

CUB SCOUTING

Queen Anne Cub Scout Packs 70 and 72

A Guidebook for Families New to Scouting

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

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



Your Son, Scouting, and You

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

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys in the first through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people.

Since 1910, we have been weaving values to live by into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical and mental fitness in youth.

These values will help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.

Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group, and a program that is fun and adventurous. It helps him to "be prepared" to shape his own future.

Scouting teaches family values.... We know that boys do not join scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

This booklet has been designed to give parents a brief, yet informative overview of the Scouting program. The Chief Seattle Council welcomes you and your son to the world of Cub Scouting. Have fun!

Scouting is Fun with a Purpose!

Cub Scouting Organization

Your Boy is a Member of a Den

- The den typically consists of four to eight boys.
- The den usually meets once a week for an hour in a home, school, church or other central location.
- The den is led by a den leader, (usually a parent) and other helpers.
- The den leader is sometimes assisted by an assistant den leader, a den chief (an older Boy Scout,) or a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members).
- Den meetings consist of games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun, but are primarily designed to instill positive values, teamwork, and respect for others.

Cub Scouts are assigned to a den with boys their same age. Tiger Cubs (1st-graders), Wolf Cub Scouts (2nd-graders), Bear Cub Scouts (3rd-graders), and Webelos Scouts (4th- and 5th-graders).

Your Boy is a Member of a Pack

- A pack consists of several dens.
- The pack meets once a month and all Cub Scout families attend.
- The monthly pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
- All dens attend the pack meeting.
- Pack meetings consists of games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and the presentation of badges the boys have earned.

The two packs on Queen Anne Hill, 70 and 72, have merged together in order to optimize resources. Each Cub will be assigned a pack number, but this distinction is for registration purposes only.

In general, boys who attend Coe Elementary are assigned to Pack 70 and boys who attend John Hay and other local elementary schools are assigned Pack 72. Your son's den leader can help to determine which pack number he has been assigned.

The Pack is Run by the Pack Committee

- The pack committee is made up of a group of qualified adults approved by the chartering organization to administer the program of the pack. Usually the committee members, as well as other pack leaders, are parents of boys in the pack.
- The committee meets once a month.
- The committee is led by the Committee Chairman.
- The committee works with the Cubmaster and Den Leaders to conduct den and pack meetings around the monthly theme.
- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders-badges, maintains pack equipment, and helps train and recognize leaders.

The Pack is Sponsored by the Chartered Organization

- Chartered organizations include schools, service clubs, churches, and other groups interested in youth.
- The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates a pack within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- The chartered organization selects a Charter Representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and the organization.

Pack 70 and 72 are sponsored by Queen Anne United Methodist Church and Bethany Presbyterian Church respectively.

The Pack is a Member of a District and the District is a Part of a Council

- Each community in your district is served by a full time executive.
- Roundtable is a monthly training session for all adult volunteers in your district. Program themes which include ideas for crafts, games, outdoor skills, and current information are presented for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- Program Help booklets contain ideas for pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Annual Program Helps may be purchased at the Scout Shop or found in Scouting Magazine.
- Our area has a volunteer crew called the district committee which plans quality programs your boy may participate in.
- Basic Leader Training and Fast Start Training is available for all leaders. Information and materials are provided free charge.

Pack 70 and 72 is a member of the Aurora District which covers the area north of downtown Seattle.

The Aurora District is a part of the Chief Seattle Council.

Tiger Cub Program – First Grade

Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share

Tiger Cubs BSA is a 1 year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include things from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

Each Tiger den has a Tiger Den Leader. The Tiger Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Den meetings but each boy/adult team takes turns running activities and working with the Tiger Den Leader. The Time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better and do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub group.

Cub Scout Program – Second through Fifth Grade

Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best

In society, where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others.

Cub scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, Country, God and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.
- Build self esteem

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

The Advancement Plan

In order to strengthen family bonds, the responsibility for a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family rather than the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family. Recognition happens at the monthly pack meetings.

Tiger Cubs

The Tiger Cub Badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped into three areas: Den Activity, Family Activity and Go See It. After completing the Tiger Cub Rank, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completed 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a boy can earn. Advancements are displayed on a Tiger Cub Totem which is worn on the right pocket.



Bobcat

All new Cub and Webelos Scouts, regardless of age, earn the Bob cat 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 boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has finished the first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After earning the Wolf badge, boys work on electives and earn "arrow points" until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.



Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), completes 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.



Webelos Scouts

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old,) he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos Badge, 20 activity badges, and the *Arrow of Light Award* (the highest award in Cub Scouting) which prepares him for Boy Scouting.

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the Webelos program. The structure of the Webelos program is different from the earlier Cub Scouting programs in that the boy takes more of a leadership role in fulfilling requirements, a part of the transition into Boy Scouting.

In the Webelos Scout's fifth grade year, he *crosses over* into the adventure of Boy Scouting. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



Uniforms

The Cub Scout uniform distinguishes the Cub by his status and his achievements. Remember, when your boy wears his uniform in public, he is representing the Scouting program and therefore, it should be worn neat and clean.

Shirt

Official long- or short-sleeve, blue for Tiger Cubs, Wolves and Bears Cub Scouts and either blue or tan (optional) for Webelos Scouts. If a tan shirt is worn, blue shoulder loops must be worn on the epaulets. Wear with either pants or shorts.

Cap

Navy blue with orange front panel with Tiger emblem for Tiger, gold front panel with Wolf emblem for Wolf, light blue front panel with Bear emblem for Bear and olive green with plaid front panel with Webelos emblem for Webelos Scouts.

Neckerchief and Slide

Orange with dark blue border for Tigers, gold with dark blue border for Wolves, light blue with dark blue border for Bears and plaid for Webelos Scouts. The neckerchief is secured by a Cub



Scouts slide for the appropriate rank. The Webelos neckerchief is secured by a Webelos slide. Slides created by the boys at a Cub Scout sanctioned event may be worn in lieu of the rank slides.

Belt

Official blue web belt cut to proper length with Cub Scout or Webelos insignia on buckle. Webelos Scouts wearing optional tan uniform may wear either the blue belt (preferred) and Webelos buckle or olive belt and Webelos buckle. Cub Scout belt loops are worn only on the blue belt.

Pants/Shorts

Official, pressed; no cuffs. Blue for Cub Scouts and either blue (with blue shirt) or olive (with tan shirt) for Webelos Scouts.

Socks

Dark blue official socks with gold tops. Webelos Scouts wearing optional olive/tan uniform should wear official Boy Scout olive socks with red tops.

Shoes

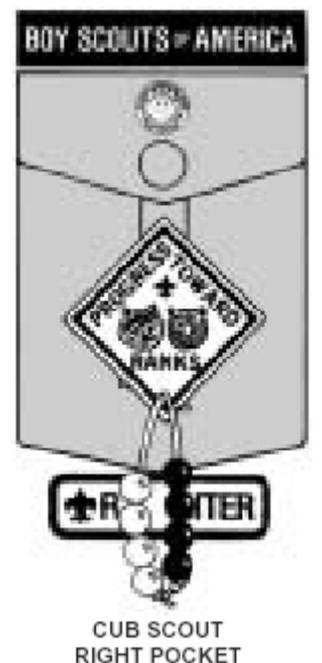
Leather or canvas, neat and clean.

Left Pocket Insignia

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 wear only current badge of rank (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos badge) centered on pocket. Option: Webelos Scouts who have not earned the Tiger Cub rank may wear all rank badges earned with diamond-shaped Webelos badge. Arrow of Light Award is worn centered below pocket. Wear medals just above pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or 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 Insignia

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.



Right Sleeve Insignia

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 Insignia

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.



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.

Handbooks

At each level of scouting, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos, your son will rely on a handbook to guide him through the year and help to track his progress.

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Cubmaster

Plans monthly Pack Meeting and works with Pack Committee Chair in planning monthly leader's meeting. Coordinates den activity with den leaders and Tiger Cub Coordinator in preparation for pack meetings. Acts as master of ceremonies during pack meetings.

Assistantant Cubmaster

Assists in planning monthly Pack Meeting and works with Pack Committee Chair in planning monthly leader's meeting. Assists in coordinating den activity with den leaders and Tiger Cub Coordinator in preparation for pack meetings. Shares in the role of master of ceremonies during pack meetings.

Tiger Cub Den Leader

Plans and carries out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den and gives continuity to the program. Each month however, the den leader also works with a different adult partner team to plan monthly den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting.

Den Leaders

Plans and conducts the weekly den meeting in accordance with the pack program. Establishes a good working relationship with all den parents to foster a support team. Works with support team to plan den activities and meetings.

