

## **A Boy's Eyes**

**“I'd like to be a Cub Scout”... His eyes were clear and true  
“I'd like to learn, and play and build, like Jim and Freddy do.”**

**“I know how to use a hammer; I can drive a nail if I try...  
I'm eight years old, I'm big and strong – and hardly ever cry.”**

**I gave him the application and a parent-participation sheet.  
His eyes were filled with sunshine – as he left on dancing feet.**

**Next day my friend was back again – a dejected little lad.  
“I guess I'll skip the Cub Scouts.” His eyes were dark and sad.**

**“My mom is awfully busy, she has lots of friends, you see...  
She'd never have time for a Den, she hardly has time for me...**

**“And dad is always working.. he's hardly ever there,  
To give them any more to do, just wouldn't be quite fair”.**

**He handed me back the papers, with the dignity of eight years,  
And smiling bravely left me – his eyes were filled with tears...**

**Do you see your own boy's eyes as other people may?  
How he looks when you're “too busy” or “haven't got time today”?**

**A boy is such a special gift.. Why don't you realize –  
It only takes a little time – to put sunshine in his eyes.**

**You say, “I'll start tomorrow”, but tomorrow is far away.  
He's a boy for such a short time. Won't you start today?**

## **The Purposes of Cub Scouting**

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

## **Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values**

**Citizenship**  
**Compassion**  
**Cooperation**  
**Courage**  
**Faith**  
**Health and Fitness**  
**Honesty**  
**Perseverance**  
**Positive Attitude**  
**Resourcefulness**  
**Respect**  
**Responsibility**

## **Cub Scouting Ideals**

Apart from the fun and excitement of Cub Scout activities, the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Tiger Cub motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.

## **Cub Scout Promise**

I, (name), 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.

## **Cub Scout Motto**

Do your best.

## **Tiger Cub Motto**

Search, Discover, Share

## **Law of the Pack**

The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

## **Colors**

The Cub Scout colors are blue and gold. They have special meaning, which will help boys see beyond the fun of Cub Scouting to its ultimate goals.

Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. Gold

stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

## **Membership**

Cub Scouting members join a Cub Scout pack and are assigned to a den, usually a group of six to eight boys.

<b>Tiger Cubs</b>	<b>First Graders</b>
<b>Wolf Cub Scouts</b>	<b>Second Graders</b>
<b>Bear Cub Scouts</b>	<b>Third Graders</b>
<b>Webeles Scouts</b>	<b>Fourth and Fifth Graders</b>

Most dens meet twice per month during the school year.

Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather for a pack meeting under the direction of the Cubmaster and pack committee. The committee includes parents of boys in the pack and members of the chartered organization.

## **Volunteer Leadership**

Thousands of volunteer leaders, both men and women, are involved in the Cub Scout program. They serve in a variety of roles such as:

- Unit leaders
- Pack committee chairmen
- Committee members
- Den leaders
- Chartered organization representatives.

Cub Scout Packs are chartered by an organization with similar interests and values to those of the BSA.

The charter organization for Pack 335 is the McCordsville United Methodist Church.

## **The Parents of Cub Scouts**

While parents of Cub Scouts are not technically members of the pack staff, they are uniquely responsible for one of the most important phases of Cub Scouting.

When a boy joins our pack, the whole family joins along with him. With this in mind, it is important for the parents of our new scouts understand their role in our program. Parents must show a genuine interest in their son's Pack and set a good example for each boy to have a meaningful scouting experience. Parents can set a good example for the boys by:

- Attending meetings and activities
- Helping out when asked /pitching in when they see a need
- Giving goodwill (encouragement)/Refraining from criticism
- Being prepared
- Following through on what they start

- **Keeping promises**
- **Expecting their son's best effort**

## **Rules**

- **Scouts must understand and apply the Scout Promise, Motto and Law of the Pack**
- **Scouts must learn the Scout sign and display it immediately when they see a leader use it**
- **Scouts must be quiet during group activities**
- **Scouts will respect your leaders and fellow scouts**
- **Scouts will respect school, church and field trip property**
- **Scouts must respect the property of their leaders and fellow cub scouts**
- **No horseplay – we have organized fun!**
- **No stealing**
- **No lying**
- **Everyone should feel included and not tease others**

## **Consequences for Breaking the Rules**

- **First offense - A verbal warning from a leader or parent**
- **Second offense - A five to ten minute time out will be given**
- **Third offense – A call will be placed to the parents**
- **If problems persist the parent will be required to attend meetings with their scout.**

## **Den Organization and Advancement Overview**

### **Tiger Cub Scout:**

The Tiger den is for boys who are in the first grade.

