



Welcome to



Pack 544



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Who we are—

Our Cub Scout pack is located in New Hyde Park, NY and is sponsored by Notre Dame R.C. Church. We're in the Shelter Rock District (basically N. Hempstead) of the Theodore Roosevelt Council (Nassau County) of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Cub Scout programs at pack 544 are for all boys' ages 7 through 10. There's no requirement that you be a member of Notre Dame Parish or enrolled at Notre Dame School. You're welcome here no matter what house of worship you call your own or what school you're enrolled in.

Our dens, small groups of same aged boys, will also meet an additional one or two times a month depending on program activities. At den meetings boys will work on crafts, skills, and games. The pack, all the dens, normally meets once a month from September through June at the Notre Dame School gym for a program that's usually quite active. The program usually follows a theme for the month. Naturally some themes follow holidays, like Halloween, while others follow Scouting activities like the Pinewood Derby.

Why Scouting-

Parents of young boys face a lot of choices in after-school activities. Boys want to have fun, while parents want them to learn positive values and skills that will last a lifetime. If your boy is about to enter first through fifth grade, Cub Scouting may be exactly what you are both looking for.

The purpose of Cub Scouting is to help boys learn to become self reliant, confident, and to learn new skills—all while having fun. The Cub Scout motto is "Do your best", and the scouting program includes lots of recognition as the boys develop a sense of personal achievement balanced with being part of a larger group. Cub Scouting is one of the most exciting and rewarding programs available to your family.

As a parent, you can be assured that Cub Scouting

- involves a variety of family activities
- encourages good behavior
- encourages teamwork while still allowing the individual boy to excel
- teaches lifelong values
- strengthens the bonds of family

Our Programs—

Tiger: The Tiger Cub program is for first grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 fun requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor & outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.

Wolf: Wolves are second grade boys (age 8). The program is family- and home- centered. To earn the Wolf rank a Cub Scout must complete 53 out of 62 activities that are offered. These tasks are done both at home and with the den.

Bear: Bears are third grade boys (age 9). To earn the Bear Badge, a Cub Scout must complete 12 achievements out of a possible 24 that are offered in the Bear handbook. The achievements are grouped in 4 major areas, GOD, COUNTRY, FAMILY, and SELF. Within each group, a required number of achievements must be completed. Also, any achievements that they do not use to earn the Bear Badge may be used to earn Arrow Points.

WEBELOS: (WE'll BE LOyal Scouts) is the transitional program between Cub Scouting & Boy Scouting for boys age 10.(4th/5th grade) Here world of outdoor Scouting begins to open up. With their parents, the WEBELOS are able to camp & go on other outdoor activities with their den. Their progress can culminate with the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting. At the end of the WEBELOS program, the Scouts truly have a taste for what Boy Scouting is all about and have a head start in proceeding through the Boy Scout program.

Dues—

Our Pack activities are paid for through the collections of yearly dues. Dues are \$75 for re-registrations, a discount of \$10 is given for a second son in the pack. The pack would never want dues to stand in the way of a boy's participation in the program. If dues create a hardship then please speak to our Cubmaster and the issue will be handled discretely.

The dues cover our Charter membership in the BSA, Boys Life magazine for each boy, liability insurance, all awards (pins, badges, and medals), pack and den supplies, and crafts. The dues also subsidize some larger pack activities: our Blue & Gold dinner, annual fishing trip, pack nights.

Uniforms—

The full Cub Scout uniform includes pants, shirt, neckerchief, & hat. You're welcome to purchase the entire ensemble. However, the pack normally limits the uniform to a Cub Scout shirt with appropriate patches, neckerchief with slide, and a neat pair of jeans or blue pants.

Where to buy-

- Theodore Roosevelt Council Scout Shop, 544 Broadway Massapequa. 516-797-0574
- Robert's, 152 Jericho Tpk, Mineola. 516-746-7234
- Hempstead Outdoor Store (Tent City/Trailer City), 236 Front St , Hempstead. 516-486-0960
- www.scoutstuff.org for the online Boy Scout Store

What you need to buy—

- Neckerchief and slide appropriate to your rank (tiger, wolf, bear, WEBELOS)
- Blue Cub Scout shirt (WEBLOS have the option of wearing the tan Boy Scout shirt with blue epaulets)
- Council service patch, Theodore Roosevelt Council (Nassau County).
- The pack numerals, 544.
- Boy Scout world crest (blue fleur de lis emblem)
- Your den # if applicable
- Cub Scout book, again appropriate to the rank.

