

# Welcome to Pack 333



We are happy to have you join us on a fun adventure in scouting. Here is some helpful information about our pack.

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## Purpose

Scouting can help young men and boys enhance close relationships with their families and friends while developing strong and desirable traits of character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. Scouting also provides boys with leadership opportunities and helps them develop fantastic habits and attitudes of good citizenship.

Cub Scouting is a family program, and parental help is the key to a successful Cub Scout. The boys need their parents' help with achievements, electives and activity badges. This is especially true of the Faith In God awards, where those activities are done in the home.

The BSA defines the purposes of Cub Scouting as:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

## History

Boy Scouts was started in England in 1908 by Lord Baden-Powell. Throughout the world, each country has its own independent Boy Scout organization. Every person in the world who is a member of their country's Boy Scout organization is allowed to wear the purple Boy Scout World Crest patch on their uniform.

The Boy Scout organization in the United States of America is called the Boy Scouts of America which is abbreviated BSA. The BSA was founded in 1910. The BSA is divided into geographical regions called Councils. Pack 333 is a unit in the Gulfstream Council Florida which includes Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, and Venturing crews. Each Council is divided into multi-city Districts. We are part of the Everglades District, which covers all scouts in the Palm Beach area. So, we are in the Everglades District of the Gulf Stream Council

## Pack/den Info

Boys join Cub Scouts at 1<sup>st</sup> grade and continue in the program through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Boys are placed in a Den with other boys of the same grade. The various Dens form a Pack. Once a scout finishes 5<sup>th</sup> grade, he bridges into Boy Scouts and can join a Boy Scout Troop.

Den Meetings are run by Den Leaders. Den meetings are held with scouts of the same age/grade. They are a fun and educational place for your scout to learn how to complete requirements for their Adventures. Some requirements for Adventures will be completed in the Den Meeting while other requirements will need to be completed at home with your guidance. Parents are required to attend Tiger Den Meetings.

Pack Meetings are planned by the Pack Committee and run by the Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmasters. The Pack Meeting is NOT a drop-off event and each Cub Scout should have an adult with them. The entire family is encouraged to participate during the Pack Meeting, so your presence is important. Pack Meetings have fun activities, and also allow boys to be recognized for their various large achievements.

In Pack 333, Cub Scouts have the opportunity to meet about twice a month. Pack Meetings (including all Dens; Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light) are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Den Meetings are typically held once a month also and the dates are decided by each Den Leader in collaboration with parents. While we can not accommodate everyone's schedule, we do try. Each Den typically has a regular schedule as do the Pack Meetings, so watch for communication from your Cub Masters and Den Leaders via EMAIL, ScoutBook (you will receive more information on ScoutBook as we process you and your Scout's application into Cub Scouts), Facebook (Cub Scout Pack 333- Boca Raton, Florida), and our website [www.pack333.com](http://www.pack333.com).

Our Cub Scout Pack Calendar is available on our Pack website; [www.pack333.com](http://www.pack333.com). We also send regular emails, post to Facebook, and from ScoutBook. Please contact the Activities Coordinator, Cubmaster, or Asst. Cubmasters with questions about Pack activities and events.

Each Den Leader will also provide parents with a calendar of upcoming Den meetings and events. Den meeting times and locations may change during the course of the year due to sports practice and school schedules. Contact your Den Leader with questions about Den meetings and activities.

### Special Events

Our Pack has several special events during the year that are traditional to most Cub Scout Packs, including the following:

- Blue & Gold Banquet: This is the annual birthday party for Cub Scouting, usually in February. It is a more formal Pack Meeting where we have dinner, a year in review and give out special awards.
- Pinewood Derby: This is the favorite event of the year for most of the boys, usually held in the spring. Cub Scouts design and build their own small wooden car and race it. Awards are given for many categories. And don't worry; there are sibling categories as well so everyone can participate.
- Day Camp: All Districts in our Council have a Cub Scout Day Camp each summer where boys can practice their Archery and BB Gun shooting skills, as well as complete rank adventures and electives. For our District, Day Camp is typically one week in late summer from 8am to 4pm, Monday – Friday. The cost typically runs around \$150 per Scout (or less for early registration).

