



CUB SCOUTS PACK 130

Established 2004

Chartered Organization – Brooks School Elementary PTO
Fishers, Indiana



Information

About The Pack

Cub Scout Pack 130 consists of boys and families from Fishers, Indiana. We are a chartered organization of the Brooks School Elementary PTO and fall under the Del-Mi District of Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Scouting is designed for school aged boys in 1st - 5th grades and ages 6 - 12 years old. In Pack 130, we use rank advancements, awards and FUN to achieve character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. Everything a Scout does to advance is designed to aid in his personal growth. Advancement is the process by which a boy progresses from badge to badge, learning new skills as he goes. As we help our Scouts advance, we are always mindful that badges are simply a means to an end - and not an end in themselves.

Cub Scouting is the stepping-stone to Boy Scouting which promotes, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others. It trains them in Scout-craft, and teaches them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues, using the methods which were in common use by Boy Scouts on June 15, 1916.

Pack 130 was chartered under the Brooks School Elementary PTO in 2004. The Pack has grown since the early days and averages around 65 boys each year. There is a strong parent involvement in our pack, and we are fortunate to have excellent District and Council support in Indiana.

We are providing a well-rounded, family-oriented Cub Scouting opportunity for 1st through 5th grade boys in the Fishers area!

Den Information

Den Meetings (small groups) are held throughout the month at locations and times determined by the Den. Each Den has a smaller number of Scouts (usually 5 to 10 scouts) with a given parent volunteer Den Leader. The following types of Dens are part of Cub Scouts:

- Tiger Scouts (1st Grade) - Den Leader with one adult per scout in attendance at each meeting/event
- Wolf Scouts (2nd Grade) - Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader (scout parents are welcome to attend Den, but are not required)
- Bear Scouts (3rd Grade) - Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader (scout parents are welcome to attend Den, but are not required)
- Webelos I and II (4th-5th Grade) - Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader (scout parents are welcome to attend Den, but are not required)

Typical Den Meeting Agenda:

- Opening (Flag Ceremony, etc.)
- Uniform Inspection
- Roll Call
- Work on Achievements, Requirements or Electives
- Dismissal (Flag Ceremony, etc.)

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Pack Meetings (large group) are held monthly (generally on the 3rd Wednesday) at 6:30pm in the BSE Cafeteria or gym. On occasions, meetings and events are sometimes outside, such as local parks or at BSE. Pack 130 always has a strong showing at Scout Day Camp in June and the boys always looks forward to the Blue and Gold Banquet (dinner plus awards ceremony) is held each year usually at the end of February and the Pack's Pinewood Derby (wooden car race) held at the end of January, prior to the district derby

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- Flag Ceremony
- Opening Game or Activity
- Welcome from CubMaster
- Pack Activity
- Presentation of Awards / Achievements
- Dismissal (Flag Ceremony, etc.)

Sample Activities

Go-See-It Field Trips

WHMB Studios
Fishers Fire Department
Fishers Police Department
Fishers Library
Conner Prairie

Pack Events

Cookout at local Park
Pack Field Day
Belzer Day Camp
Webelos Adventure Camping
Popcorn Sales
Rocket Launch

Larger Council Events

Monster Truck Jam
Supercross
Hot rod racing
Scout Day at IMS
Camping overnight at Indians Game (fireworks too!)
Indy 500 Packages
Camping overnight at Brickyard

Community Projects

Fishers Freedom Festival Parade
Scouting for Food
Holiday Toy Drive
White River Cleanup

Cub Scout Ranks

Tiger



Your Tiger Cub will be a member of a den. Most dens have five to nine boy-adult partner teams, meet twice a month in a den meeting, and have one outing a month, called a Go See It. The den also takes part in the monthly pack meetings. During den meetings, Go See It outings, and pack meetings, boys learn new things and have fun. We try to group boys into Dens by anyone who is friends in school and/or by neighborhood.

Each den meeting and den activity is led by a den leader and an adult partner of one of the Tiger Cubs. An adult partner can be a parent, relative, or friend who is at least 18 years old and who cares about the boy. Each adult partner takes a turn working with the den leader to plan and lead a den meeting and/or activity.

