



Beymer Cub Scout Pack 123

"Winter Haven's Largest Pack"

Parent Orientation Guide

***Welcome to the fun and
excitement of Cub Scouting!***

***Where character counts and
the adventure begins...***

About Beymer Pack 123

I would like to thank you for considering Beymer Cub Scout Pack 123 as your choice for your son(s). We are Winter Haven's oldest and largest Cub Scout Pack serving Families for over 57 years. Chartered by Beymer Memorial United Methodist Church we consider ourselves as a "New Age Pack" due to our custom scouting themes that we create that focus more on the true meaning of Scouting.

We are a successful Pack because our way of Scouting attracts not only more boys but families as well. Boys today have limited interaction with other boys do to excess television, computers and video games. As a parent, you want your son(s) to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1950 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 teaches family values. We know boys do not join scouting to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun!

We meet as a Pack on the second Monday of every month (Minus holiday and summer break) for fun, fellowship and awards. Our meeting spot, "The Beymer Scout House" is centrally located behind the Beymer United Methodist Church on northeast Lake Howard Drive. The Scout House is a rustic building with generations of Scouting and memorabilia hanging from the walls.

What is Cub Scouting?

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, as incorporated on February 8th, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of moral strength and character, to develop fitness and to train in the responsibilities of active citizenship.

Since 1930, the younger boys have had the opportunity to be Cub Scouts (1st-5th grade) in a year round home centered program that helps strengthen the family. Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's program phases. The other phases include Boy Scouting (6th-12th grade) and Venturing.

Purposes of Scouting

Cub Scout Packs serve boys who are in first through fifth grade (7 to 10 years old). Boys, families, leaders and chartered organizations work together to achieve the purposes of cub scouting.

The Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting:

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

The Cub Scout Pack

The pack is a group made up of several dens- Tiger Cub, Wolves, Bears and Webelos scout dens. Most packs have a den for each grade level. The pack is led by the Cub master during pack meetings. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities where Cub Scouts play games, sing songs, act skits, and award boys with badges and pins that have been earned during the month. The Pack meets on the second Monday of every month (minus holiday and summer time). All dens and families are expected to attend these meetings.

Packs are sponsored by chartered organizations which:

- ❖ Include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- ❖ Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the organization and Scouting guidelines and policies.
- ❖ Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between the Cub Scout pack & its chartered organization).

The pack is run by the Pack Committee which:

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| ❖ Selects leadership | ❖ Orders badges |
| ❖ Finds meeting places | ❖ Maintains pack equipment |
| ❖ Performs record keeping | ❖ Helps train leaders |
| ❖ Manages pack finances | ❖ Recognizes leaders |

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Your Pack Committee Chairpersons' are responsible for the "behind the scenes" operations for Pack 123. The pack is only as successful as the leadership that runs it. All pack leaders are unpaid volunteers and they can always use more help. Please consider donating your time to help fill one of the following leadership positions: Chair, Co-Chair, Sub-Committee Member, Den Leader, Asst. Den Leader and on and on. If you can help, we have a spot.

The Cub Scout Dens



Bobcat Den:

The Bobcat rank is for all boys who join Cub Scouting and is the first badge to be earned. To earn the Bobcat badge, the Cub Scout must learn the Cub Scout promise, motto, salute, sign, hand-shake, Law of the Pack and the meaning of "Webelos".



Tiger Cub Den (1st Grade):

The Tiger program is for boys who are in 1st grade and/or are 6 years on age. The Tiger Cub working with his adult partner must complete 15 requirements to earn his Tiger badge and move to the next level. You and your Tiger are members of a den which usually consists of 6-10 boys. Dens usually meet twice per month at a location chosen by the Leader and attend one "Go See It" which is a monthly outing.



