) \$8.99
- ❑ *Tan Boy Scout Shirt with U.S. Flag - [(short sleeve / long sleeve)] \$24.99
- ❑ Heart of America Council Patch \$1.50 to \$5.50
- ❑ Pack 3094 (red and white numerals) \$1.19
- ❑ Your Den Number Strip or Patrol emblem.
- ❑ World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol) \$1.49
- ❑ Checkered Webelos Neckerchief and Webelos Slide \$2.99
- ❑ Blue Shoulder Loops for tan shirt
- ❑ Official Webelos Hat (optional)
- ❑ Cub Scout Web Belt and Webelos Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn. The Webelos / Boy Scout green belt is wider and Belt Loops must be expanded to fit) \$6.49 to \$10.99
- ❑ Webelos Colors (optional) Activity Badge pins may be worn on the Webelos Hat or the Webelos Colors
- ❑ Official Boy Scout Shorts or Pants (optional)

**Note: A Webelos Scout may wear either the Blue or Tan shirt. If you are just signing on as a Webelos, it is recommended to purchase the Tan uniform.*



OFFICIAL PLACEMENT OF INSIGNIA CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT UNIFORM INSPECTION SHEET

SHOULDER SEAM



CUB SCOUT
OR WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE

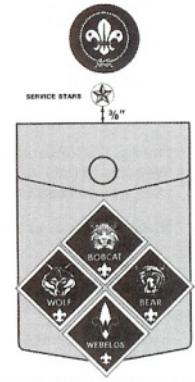


LEFT SLEEVE

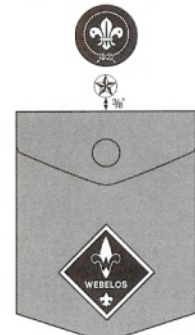
WEBELOS SCOUT LEFT POCKET OPTIONS



WEBELOS SCOUT LEFT POCKET
(TAN SHIRT)



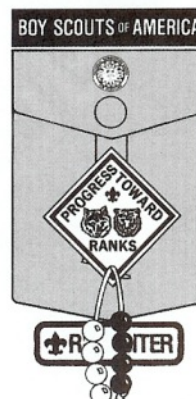
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(BLUE OR TAN SHIRT)



WEBELOS SCOUT LEFT POCKET
(BLUE OR TAN SHIRT)



CUB SCOUT
LEFT POCKET



CUB SCOUT
RIGHT POCKET

Conduct uniform inspections with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Right Sleeve. Wear U.S. flag, den numeral, and Quality Unit Award (if earned) as shown. Webelos Scouts may wear den emblem instead of den numeral. Only the most recently earned Quality Unit Award may be worn. If the pack elects, Webelos Scouts may wear the Webelos colors. Wear the Webelos colors immediately below and touching the U.S. flag if no den numeral is worn. If den numeral is worn, wear colors below and touching numeral. Wear activity badges on the colors if this option is elected.

Left Sleeve. Wear council patch and pack numeral as shown. The veteran unit insignia bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years) is worn centered below the council patch and above the numeral, and touches both. Denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over left shoulder.

Left Pocket. Cub Scouts wear badges of rank as shown: Tiger Cub, Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear. Gold Arrow Points are worn beneath the pocket and below the badge for which they were earned. Silver Arrow Points are worn below the Gold Arrow Points in double rows. Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing the oval-shaped Webelos badge by itself on the tan or blue shirt; or the diamond-shaped Webelos patch along with other rank badges on either the tan or blue shirt; or if the Tiger Cub patch was earned, the Webelos diamond-shaped patch may be worn on either the tan or blue shirt by itself and centered on the left pocket. The Arrow of Light Award is worn centered below the pocket. Wear medals just above the pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or $\frac{3}{8}$ inch above seam if no medals are worn. Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger Cub service. Not more than five medals may be worn. Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion. The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot. The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.

Right Pocket. Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket. Progress Toward Ranks (with thong and beads) for Cub Scouts or Compass Points emblem for Webelos Scouts is fastened to button under flap of right pocket and flap rebuttoned. The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap. The Tiger Cubs BSA strip is worn below the right pocket and above the recruiter strip.