The Tiger Cub must first earn his Bobcat badge before working on his Tiger achievements. He will then complete three items to earn his Tiger Totem. After receiving the Totem, he will begin working on additional achievements toward his Tiger Badge. All of Tiger requirements are easily achieved if your scout is an active den member. After the achievements are complete, he will officially earn his Tiger Rank! After the Tiger Rank has been met, he will be able to work on electives. Parents should read the Tiger handbook to completely understand the requirements. Parents are required to attend all functions during the Tiger Year as part of BSA's Youth Protection requirements.

### **Wolf Cub Scout:**

The Wolf den is for boys in the second grade.

The Wolf Cub must first earn his Bobcat badge before advancing to his Wolf achievements. After attaining his Bobcat, he may continue on and work towards his Wolf Rank. The Wolf rank requires a total of 12 achievements which touch on various subjects and interests for the boys. When all 12 achievements are complete, he has officially earned his Wolf rank. He may then work on arrow points until he becomes a Bear Cub. Parents should read the Wolf handbook completely to understand the requirements. While parents are not required for to attend Wolf meetings, parental involvement is encouraged.

### **Bear Cub Scout:**

The Bear den is for those boys in third grade.

The Bear must earn the Bobcat badge, unless he has already earned it, before he starts work on his Bear requirements. The Bear rank also requires 12 achievements to earn. These, like the Wolf, are on various subjects of interest to the boys. When the 12 achievements are completed, he has officially earned his Bear Rank. He may then work on arrow points until becoming a Webelos scout. Parents should read the Bear handbook completely to understand the requirements. While parents are not required to attend Bear meetings –

Parental involvement is encouraged.

### **Webelos Scout (1st and 2nd year):**

The Webelos dens are broken into two groups. First year Webelos are in fourth grade or 10 years old. Second year Webelos are in fifth grade or 11 years old.

The Webelos program is more involved than the other programs. The Webelos scout is only a few steps away from becoming a Boy Scout! New Webelos scouts must first earn the Bobcat badge and then they can begin working on their Webelos badge.

Once the scout completes the Webelos badge requirements he can earn the Arrow of Light. The Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting and is a very coveted achievement! It is the ONLY Cub Scout rank that can be carried over to a Boy Scout uniform.

We recommended that parents read the entire Webelos handbook. Webelos dens will have a detailed orientation prior to starting work. Parental involvement is minimal during the Webelos years.

### **Advancement Information and Other Awards**

The most important patch your son will earn this year is his badge of rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos) corresponding to his level in Cub Scouts. If he doesn't earn his badge of rank during the year he is at that level, he is not permitted to go back later to earn it.

The scout earns his badge of rank by working through his Scout handbook. Since many of the achievements will be accomplished at den meetings scouts must always bring their handbooks. Scouts must complete some achievements at home with parental guidance.

Parents will be signing off on many of their Scouts achievements (except in Webelos). Parents should only sign off on an achievement after the scout has completed it to the best of his ability. The scout will earn his badge of rank sometime between January and May.

Parents should not expect or encourage the badge to be earned before mid-January. After earning his badge of rank the Scout can focus on earning arrow points (found at the back of the book) or other achievements.

Please note: Primarily parents sign off achievements in the Tiger, Wolf and Bear handbooks. Webelos achievements are only signed off by the Den Leader. If a Webelos scout completes an achievement at home please send a note with your son's handbook indicating what activity needs to be signed.

### **Activity and Awards**

In Cub Scouting,, your son will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of den and pack activities that will encourage group cooperation, personal achievement and community service. A patch or other form of recognition may be awarded at the conclusion of the activity. The real benefit, however, comes from your son's involvement in activities that will help build his character, strengthen his sense of fair play and encourage him to have fun.

Only two national awards are allowed to be worn on the scout uniform. They are the National Summertime Pin and the World Conservation Patch. All other patches awarded can be worn on a patch vest or collected in an award scrapbook/binder.

### **Academics and Sports Program**

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program provides the opportunity for boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship, and have fun. Participation in the program allows boys to be recognized for physical fitness and talent building activities.

Each scout, with the help of a parent, can choose which belt loops and pins he wants to earn. Activities from school, athletic teams, etc. can help your son earn loops and pins. In general, the completion of three activities are required to earn a belt loop. The completion of five more activities in the area are required to earn the corresponding pin.

Specific requirements for each belt loop can be obtained from your son's den leader, Awards Chairman, or Scout Office/Store. Although a scout may earn as many as he likes, a specific belt loop or pin will be awarded only once.

This program is designed to encourage your son to try new things. Once a scout becomes a Webelos, he will need to complete a variety of belt loops and pins during his Webelos year in order to qualify for some of his activity badges.

#### **The belt loops that scouts can earn are:**

Archery, Art, Astronomy, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, BB-Gun Shooting,

Bicycling, Bowling, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Fishing, Flag Football, Geography, Geology, Golf, Gymnastics, Heritages, Ice Skating, Language and Culture, Map and Compass, Marbles, Mathematics, Music, Physical Fitness, Roller Skating, Science, Snow Ski and Board Sports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Volleyball, Weather and Wildlife Conservation.