Committee Members

Meet as a group once a month to plan upcoming activities and meetings. Recruits and selects adult leadership when necessary and is made up of the following positions:

Committee Chair

Conducts monthly committee meeting by preparing the agenda with the Cubmaster. Works with the chartered organization representative to approve adult leadership. Works closely with commissioner and district executive to communicate with the District and Council. Recruits a committee and assigns the positions below:

Secretary

Keep notes of committee assignments, sends notices, maintains records using the pack record book, builds a pack library, and registers new boys and adults promptly.

Activities

Works closely with den leaders and Cubmaster to coordinate and stage field trips and other activities such as the Blue and Gold Banquet, derbies, summer camps and district activities.

Advancement

Responsible for advancement records, obtaining advancement lists from den leaders, securing awards, assisting in award ceremonies, and urging parents to work at home with boys on advancement.

Treasurer

Operates pack on budget plan, receives all funds, pays bills as authorized by the committee and maintains the pack financial record book. Supervises pack fundraising.

Pack Trainer

Promotes leader training and roundtable meeting attendance. Organizes and assists the Tiger Cub den.

Parent Helpers

Function chairman positions to perform “one shot” program job such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet. Day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

Special Programs and Activities

Pinewood Derby

Parent/son projects that involve building a downhill model race car. The pack holds a race.



Raingutter Regatta

Parent/son projects that involve building a model boat. The pack holds a race.

Blue & Gold Banquet

Birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. Most often is a dinner, but can be a dessert. A special program or entertainment is customary.

Popcorn Sales

Trails End popcorn sales raises funds for your pack and the Chief Seattle Council. Your boy can earn prizes and money for camp fees.

Mom and Me Camp

Exciting summertime activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, songs, and skits. Camp runs four days.

Resident Camp

Overnight camping experience includes campfires, hiking, crafts, and more. Four days and nights.

Boy's Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults. Has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories.

Cub Scout Motto

The Cub Scout Motto is:

Do your best.

A motto is a rule for living. The Cub Scout motto asks you to do your best at all times. You do your best in school and at home. You do your best to help your team win a game. You may not do something as well as another boy, but do as well as you can. That is what the motto means.

Cub Scout Promise

The Cub Scout Promise is:

I, _____, promise

To do my best to do my duty to God and my country,

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack.

When you say you will do something, that is a promise. In the Cub Scout Promise, you promise to put God first and to do what He asks of you. Duty to my country means you will be a loyal and proud American. To help other people is to offer your assistance when needed. To be a good Cub Scout means you must obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Law of the Pack is:

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Akela (say Ah-KAY-la) means "good leader" to a Cub Scout. Akela is your mother or your father and your Cubmaster or Den Leader. In the Law of the Pack, you say you will, follow Akela which means you will walk in the steps of your Cub Scout leaders and help the pack go. You will attend Cub Scout meetings and do what you can to help. You will learn new games, skills and crafts. This is how the Cub Scout grows. The last part of the Law of the Pack says you will give goodwill which means to smile, be happy, and help others. Help does not have to be big - small things help too.

Cub Scout Sign

Make the sign with your right hand. Hold your arm straight up. The two raised fingers stand for two parts of the Promise- "to help other people" and "to obey the Law of the Pack." They look like the sharp ears of a wolf listening to Akela.

Frequently Asked Questions

How Much Time is Involved?

Each of the Dens meets twice a month for about an hour and a half. The Pack has an hour-long meeting once a month. In addition to these meetings, the Pack will also hold other activities like sports events, pinewood derby races, and Blue and Gold Banquet.

Am I Old Enough to Join?

If you are in 1st through 5th grade you are the right age to be a Cub Scout.

What Den Will I Be In?

Cub Scouts are assigned to a den with boys their same age. Tiger Cubs (first-graders), Wolf Cub Scouts (second-graders), Bear Cub Scouts (third-graders), and Webelos Scouts (fourth and fifth-graders).

Where Does the Pack Meet?

The pack typically meets either at Bethany Presbyterian Church (1818 Queen Anne Ave N) or at Queen Anne United Methodist Church (1606 5th Ave W).

When Does the Pack Meet?

The Pack has an hour-long meeting once a month, normally on the Third Monday of the month

Where Do the Dens Meet?