## Parent Expectations:

- Make sure your Cub Scout attends all Den & Pack Meetings and is prepared as needed.
- Make sure you look for information on our Pack's schedule. We send information in email, regularly post on Facebook at Cub Scout Pack 333 – Boca Raton, Florida, you will receive a ScoutBook login, and schedule information can also be found at [www.Pack333.com](http://www.Pack333.com) . We also go over many of our upcoming events at our Pack and Den Meetings.
- Attend monthly Pack Meetings with your Cub Scout and be willing to help with crafts, skits, refreshments or other activities.
- Cub Scouting relies on families to help guide Cub Scouts through their achievements. The boys will work on rank, elective and other activities during Den meetings, but Cub Scouts will need your help as parents to complete all the requirements to earn ranks and awards.
- Please notify your Den Leader or update your son's ScoutBook profile as you complete items at home. This will let your Den Leader see what you son has already completed, so they can plan activities for everyone.
- Remember, at home YOU are Akela. You will be signing off on adventures and activities you do at home.
- Make sure your Cub Scout is living the Cub Scout Motto to DO YOUR BEST. Don't sign off on adventures or other awards that he didn't earn or finish in this fashion. DO YOUR BEST does not mean do it perfectly, but Cub Scouts need to put in their best effort, even when things are difficult.
- Review the Cub Scout Handbook for your son's current rank. Be familiar with the requirements to earn the rank. You don't have to memorize the book, but many things you already do at home can be signed off so it helps to know what those things are.
- Each Cub Scout family is encouraged to volunteer their time or become a member of the Pack Committee, Activities Committee, or Camping Committee. There are many different areas to volunteer in Cub Scouts. We are all volunteers in Cub Scouts, and any help is appreciated. We welcome any special skill or talent you may have that could be helpful to the Scouting experience.
- When possible, all interested parents are encouraged to attend the District Roundtable meeting. This provides information and training related to scouting, and there is a specific breakout for Cub Scouts.

## Scout expectations

- Cub Scouts should wear their Class A or Class B uniform to all Cub Scout events, including Den Meetings, Pack Meetings and Pack Activities. Leaders will give instructions as to which uniform is required and also if uniforms are not required for an event.
- Cub Scouts are striving to be good citizens and as an example to those around them. They should do their best at any scouting event, including Den and Pack meetings, activities, Day Camp, service projects etc.
- Be helpful, especially when asked.
- Be respectful of those around you.
- Be respectful of nature and the things that live in it.
- Be respectful of your surroundings. Cub Scouts leave their area BETTER than they found it.
- Be responsible. This includes no running, throwing, touching other people's things, disrespecting, or making a mess, without permission.
- Cub Scouts should be learning to live the Scout Law. A Scout is:
  - Trustworthy
  - Loyal
  - Helpful
  - Friendly
  - Courteous
  - Kind
  - Obedient
  - Cheerful
  - Thrifty
  - Brave
  - Clean
  - Reverent

## Advancement:

You and your Den Leader will work together to track your son's progress on ranks, adventures, electives and other awards. Please make sure to update your son's Scoutbook profile so your Den Leader know which items you are completing at home and they will do the same. By working together, parents and Den Leaders can make sure boys are progressing as needed through the program to earn all the awards they need to advance. Please talk to your Den Leader about any specific questions you have about your son's progress.

Scouts are sometimes encouraged to work on adventures, electives and other awards outside regular den meetings and activities. Your Den Leader will let you know when this is needed. If you miss a Den or Pack Meeting you should contact your Den Leader to see what was missed. If a required Adventure was completed in the meeting that you have missed you will need to make that up in order for your scout to earn his next rank.

The requirements are different for each rank in Cub Scouts and your scout will need the corresponding handbook to understand what these requirements are.