Olive/Tan Webelos Scout Uniform. Webelos Scouts electing this option wear blue shoulder loops, Webelos neckerchief, and Webelos cap. Blue (preferred) or olive belt may be worn. Academics and Sports belt loops will fit only on the blue belt. Badge placement is same as for blue uniform.



Fundraisers

Throughout the year there will be various fundraisers. Some of these might go to benefit the Pack for a trip, outing, or needed supplies, and some to benefit the Scout, Pack, and the Heart of America Council. As Cub Scouts, we will always try and make sure to emphasize the *fun* in *fund*raising.

Here are the Pack fundraising events planned for 2011-2012 Scouting year:

- **Cub Scout Popcorn Sales** – This is a national campaign with sales that benefit the Pack and the Heart of America Council. A portion of the proceeds from your son's individual Popcorn sales (at least 10%) will be set aside to subsidize your scout's Day Camp, Bear Camp, or Webelos Camp fees.
- **Pinewood Derby Track Rental** – In early 2005 the pack purchased a new aluminum track. As well as having a much nicer track to race our cars on, we've created a fundraising opportunity. We are able to earn money renting this track out to other packs. Volunteers are needed to help deliver, setup, and run the Pinewood Derby for these packs. We need two adults and two scouts at each event. Part of the fees collected (at least 10%) will be set aside for those scout families that volunteer. This money will be divided equally among the scout volunteers and can then be used later to subsidize your scout's Day Camp, Bear Camp, or Webelos Camp fees.
- **Pack 3094 Car Wash** – This fundraiser is usually scheduled once or twice a year. Again, part of the proceeds from the Car Wash (at least 10%) will be set aside for those scout families who participate. Again, this money will be divided equally among the scout volunteers and can be used later to subsidize your scout's Day Camp, Bear Camp, or Webelos Camp fees.

Note: The pack committee may decide to increase the amount each scout receives based on the needs of the pack, but each scout will at least receive the minimum listed above.



The Cost of Scouting

Throughout the Scout year, your Den leader or Pack Treasurer will be collecting money for various Pack functions and Den activities. These needs will be addressed via printed reminders, emails, or phone calls as the need arises. The following is the list of some of the items you should budget for.

Pack 3094 Dues \$60.00 (required) - This annual fee will be collected at the beginning of the year. The first \$30.00 should be collected by the first Pack meeting, with the remaining \$30 being collected prior to the October Pack meeting. This money will be used to pay your scouts \$15.00 yearly membership to BSA, the cost of your son's Pinewood Derby car, the cost of your son's Space Derby Rocket, and the cost of the many awards that will be presented to your son throughout the year.

Subscription to Boy's Life Magazine \$12.00 (optional) – This is a great publication to enhance your son's scouting experience. It is not required.

Day Camp approximately \$60.00 (optional) - This is a four day event (usually in June). This money is used to pay the \$45 camp fee, \$12.50 bus fee, and \$2.50 for hats.

Bear Camp approximately \$45.00 (optional) - This is a 2 day / 1 night event that the Bear scouts may attend (usually in June or July). At least one parent is required to attend with each scout. The parent camp fee is also \$45.

Webelos Camp approximately \$110.00 (optional) - This is a 3 day / 2 night event that the Webelos may attend (usually in June or July). Any parent that will be attending will also need to pay the \$110 fee.

Note: Camp fees listed above are approximate. You will receive information containing exact amounts as the time for camp approaches. There may be additional charges or late fees, plus your son may want to bring additional money to purchase souvenirs.



Cub Scouting and You

When your son earns his Bobcat badge he learns the Law of the Pack. One of these laws states

“The Cub Scout Helps the Pack Go”. Throughout the year there are banquets, fundraisers, Scout shows, parades, derbies, camping trips, and many other activities and functions. Ambitious as your Cub Scout may be, he still needs *your* help implementing the Cub Scout program and thereby giving *us* the chance to keep our promise in the part of the Law that states “The Pack Helps the Cub Scout Grow”.

Remember, the Pack is all of us working together... leaders, parents, and Scouts. Unlike other programs your son might enroll in, Cub Scouting involves the whole family, no matter what size or parental make-up exists in the home. In Tigers, you are your son's Adult Partner. In Wolves and Bears, you are Akela, the wise leader of the tribe of Webelos, and the final judge of your son's efforts. At the Webelos rank, you are the Activity Badge counselors that could help influence a boy's career direction

Throughout the year you will be asked to assist on different committees, and at different events. Please volunteer freely, and give of yourself when called upon to help. You will find it a rewarding experience, and one in which you and your son will remember that you did together. Thank you.



