



Cub Scout Pack 262
Parent Guide
www.cubscoutpack262.com

Pack 262 Cub Scout Mission

The Mission of Pack 262 is to provide a positive atmosphere where Scouts will grow and develop. Our ultimate objectives are citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. In Cub Scouting, a framework is provided with guidelines upon which we build. We build upon the framework by inserting fun and excitement into the learning process. Many times, the boys do not realize that they are learning anything; they are having too much fun to recognize it.

That's when we know we are doing it right!

Meet our Current Pack Leadership:

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**Cub Scouts
Pack 262
Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

September 3, 2009

Dear Cub Scout Parents,

The Pack Committee would like to welcome all the families to another great year of Cub Scouting. Please take the time to look over this Parent Guide, as it will provide you with an overview of how Cub Scouts and the Pack works.

Cub Scout Pack 262 is sponsored by Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lee's Summit, Mo. We are affiliated with Boy Scout Troop 262 based out of the same location. We are strictly a volunteer organization and are always looking for help. If you would like to volunteer for any activity or event, please let Cherie Finley, Committee Chair, or any Registered Leader know. We would love to have everyone involved.

The Cub Scout program spans five years. A boy can join the program from the end of the kindergarten year through fifth grade. He will begin at a level based on his grade. Rank badges cannot be earned for levels that occurred prior to joining with the exception of the Bobcat; every boy upon entering scouts must earn this badge. Below is a list of the different ranks.

Bobcat; This first rank is required to be completed by all Scouts regardless of rank when entering Scouts.

Tiger Cub; entering or in 1st grade (upon graduating kindergarten, you may sign up as a Tiger Cub or at age 7. At this level, the parents may be asked to coordinate and run a Den meeting.

Wolf; 2nd grade

Bear, 3rd grade

1st year Webelos; 4th grade

2nd year Webelos; 5th grade In February of the 5th grade year, Scouts graduate to Boy Scouts and join the Troop. The Pack holds a Ceremony for these boys.

The Dens:

Dens are based on age and grade level. Den Meetings will be held usually twice a month. Your den leader will let you know the schedule for your den. We encourage all parents to help the den leaders in anyway possible.

The Pack:

The Pack consists of all the dens put together. Each month, you will have den meetings, and at least one Pack meeting, or event. While the den meetings are for the Scouts, we strongly encourage all family members to attend the Pack meetings. We also encourage all parents to help with events. Without parents helping, there would be no program.

Dues:

Pack 262 charges a yearly due. This amount is determined each year and is used to help pay for advancements and activities of the Pack. These will be due in September at the first Pack meeting. No Scout will be turned away for financial difficulty. If you are having financial concerns, please speak with the Committee Chair, or the Treasurer. If you do not speak to us regarding financial concerns, we will not be aware of the situation and will not be able help you. All financial information will be kept strictly confidential.

***Please note:** ALL adults attending Webelos camp MUST be registered. We will collect signed applications from both parents at the September meeting and hold these until such time as you can let us know if and which parent will be attending camp with the Webelo. We will collect the \$15 BSA fee along with the camp fees when due.

Uniforms:

Cub Scouts is a Uniformed Organization. We require the Cub Scouts to wear their uniforms at all Class "A" events. Class "A" will be the Cub Scout shirt, and scarf. A belt is recommended but not required. You will be notified if they are to wear Class "B" attire. Class "B" attire would be a camp or Pack t-shirt.

Advancements/Recognition/Awards:

The Pack provides advancements/awards and recognition for all Scouts. This would include patches, beads, belt loops and pins ect. The Pack will provide all rank advancement and awards/recognition with the exception of multiple copies of the Sports and Academics Belt Loops and Pins. These may be earned more than once, however, the Pack will only provide the first loop or pin. The parents may purchase additional copies if desired from the Scout Shop. If you have any questions on rank achievements, or any other awards available, please ask a Committee Member, or your Den Leader. There are many opportunities available.

