

Pack 149 Parent Info Sheet

Below is basic information about scouting and our Pack.

Fees

The annual fee for each Scout in our pack is \$110, which is collected in November. This covers the cost of awards for your Cub Scout such as pins, belt loops, patches, etc. as well as Pack program costs, registration fee & insurance with the BSA, and a subscription to Boys Life magazine. If joining this spring, the fee is pro-rated to \$60 if joining in the fall is pro-rated to \$20. During the year we have a popcorn and other fundraisers which will afford you the opportunity to offset this cost. (Fees do not cover the cost of uniforms, emblems & accessories)

Parent Involvement

Pack 149 relies on parental involvement. Generally, the boys whose parents are involved get the most out of scouting. We need help at all levels for activities such as Pack Meetings, Fundraising, Planning, Camping, Major Events and Civic Volunteering. It can be ongoing, a one-time effort - or anything in-between. Every bit helps! Perhaps you may feel a bit hesitant about volunteering. Join the club! We all felt that way when we first volunteered. As moms and dads in the pack with a vested interest in making Cub Scouts worthwhile for the boys, we endeavor to work together, help each other out with ideas and do what we can in order to make the organization the best we can. (And we have a great time as parents doing this for the boys while getting to know each other at the same time.)

For Den Leaders and Committee Members, the BSA offers many different training classes, training manuals, seminars and den meeting guidelines and suggestions. There is also plenty of information and help on-line as well. Training sessions are offered throughout the year. We also have leaders or former leaders who are willing to assist new leaders.

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are generally held once a month; on a Friday at the Trinity United Methodist Church starting at 6:30 pm till approximately 8:15 pm. Awards the Scouts have earned up to that point are handed out at Pack meetings, and families are welcome to attend. We usually have a raffle, game, craft, and/or entertainment at these meetings.

Den Meetings

A Den consists of a small group of same age boys. They meet 2-3 times a month and work on Achievements in the Handbook for their rank (Tigers, Wolves, Bears, or Webelos). Tiger dens have one leader and Tigers must attend meetings with a parent. The other ranks have two adults who will be the Leader and Assistant Leader. Leaders will plan activities for the meetings, however, the other parents are asked to contribute ideas for outings & activities, and help with these. Parents do not necessarily need to stay at these meetings, but you may be asked to help with particular activities requiring adult help, for example wood working, pocketknife handling, etc. or asked to stay if the group is particularly rambunctious. Generally Den meetings are where most of the achievements are worked on, though some activities will need to be done at home.

The Dens in Pack 149 are:

DEN 5 – Tiger – First Grade

DEN 4 – Wolf – Second Grade

DEN 3 – Bear – Third Grade

DEN 2 – Webelos I – Fourth Grade

DEN 1 – Webelos II – Fifth Grade

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Other Activities

Besides Den & Pack meetings we may have one or two other activities in a month such as hikes, sporting events, camping trips, parades, etc. Once a year we have a sleep over field trip event. We have gone to Battleship Cove and the Boston Science Museum in the past. BSA offers camping activities during the summer and other fun activities throughout the year in which Scouts & parents can participate. For Cub Scout Camp, generally we pick a week to attend and go as a group.

Trinity United Methodist Church - Is the Charter organization that sponsors our pack. The church has generously offered to let us hold our meetings here and we do our best to leave it in the same or better condition as we find it.

Uniform and Handbook - Uniform consists of:

- **Shirt:** (may want to buy a shirt 1 or 2 sizes larger)
 - Tigers, Wolves, Bears: Dark blue
 - Webelos: Tan
- **Patches & Emblems:**
 - CT Rivers Council patch, World Crest patch (fluer de lis)
 - Pack 149 numerals, Den numeral patch (den numbers listed on preceding page)
- **Scarf for your rank:** orange Tiger, yellow Wolf, light blue Bear, plaid Webelos (provided by pack)
- **Scarf “slide”:** a device used to secure the rank scarf (many Scouts have them, but they are frequently lost – so it’s optional). The scarf is knotted otherwise.
- **Hat:** optional, different hat for each rank
- **Belt:** optional, but the belt loops Scouts earn can be worn on the belt
- **Handbook:** for each rank: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos (provided by pack)

These supplies can be purchased at:

- BSA Scout Store: 60 Darlin St., East Hartford, CT, 860 291-0286
- Online at the BSA Official Website: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/>

Pack Leadership

- Chairman; Scott Glick, scotteglick@comcast.net
- Cubmaster; Jim Churchill, churchy1965@comcast.net
- Assistant Cubmaster; Stacey Watson, staceywatson2@yahoo.com
- Treasurer; Karen Ridley, keridley@yahoo.com
- Den Leaders:
 - Tiger (Den 5) - Lisa Lombardo
 - Wolf (Den 4) - John McGraw
 - Bear (Den 3) - Kerry Hicks & Marybeth Reopell
 - Webelos I (Den 2) - Patrick McMahan & Maurice Flowers
 - Webelos II (Den 1) - Katie Churchill & Kristin Berenson

Websites

Please visit our website at: www.pack149.org

BSA: www.scouting.org

CT Rivers Council (local BSA Org governing our pack): www.ctrivers.org