## Ranks and Awards



### Bobcat

This is the first rank ALL Scouts that join Cub Scouts earn. In order to earn the Bobcat rank, a boy must demonstrate knowledge of basic Cub Scout information such as the Cub Scout Handshake, Motto, Law etc. The Cub Scout completes this rank at home with the family and not with their Den Leader.



### Lions

A Scout works on the Lion rank with his Adult Partner while he is in Kindergarten. To complete the Lion rank, a Cub Scout needs to complete the 6 required and 1 elective adventure, for a total of 7. The adventures are listed in the Lion handbook. Once a Lion completes the 7 adventures and earns the Lion rank, he can then continue to complete elective adventures until he becomes a Tiger scout. Scouts will earn adventure belt loops for all required AND elective adventures. Required adventure belt loops will be in full color, while elective adventure belt loops will be monochromatic in Lion Yellow. This is the newest Rank in Cub Scouts Pack 333 with the 2018/2019 school year as the inaugural year.



### Tiger

A Scout works on the Tiger rank with his Adult Partner while he is in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. To complete the Tiger rank, a Cub Scout needs to complete the 6 required and 1 elective adventure, for a total of 7. The adventures are listed in the Tiger handbook. Once a Scout completes the 7 adventures and earns the Tiger rank, he can then continue to complete elective adventures until he becomes a Wolf scout. Scouts will earn adventure loops for all required and elective adventures. Required adventure loops will be in full color, while elective adventure loops will be monochromatic in Tiger Orange.



### Wolf

A Scout works on the Wolf rank while he is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. To complete the Wolf rank, a Cub Scout needs to complete the 6 required and 1 elective adventure, for a total of 7. The adventures are listed in the Wolf handbook. Once a boy completes the 7 adventures and earns the Wolf rank, he can continue to complete elective adventures until he becomes a Bear scout. Scouts will earn adventure loops for all required and elective adventures. Required adventure loops will be in full color, while elective adventure loops will be monochromatic in Wolf red.



### Bear

A Scout works on the Bear rank while he is in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. A Bear scout needs to complete 6 required and 1 elective adventure, for a total of 7. The adventures are listed in the Bear handbook. Once the Scout completes the 7 adventures and earns his Bear rank, he can continue to complete elective adventures until he becomes a Webelos scout. Boys will earn adventure loops for all required and elective adventures. Required adventure loops will be in full color, while elective adventure loops will be monochromatic in Bear blue.

Bear scouts can also prepare for the next step in Scouting by earning the Whittling Chip during the Bear Claws required adventure and learning how to safely handle a pocket knife.



## Webelos / Arrow of Light

A scout works on the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks simultaneously while he is 10 years old (Webelos stands for **WE'll BE LOyal Scouts**). A Webelo needs to complete 5 required and 2 elective adventures to earn his Webelos rank and 4 required and 3 elective adventures to earn his Arrow of Light rank. The Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks build on the skills the scouts



learned in the Wolf and Bear dens, but is most importantly a time to prepare them for Boy Scouts. Upon completion of the adventure requirements, the boys will earn a pin that can be

placed on the Webelos colors. Webelos adventure pins are diamond shaped with a green border and Arrow of Light adventure pins are arrowhead shaped with a black border. Elective adventure pins for both ranks are oval shaped with a brown border.

In a traditional Cub Scout pack, this is a two-year program where boys earn the Webelos rank during 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the Arrow of Light rank during 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to be successful, parents will need to work closely with Den Leaders to make sure scouts attend meetings regularly and complete items at home until Crossover to Boy Scouts.

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting and our goal is to have each boy earn the award. The Arrow of Light and the Religious Emblem are the only two Cub Scout awards a boy may transfer to his Boy Scout uniform.

## Faith in God Award/Religious Emblem



A Cub Scout can complete the Religious Emblem requirements at any time during Cub Scouts.

This award will be completed at home and will not be worked on in the Den or Pack. Our Pack has many different nationalities and Religious affiliations, and since we only meet once a

month as a Den to work on Adventures we will not have the time needed to touch on each and every religious section. You are more than welcome to work on the Faith in God and Religious Emblem at home with your scout.