Your Tiger Cub is also a member of a Cub Scout Pack 130. Our pack is made up of several dens that gather monthly at a pack meeting. Pack meetings usually follow a suggested theme and are a time for boys to be recognized for their accomplishments during the month, to perform skits and songs they have learned in den meetings, and to have fun with the entire family.

Packs are led by a Cubmaster and pack committee. Like the den leaders, the Cubmaster and assistants are volunteer leaders and are usually family members of boys in the pack. The pack committee makes plans for pack meetings and activities and takes care of the "business" items that are necessary for a pack to operate smoothly.

Our pack committee consists of family members and members of the pack's chartered organization. The chartered organization for our Pack is the BSE PTO, granted a charter by the Boy Scouts of America to use the Scouting program. The chartered organization approves the leadership of the pack, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of that organization and the BSA.

Wolf



The founder of Scouting, Sir Robert Baden-Powell of England, based his ideas for Cub Scouts on a Rudyard Kipling book called *Mowgli's Brothers*. The story is part of Kipling's *Jungle Books* series and is set in India. In the story, a young boy is separated from his family when his village is attacked by a tiger named Shere Khan. A family of wolves finds him and raises him. When the boy grows older, the family asks Akela, the great leader of the wolf pack, if he may join the pack. The pack council allows him to join so that they can protect him from Shere Khan and other dangers in the jungle.

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. Before a Cub Scout can become a Wolf Cub Scout, each boy must earn his Bobcat badge. He then begins the Wolf Trail, where he must complete a series of 12 Achievements to earn the Wolf badge.

These achievements are divided into 62 tasks of which 52 selected tasks must be completed. The achievements are primarily done at home and signed off by an adult family member after the boy has completed each one. The book is then shown to the Den Leader who records the progress and also signs the boy's book.

Bear



In the story of Mowgli's Brothers, the young boy named Mowgli is brought before the Wolf pack council for a decision on whether he may join the pack. Akela the leader asks whether anyone will speak for the man cub. Baloo the bear, who teaches the wolf cubs the law of the pack, says that he will. As he grows older, Baloo teaches Mowgli the law of the pack and the secret words that let him talk to the jungle animals.

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) can become a Bear Scout. To earn the Bear Badge, a Cub Scout must complete 12 achievements out of a possible 24 that are offered in the book. The achievements are grouped in 4 major areas, GOD, COUNTRY, FAMILY, and SELF.

If the Cub Scout has not previously earned the Bobcat Badge, it must be earned first.

As the scout earns the Bear rank, he must complete 12 Achievements. These achievements are divided into 116 tasks of which 80 selected tasks must be completed. The achievements, as were the Wolf activities, are primarily done at home and signed off by an adult family member after the boy has completed each one. The book is then shown to the Den Leader who records the progress and also signs the boy's book.

Webelos



The Webelos Scout program is a two-year transition program between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

The boy becomes a Webelos Scout upon graduation from the Bear program in the spring of third grade. He has all summer to get started on Webelos activities. Boys new to Cub Scouting can become Webelos if they are 10

years old or have completed third grade, and have earned the Bobcat badge.

The end of the Webelos Scout program is when the Webelos Scouts graduate into a troop, typically in February of their fifth grade year for Pack 130.

During these two years, the Webelos Scouts have two badges of rank they can earn and 20 activity badges. These two ranks are: Webelos badge and the Arrow of Light award. Usually the boys earn the Webelos badge during the first year, and the Arrow of Light during the second year. It is possible for a boy who joins scouting at the start of fifth grade to earn both his Webelos badge and his Arrow of Light award before it is time to graduate into a troop, but it takes a lot of planning and effort to accomplish this. The achievements, as were the Bear and Wolf activities, are primarily done at home and signed off by an adult family member after the boy has completed each one. The book is then shown to the Den Leader who records the progress and also signs the boy's book.

Instead of working on achievements and electives, each Webelos Scout works to complete a series of hobby and career Activity Badges. The emphasis shifts from home-centered activities to a series of group-centered activities conducted by the Webelos den.