Each of the Dens meets in a location that works best for the Den. Some Dens meet at the Den Leader's House, some meet at Bethany Presbyterian Church and some meet at Queen Anne United Methodist Church.

When Do the Dens Meet?

Each of the Dens meets at times that works best for the Den. Most Dens meet twice a month.

What Kinds of Activities Do the Cubs in the Pack Do?

Cub Scouting means, "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is intended to have the boys doing things and activities are designed to be a fun way to achieve the aims of Scouting. At Den meetings boys play games, work on crafts and go on field trips. With the pack the boys race their own hand-made cars in the pinewood derby, they learn about maps, compasses and GPS units at orienteering events, they cheer to together for their favorite teams at local sporting events, and they participate in many other fun activities.

Where Can I Get a Uniform?

New uniforms, handbooks and a variety of other supplies are available at the Scout Shop in Rainier Valley: 3120 Rainier Avenue South; Seattle, WA. (206) 721-5945.

It's possible for your son's Den Leader to organize a trip to the Scout Store to pick up supplies for everyone in the Den. But a trip to the Scout Store is an exciting part of becoming a Cub Scout.

Used uniforms may also be found at Value Village and other local thrift shops as well as our experienced uniform bank.

Publications

Boys may subscribe to Boys' Life, a magazine written for boys that is interesting, exciting and educational. Also available are a number of youth and leader publications, including the Tiger Cub Handbook, Wolf Handbook, Bear Handbook, Webelos Handbook, Cub Scout Leader Book, Cub Scout Program Helps, and Webelos Leader Guide.

Who Pays For It?

Groups responsible for supporting Cub Scouting are the boys and their parents, the pack, the chartered organization, and the community. The pack is run entirely by volunteers and facilities are provided by the chartered organization. Packs obtain income through fundraising projects and the boys are encouraged to pay their own way by contributing dues each week. In Pack 70 & 72, our annual dues are \$60 and we sell popcorn as a means of raising additional funds. An (optional) annual subscription to Boys' Life magazine costs \$15.00 and incidental costs for uniforms, handbooks and other supplies average about \$30 to \$40. Scholarships may be available.

How Do I Join?

Contact the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Committee Member for Recruitment or the leader of the Den that fits your son's age group. You can even join online at www.seattlebsa.org.

Where Can I Learn More?

For more information about Pack 70 and 72, visit our website www.QACubScouts.org. Our current leadership can be found on the "*Our Leaders*" page. For more information about Cub Scouting, visit www.seattlebsa.org

You Are Not Alone!

- The staff at the Chief Seattle Council can help get you in touch with someone who can help with just about any situation you may face. The phone number is (206) 725-5200 or visit their website at www.seattlebsa.org.
- Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These meetings are where you can get help with crafts, games, skits and songs to use at you Den or Pack meetings. It is a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- Program Heps contain meeting plans for Den and Pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games.
- We have a Pack library that contains leader books.
- Our District has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality District-wide programs in which the boys can participate.
- Our District has a volunteer team called the Commissier Staff which is a service team that check on the health of the Pack and serve as a communication link between our Pack and the Scouting organization. A Commissioner is assigned to assist our Pack.
- The District makes available Fast Start training videos and leader basic training. All Leaders need training.
- Scouting has award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adulst about child abuse protection and how to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

Checklist for Getting Started

What Do I Need to Buy?

Uniform Parts

- Cub Uniform Shirt: Short- or Long-Sleeve
- Cub Scout Web Belt and Buckle (Webelos Buckle for Webelos Scouts)
- Cub Scout Cap: Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos
- *Crew Socks (optional)*
- *Pants (optional)*

Neckerchiefs/Neck Slides

- *Neckerchief - Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos (provided by the Pack)*
- *Cub Scout or Webelos Neckerchief Slide (provided by the Pack)*

Insignia

- Council Shoulder Patch (left shoulder)
- Unit Numerals, 70 or 72 (left shoulder)
- World Crest Emblem
- Council Activity (right pocket)
- Webelos Colors (Webelos Buckle for Webelos Scouts)

Handbooks

- Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos Handbook (*provided by the Pack*)

What Forms Do I Need to Complete?

- Cub Scout Application
- *Your son's Den Leader might ask you to provide vehicle, drivers license, and auto insurance information if you drive to any outings and you wish the Boy Scouts of America's insurance to supplement your own.*

Notes