Fundraising:

The Pack has many expenses (advancements, patches, beads, equipment, activities, meals, contributions to Friends of Scouting, and financial aid, ect.) throughout the year to provide a quality program for your Scout. ***We ask that all Scouts participate in at least one fundraiser throughout the scouting year.*** Pack 262 provides at least two major fundraising opportunities thru the Scouting year that we split the profits with the Scouts. Greenery and Flower Power (fall and spring) are our fundraisers for 2009. The Pack will allot a portion of the profit to the scouts "account". A Scouts "account" is money that is set aside for your Scout to use toward various events, camps, yearly registration dues, or if need be, a book for that years rank year. Upon starting a new fundraiser, we will inform you of how much of the profit the Scouts will earn. Usually, it is 50% of the profit. Sometimes, the Pack will hold events such as selling hot dogs. This money goes straight to the Pack and is not split with the scouts, however, it will count as their participation in one fundraiser. *Bake Auction, Car Wash , Ice Cream Social and

Friends of Scouting activities are part of Summer activities or a Pack meeting and will not be considered part of the fundraising participation.

Community Service Projects:

In Cub Scouts, we try to teach the boys about "giving back to the community". *We are asking that all Scouts participate in at least one Community Service Project throughout the year.* This can be at a Den, Pack, or Troop level. You will be notified of Community Service Project opportunities as they occur.

Scout Conduct and Responsibility:

We would like the Scouts to attend all Den and Pack meetings if possible. The Cub Scout Motto is "Do Your Best". We ask this of all Scouts. Scouts must behave in an appropriate manner following the "12 Core Values of Scouting". These can be found in the handbooks.

If behavior issues occur, the Cubmaster and/or Den Leader and/or Event Coordinator will speak with the Scout on what the behavior should be. Parents will be notified. If need be, your Scout will not be able to participate in the event taking place. You will have to take the Scout home until better behavior can be attained. If behavior not fit for Scouting continues after two parent meetings, the Committee will consider removing your Scout from the roster or other appropriate action.(ex. moving dens, requiring parent to accompany Scout at all functions)

Parent Conduct:

Parents need to bring any issues or concerns to the attention of the Pack Committee. If we do not know about an issue or concern, we cannot correct it. We expect parents to be there to encourage all Scouts.

Parents are expected to follow the 12 Core Values of Scouting while attending Scout functions.

The Pack may hold certain events and activities that require registration and fees. Parents are expected to pay the fees if needed and have the paperwork turned in by the deadline. If you have a financial or scheduling question with an event, please contact the Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Committee Chair before the deadline so arrangements can be made. Please be aware, that once the deadline has passed, we may be unable to help you. It would be a shame for a Scout to miss out on an opportunity due to communication issues.

Health Forms/Training:

For 2010, BSA has a new health form. We can no longer accept the old health forms. We are asking that we have a completed health form on all the Scouts and any family members that participate in or at our activities. We need these to be turned into us no later than the January 30th Pack Meeting. These will be valid for one year. If there are changes that need to be made to the health form throughout the year, you will need to notify your Den leader and update your form.

Summer Camps:

There are several opportunities in the summer for your Scout to attend camp. This is a great experience for all Scouts and their parents. Here is a list of the different camps available.

Day Camp- Any boy in Cub Scouts may attend this camp. This is a week long camp and is usually held the first week in July. We will need parent volunteers for this camp.

Bear Camp- Held at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs, KS. This is a one night, two day experience for boys entering 3rd grade. A parent, or guardian must attend camp with the Scout.

Webelos Camp- Held at Camp Naish in Bonner Springs, KS. This is a two nights, three day experience for boys entering 4th and 5th grades. Webelos may attend without an adult, but it is a great experience for the adults as well. *Note- if you are attending with your Scout, you will need to be registered with the pack.

Training:

All parents helping or attending camps must be Youth Protection Trained. You can obtain this training at www.scouting.org, online training center. You will need to create an account before it will let you take the training. There are also other training classes that you may take online. Please submit to the Committee Chair your certificates after you have obtained this training.

Website:

Cub Scout Pack maintains a website. www.cubscoutpack262.com. All calendars and upcoming events are posted there. We also communicate heavily with email. If you do not have Internet access, please let us know so that we can find a different way to communicate with you and your Scout.

Media:

Pack 262 is always willing and seeking opportunities to share our activities and accomplishments with our community. We will generally notify local media when appropriate. We ask that parents not directly communicate with the media without prior approval of the Committee Chair or Cubmaster, so that we may insure BSA guidelines are adhered to. This would include print, electronic, web media.

Thank you for taking the time to go over this Parent Guide. We look forward to a great Scouting year.

Scout On,

Pack 262 Committee