A Brief Summary of Scouting and the Cub Scout Program

Scouting has been around a long time. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and became federally chartered with the United States in 1916. Cub Scouts came into being in 1930. Millions of boys have worn the uniform, cooked over an open fire at a campsite, earned their Bobcat, raced their Pinewood Derby cars, worked on service projects, and made new friends under the umbrella of Scouting.

Flowing underneath all this fun and excitement is a character-building program that encourages making good ethical choices, family strengthening, physical fitness, and citizenship skills in the lives of our boys.

Scouting utilizes an advancement system that requires a boy to 'do his best' to fulfill and complete the requirements outlined in his handbook so that he may earn his rank badge. After receiving his badge, these Scouts can go on to earn other awards by completing a series of electives. Please keep in mind that although there are lots of awards and recognitions in Scouting, Pack 3094 will strive towards the end that these are earned through significant, meaningful methods that your son will remember for a long time.

At the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear ranks, Cub Scouting centers around monthly themes that have lots of appeal to boys at this age. During den meetings, the boys will be playing games, building craft projects, learning songs, etc. relating to this theme. In doing so, these boys will be improving on different skills as they learn to get along with others, become more resourceful, and participate in new activities and venues.

At the Webelos level, in lieu of the monthly theme, the boys are introduced to several diverse Activity Badges and, within the framework of the Webelos den, they work on completing these badges. If you'll notice, there are Webelos 1's (4th graders) and Webelos 2's (5th graders). At the first level, after earning their Webelos badge, Webelos 1's continue to earn additional activity badges and gain new knowledge and skills in these areas. The Webelos 2's, though maybe still earning Activity Badges, also begin focusing on completing other requirements for their Arrow of Light award and will be conducting activities with various Boy Scout Troops.



Pack 3094 follows a 'Scout year' of September to June and upon nearing the end of the school term, all the boys 'cross over' into the next rank. During the summer, Den meeting work on achievements may be suspended as the Pack will meet monthly at fun outings such as a bowling derby, fishing derby, kite derby, baseball game, Pack swim, etc. that goes toward the boys earning their Summertime Award pin.

There are many, many events offered in Scouting. In addition to the events at Den meetings, Pack 3094 will have family camping trips, Pinewood Derby races, a Blue and Gold dinner, and much more that's just for us in the Pack 3094.

In addition, there are District events, which unites us with hundreds of Scouts, and Council events that can have thousands of Scouts in attendance. Your participation at these functions will definitely add to your son's Scouting experience.

Thank you for taking the time to go over this handbook with your new Cub Scout! With your help, this will be an exciting, rewarding experience for you, your son, your family, and your Pack.

We're glad you've joined us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

Will England

Acting Cubmaster; Committee Chair

Nikki England; ScoutParent Coordinator

Gay Poteet, Treasurer



Day Camp Checklist

An updated checklist will be provided prior to Day Camp, but here is a sample list to give you an idea of the things you will need.

- ☐ Five gallon bucket and lid
- ☐ Bath towel
- ☐ A change of clothing
- ☐ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Sunscreen lotion
- ☐ Raincoat or a rain poncho
- ☐ Several plastic grocery sacks
- ☐ Water bottle with a strap or belt clip



Webelos Camp Check List

An updated checklist will be provided prior to Webelos Camp, but here is a sample list to give you an idea of the things you will need.

- ☐ Official Scout Uniform
- ☐ Camp T-shirt
- ☐ Blank white T-shirt for tie dying
- ☐ Extra shirts, shorts, underwear, socks, etc.
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Sweater or light jacket
- ☐ At least one pair of jeans or long pants
- ☐ Swimming suit
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Bug repellent (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Raincoat or poncho
- ☐ Hiking boots and tennis shoes
- ☐ Hat or cap
- ☐ Handkerchief
- ☐ Bath towel
- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo, soap, and comb
- ☐ Sleeping bag or blankets, pillow
- ☐ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ☐ Paper & writing utensils
- ☐ Water bottle with strap or belt clip