## Funding

Our Pack collects Cub Scout's Dues each year. We have fundraisers to help offset the costs of camping, badges, belt loops and patches. Camping is voluntary and each campout will have a small fee per person. We will notify you of these fees well in advance.

Dues do not include a subscription to Boys Life Magazine. Boys Life magazine is a great publication for all boys involved in scouting and it is highly encouraged for all Scouts. You can easily purchase a subscription when paying your dues, online at [www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org), or through various online magazine subscription websites.

Families are also responsible for providing the uniform for their Cub Scout. Please see information below about the different uniform requirements.

## Camping

Pack 333 usually goes camping once a month. Due to the busy holiday season months we do not camp as frequently. Again, please watch your email, our Facebook Group Page, [www.pack333.com](http://www.pack333.com), and ScoutBook for more information on our camping schedule. Camping is voluntary and each campout will have a small fee per person. We will notify you of these fees well in advance. There are also deadlines to sign up for each campout. Please adhere to these deadlines. If you sign up too late your spot may be not reserved.

## Website

Our pack's website is [www.pack333.com](http://www.pack333.com). We have our Calendar, Activities, Campouts, Contacts, Upcoming Events, some great articles, the Benefits of Scouting, and much more all listed there. Please take a minute to look it over.

## Uniforms

The Scout Shop is located at:

8335 North Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL 33410

While weather permitting our Scout Shop *sometimes* brings a mobile shop to Boomers in Boca. This mobile Scout Shop is usually held in September. Check on our website, Facebook page, or email to see dates and times for this possible event.

You can find all the supplies your Cub Scout will need at the local Scout Shop. Each boy will need a few basic Cub Scout items and some additional items for his rank.

### Items needed for all Cub Scouts:

- a navy blue (or tan) Cub Scout shirt. Navy blue shirts are for Tigers, Wolves, and Bears – Tan shirts are required for Webelos and Arrow of Light. This is called the Field Uniform (formerly the Class A uniform) and should be worn at Den Meetings, Pack functions including Pack meetings and Pack Activities unless otherwise indicated. Since your scout may be wearing his navy blue shirt for 3 years (Tiger, Wolf, & Bear),

most families buy a larger size shirt to allow for growth. A Pack T-shirt called an Activity uniform or Class B uniform may be worn to some events. Because we live in a warmer climate we wear a pack t-shirt to most of the outdoor pack activities. A single free pack t-shirt is included in the cost of your dues. You may purchase additional pack t-shirts for a nominal fee.

- Navy Blue shorts, pants, or Switchback pants for Tiger, Wolf, and Bear. Green pants for Webelos and Arrow of Light.
- Purple World Scouting Crest patch (Our local Scout Shop usually sells the Cub Scout shirts with this already sewn on)
- Gulfstream Council patch (Our local Scout Shop usually sells the Cub Scout shirts with this already sewn on)
- American Flag patch (Our local Scout Shop usually sells the Cub Scout shirts with this already sewn on)
- Red pack numbers 333
- Navy Blue Cub Scout Belt (for Tiger, Wolf, Bear) or Tan Cub Scout Belt (for Webelo & Arrow of Light)

### Additional items needed per rank are:

#### Tiger Scout:

- Tiger Handbook
- Orange neckerchief
- Tiger neckerchief slide
- Tiger hat

#### Wolf Scout:

- Wolf Handbook
- Yellow neckerchief
- Wolf neckerchief slide
- Wolf hat

#### Bear Scout:

- Bear handbook
- Light blue neckerchief
- Bear neckerchief slide
- Bear hat

#### Webelos Scout

- Tan Webelos Shirt
- Green Pants or shorts
- Webelos handbook
- Plaid Webelos neckerchief
- Webelos neckerchief slide
- Webelos colors (three ribbons of red, gold and green fastened together with a pin and placed on the right sleeve just under the US flag (this is where the adventure pins are worn)

If you have any questions please contact any of the persons listed in the beginning of this document.