Wolf Den (2nd Grade):

The Wolf program is for boys who have completed 1st grade and/or are 7 years of age. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass 12 achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. Each boy is a member of a den lead by a den leader and assistant den leader(s). Dens meetings are generally held weekly or biweekly, locations and times are determined by the leader. Each den participates in a monthly pack meeting. After a Cub Scout earns his Wolf badge, he works on electives to earn Arrow Points until he is old enough to advance to the next level.



Bear Den (3rd grade):

The Bear program is for boys who have completed 2nd grade and/or are 8 years old. To earn the Bear badge, a boy must pass 12 out of 24 achievements. Each boy is a member of a den lead by a den leader and assistant den leader(s). Dens meetings are generally held weekly or biweekly, locations and times are determined by the den. Each den participates in a monthly pack meeting. After Cub Scout earns his Wolf badge, he works on electives to earn Arrow Points until he is old enough to advance to the next level.



Webelos 1 & 2 Dens (4th & 5th grade):

Webelos, which stands for *We'll Be Loyal Scouts*, is a program for boys who have completed 3rd grade and/or for boys who are 9-10 years old. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from Cub Scout Pack to Boy Scout troop. As a Webelos Scout completes the requirements found in the Webelos Scout book, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements. This leads to the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light Award. Webelos wear the Khaki Boy Scout uniform.

Pack 123 Camping

Camping is the activity that is most looked forward too during the year. Pack 123 offers several different camping experiences. Below is a general description of each outing.

Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Scouts that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs and skits. Day Camp usually runs for five days at a local park. All district Packs are invited to this event but only. _____

Cub-o-ree: A three day two night camping experience at Flaming Arrow (BSA camp ground located in Lake Wales). The Cub-o-ree is the largest Camping trip of the year because it offers overnight group camping for every Pack in the district.

Pack Family Camping Trip: A three day two night camping trip at a state/county park. The Pack enjoys this weekend because we really have a great time. During this experience you really see the boys settle in and relax.

Pinewood Derby

Pack 123 has won more awards and trophies than any other Pack in the District. Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a 7" block of wood. Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. This is the event most Dads really look forward to.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Our Birthday Party for Cub Scouting held in early April. During this event Pack 123 has its awards ceremony. *Pack 123's Blue & Gold event is the Districts largest.*

What will Scouting Cost me?

National Dues: \$15.00 (This goes to Boy Scouts of America)
Annual Pack Dues: \$25.00
Total: \$40.00 (Boys Life Magazine optional: \$12.00)

Note:

- ❖ National Dues are sent to the Boy Scouts of America for our charter.
- ❖ Pack Dues include FREE: T-shirt, Camp-o-ree camping Trip \$20, and Pinewood Kit.
- ❖ Boy's Life magazine is optional and is not required but is recommended.

The price for new uniforms is listed on the next page. Please check with the contacts list below to see what the Pack recommends. Check with the Pack for financial assistance, we a limited program in which a new Scout can earn his uniform.

The Uniform

The items listed below are required. The largest uniform investment will be the button shirt. These shirts are very sturdy and should last throughout scouting (prices are only estimates)

- ❖ Uniform Shirt - About \$25 w/patches
- ❖ Belt and Buckle - \$6.30-\$8.35
- ❖ Neckerchief - \$5.10-\$6.25
- ❖ Handbooks - \$6.95
- ❖ Pack Custom Cap - \$10
- ❖ Neckerchief Slide - \$2.40

All of the volunteers at Pack 123 are parents and we understand the cost of your initial investment for scouting. For this reason, we created a list of Items that are available but not required. These items are BSA shorts and BSA socks.

Pack 123 Contact Information

Please, if you have any questions you can contact the following volunteers below. You can also visit our website at www.Pack123.org then click "Leadership".

Join Beymer Pack 123 and Receive



1 Pack T-Shirt - FREE

The boys will get priceless memories and a quality character based program.

1 Pinewood Derby Race Car - FREE

A \$30.00 Value that Equals your Pack Dues

Come "Search-Discover Explore" with us!!!