### **Important Activities**

Pack 335 strives to be a pro-active, community oriented group. All activities that we as a Pack participate in are equally important. Your son's participation in the various fund raisers will help pay his way to summer camp and will pay for all of the badges, patches, belt loops and pins awarded for various achievements through-out the year. This is known as the "Year in Scouting".

Summer camp is almost synonymous with Scouts. Day camp or Adventure Camp is the highlight of the year for many Scouts. Here they will create memories that will last a lifetime. Those leaders involved in camp have already begun planning for next summer so that your son can have an enjoyable camp experience as well.

Some of the fund raisers that Pack 335 traditionally hosts include the annual BSA Popcorn Sale in October / November, as well as Scrips Gift Card program. Selling a set amount of the BSA Popcorn and/or gift cards will pay for your cub scout's summer camp fees, recharter fees, Raingutter regatta kit, Pinewood Derby kit, Space Derby kit, all of his awards, and pack activities such as Christmas Party & the Family Camp dinners. (Year in Scouting program).

We also hold a cake auction at one of our pack events each year. Each scout bakes and decorates a cake centered around a theme chosen by the leaders of the pack. The cakes are sold at a real auction, with an auctioneer. In addition to being loads of fun, it the ONLY place that you can pay \$35 for a lop-sided, icing-smudged, delicious chocolate cake! Remember, the funds we raise help support our scouts in various ways. Parent participation with the fund raisers is not only allowed, but encouraged and appreciated.

The Blue and Gold Banquet is our annual event in February to recognize the achievements of our scouts. Most importantly, it is our Crossing Over ceremony where Webelos II's are awarded their Arrow of Light and then graduate to Boy

Scouts. .

## **Family Camps**

Twice a year (June and October), Pack 335, goes camping. These camping trips are for your entire family. Cub Scouts are NOT allowed to camp by themselves. A parent or guardian must camp with the scout.

We camp at a variety of locations. Family camp is done in tents. No RV's or pop-up campers are allowed.

We camp Friday thru Sunday. On Saturday night, we have an awards ceremony with a pack dinner or a special program preceding the ceremony. Your scout will receive awards, patches and belt loops for the achievements that he has worked on. Everyone is encouraged to attend the awards dinner & ceremony even if you don't camp. On Sunday mornings of our camping weekends, we have a short non-denominational church service with a couple of songs

## **How Much Does Scouting Cost?**

There are costs associated with everything we do in today's world. Scouting is not an overly expensive activity to get into when you consider the benefits.

Below is a breakdown of the cost to start of your son's scouting experience.

### **Back to School Sign Up (one time fee - August)**

When a new scout signs up in August, their fees are a pro-rated. The new scout will pay a 6 month fee (August thru February).

\*The subscription to Boys Life Magazine is optional.

### **Re-Charter Fees (February) - \$45.00**

The re-charter fee will be collected in early February of every year which includes

BSA Council Fees  
Boys Life Magazine

Note that summer camp/activity/award fees that have not been earned through

fundraising will be collected from February through April, in equal installment payments

Parents should know that most annual fees (including re-charter, summer camp, awards, and pack event fees) can be earned by the scout through the Year in Scouting Program resulting in **no out of pocket cost** (optional activities such as Circuit of Fun activities are not included in the YIS program. This will be explained at a later time or contact one of the leaders listed in the back of this book.

**Uniform Requirements and approximate costs  
(Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos)**

See attachments for specific uniform item costs

Additional Class B Uniforms	\$10.00*
335 hoodie (special order)	\$25.00*

\*Items must be purchased through the pack

Note: there is limited financial assistance through a grant available for uniform purchase if needed . Please ask any scout leader for more information.

**Who to Contact:**

**Please feel free to contact any of the following leaders if you have any questions or concerns.**

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## **COMMUNICATION**

Good communication is key in any organization. We maintain a pack website at: <http://www.mccordsvillescouting.org/pack335/default.htm> as well as using emails to pass along information. Our email lists are not shared with any other organization nor are they to be used for anything not related to scouting.

The website links to our pack calendar. As events near, hyperlinks are added in order to give specific details if needed, so check back often.

You will also see a link for discussion forums. Within a few days of registration, we will have user names and passwords set up for parents. The default user ID is and the default password is. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion forums as we use them quite a bit when sharing information that needs to be updated or needs a response (such as scheduling during popcorn sales).

You should receive a welcome email within the next week. If you do not receive such an email, please contact Marion Matlock at 501-7178 or [marion.matlock@comcast.net](mailto:marion.matlock@comcast.net) in order to make certain we have a working email address for you.