Where do all those patches go??



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Volunteer Positions: Job Descriptions

We Need YOU!!!

Scouting operates through volunteer Leadership. Volunteer Leaders are an example of the Scouting principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of Leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What does it take to be a volunteer?

A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is **NOT** required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

What do you receive in return?

Being a Leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.

Committee Chairperson:

Prepare agenda for Parent Planning Meeting. Organize schedule, calendar, meeting dates and oversee all Pack activities. Attend council meetings to gain information and ideas. Insure that all Pack positions are filled and that a full scouting program is being implemented. Prepare charter for renewal each year. Keep all Den Leaders informed about district events. Insure proper planning and preparations are made for all Pack events.

Time commitment:	District Roundtable meeting	2 hours/month
	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Pack Night	2 hours/month
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/month

Cubmaster:

Act as main presider at Pack Night and other Pack events. Present awards, conduct ceremonies, lead games and activities. Help organize and plan for future events. Insure all leaders are trained properly and follow all guidelines and safety procedures. Make sure the Cub Scout advancement program is being followed consistently by all Den Leaders. Insure the Pack plans suitable events, and plenty of "fun" activities. Attend monthly district meetings to gain information and ideas. Attend and help moderate Parent Planning Meetings once per month. Set example by wearing complete uniform at Pack events.

Time commitment:	District Roundtable meeting	2 hours/month
	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Pack Night	2 hours/month
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/month

Assistant Cubmaster:

Provide assistance to Cubmaster whenever and however possible. Help moderate Pack Night and other Pack events. Fill in for the Cubmaster when Cubmaster is not available. Attend council events and assist in planning meetings. Wear full uniform at Pack events.

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	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Pack Night	2 hours/month

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Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader:

Plan for and present weekly den meetings for the boys in one den. Track and provide for advancement, games and craft activities. In sure the boys complete all the requirements for the next badge and rank. Help plan and execute Pack events. Keep den parents informed about Pack and council events and activities.

Time commitment:	Den meetings	1 hour/week or every other week or as scheduled
	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Pack Night	2 hours/month
	Additional preparation/planning	1 hour/month, prior to den meetings

Pack Treasurer:

Maintain checkbook, keep accurate records of all income and expenses, and provide reports at monthly Parent Planning Meetings. Help plan yearly budget for Pack. Reimburse Pack leaders and Den leaders for legitimate Pack related expenses. Make bank deposits and transfers. Maintain yearly insurance coverage for Pack.

Time commitment:	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/month

Pack Fundraiser(s):

Make suggestions for future fundraising activities. Coordinate yearly popcorn sale. Help other den leaders achieve fundraising goals. Attend yearly popcorn sale orientation.

Time commitment:	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Pack Night	2 hours/month
	Once-per-year orientation	2 hours
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/month, during
	Popcorn season (September – December)	

Trip Coordinator:

Source out information and prices for various events throughout the year. Present ideas and information to other den leaders. Collect funds, distribute permission slips and information, make reservations, distribute tickets and follow-up on all outside activities.

Time commitment:	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/month

Scouting For Food Coordinator:

Keep all den leaders apprised of district food collection dates and events. Maintain tally of all food collected and donated by each den and report totals to the council office. Help coordinate food collections throughout the year.

Time commitment:	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/month

Round-Up/Registration Coordinator:

Assist in planning for and presenting new scout registration meetings in the spring and fall. Secure application forms and posters from the district office. Submit new registrations and help to update and maintain Pack roster. Assist in providing orientation for new scouts and parents. Help to organize dens for new scouts.

Time commitment:	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Spring/fall registration meetings	2 hours/meeting
	Additional preparation/planning	2 hours/registration

Religious Coordinator:

Make available to all den and patrol leaders the updated information on available religious emblems for the various faith groups. Coordinate pack participation in the Ten Commandments Hike, Fun & Faith Day, & Scout Sunday. Attend a once per year workshop.

Time commitment:	Parent Planning Meeting	1 hour/month
	Once-per-year orientation	2 hours