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Cub Pack 342



Welcome and Information Guide

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Welcome Letter

Cub Pack 342 has continued to provide a fun-filled program for boys and girls who are in kindergarten through fifth grade. The focus of the pack with help from parents, leaders, and organizations is to work together to help a boy or girl achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. The 10 purposes of cub scouting are:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Scouting will provide your child the opportunity to do things they probably would not do if they were not involved in scouts. Pack 342 has traveled to places such as North Point State Park, Fort Howard Park, Merritt Park, Chesterwood Park, Marshy Point Nature Center, North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Station, Wise Avenue Fire Company, Maple Lawn Farms, Broad Creek, KOA Harpers Ferry, Killens Pond, Cunningham Falls, Gettysburg Campground, Jerusalem Mill Village, Baltimore Museum of Industry, etc.

As you can see from the abbreviated list of places, Cub Pack 342 is always on the go.

We look forward to adding your child to Cub Pack 342's list of Arrow of Light scouts. Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. What more could any parent want for their child?

Please note that the information in this guide can change without notice. For the current version of this document, access our website at [Pack 342 Library](#)

Den and Pack Meetings

What is a Den Meeting?

A den meeting is where a group of scouts meet to complete an activity that will promote life skills, e.g., making a craft, learning a skill, practicing first aid, playing a game. Dens in Cub Pack 342 are formed by grade. Grade K is the Lion Den. Grade 1 is the Tiger Den. Grade 2 is the Wolf Den. Grade 3 is the Bear Den. Grade 4 is the Webelos I Den. Grade 5 is the Arrow of Light Den. Webelos stands for “WE BE LOyal Scouts.”

What is a Pack Meeting?

A pack meeting is where the entire pack joins together to recognize scouts for their achievements. This is normally held in a party-type atmosphere. Other activities conducted by a pack are conservation projects or a Raingutter Regatta race. A Raingutter Regatta is where scouts build boats to be raced across a 10-foot rain gutter.

Location:

Den and Pack meetings are held at the Charlesmont Elementary cafeteria. The address for Charlesmont Elementary is
7800 W. Collingham Dr
Dundalk, MD 21222

Times:

Times for Den and Pack Meetings vary depending on the activity. Den meetings are typically held from 6-7PM for grades K-2nd and 7-8PM for grades 3-5th. Pack meetings are typically held from 6-7:30PM. The Pack leadership will inform you if these times change.

Dues:

Dues are typically \$1 per den meeting. The money is to be delivered to the den leader for that den and the money is used to offset the cost of the crafts. Please understand that occasionally it may be necessary to request a higher amount for dues if the craft for that meeting is costly. For example, wood projects can be expensive due to the price of the material.

Procedures:

Entering Charlesmont Elementary for Cub Scout Meetings:

Each group that uses the school facility must have an approved building usage form. Cub Pack 342's building usage form gives the pack members permission to use the facility beginning at 6PM for our den and pack meetings on scheduled Tuesday nights. Since the Cubmaster is listed as the contact person, no one is allowed to enter the facility until the Cubmaster arrives. If the Cubmaster is unable to attend a meeting for any reason, the Cubmaster will notify the school of the backup person.

In addition, do not enter the building using the main entrance. The only entrance permissible is the front side entrance leading to the cafeteria. Ring the bell on the wall to the right and someone from scouts will let you in the building.

Leaving the Cafeteria:

Any scout or other child that attends a cub pack meeting must remain in the cafeteria unless approval has been provided by leadership or is accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. If a parent does not escort the child or children then two-deep leadership must be provided. Two-deep leadership is two adults (two leaders or one adult and one leader) not of the same family. We normally do not plan for bathroom breaks. If your child has to go to the bathroom, we ask that the parent or responsible adult escort them.

Inclement Weather:

Anytime Baltimore County Schools are closed or closed early due to inclement weather on the day of a den or pack meeting, the meeting will be cancelled. If inclement weather occurs on the day of an activity or event, an email will be sent to the pack with a status of cancellation.

Smoking and Drinking

Cub Pack 342 supports the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Pack 342 also supports the attitude that young adults are much better off without tobacco. Leaders **MAY NOT ALLOW** the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. In addition, Pack 342 believes that Adult Leaders should model the behavior we wish to instill in our Scouts; therefore, we ask that Adult Leaders that must smoke do so in a location away from the Scouts, especially if in uniform.

Note: There is no smoking allowed on the entire property of any Baltimore County Public School, which includes the parking lot.

Archdiocese of Baltimore Youth Protection

Since Cub Pack 342 works with St. Clare's BSA Troop 355 on a number of camping trips and other outings, it is necessary that any parent attending these trips with their child whether it is one day or overnight must enroll in the Baltimore Archdiocese Youth Protection system and take the online training. The parent's association will be as a volunteer with Troop 355 and they will answer the question "Substantial Contact with Children" if asked in the questions.

Therefore, we request that each parent or responsible adult attending these outings with Troop 355 complete the youth protection process weeks before any scheduled event. Training is good for five years. The instructions are below:

Please click or enter the following URL in your web browser to complete the youth protection process:

<https://virtusonline.org/>

Uniform

Types:

Class 'A' or Field Uniform

The first type is the *Class 'A' or Field uniform* that can be purchased from the Scout Shop or online at <http://www.scoutshop.org>.

Class 'B' or Activity Uniform

The second type is the *Class 'B' or Activity uniform* which is a scouting themed T-shirt. You can purchase T-shirts from the Scout Shop or online at <http://www.scoutshop.org>.

Ordering Information:

Here is some information concerning your class 'A' uniform order:

A: Cap is optional

B: Den Neckerchief and slide are optional

C: Purchase World Crest (mandatory)



D: Purchase the Council Shoulder Patch for the Baltimore Area Council (mandatory)



E. Purchase Unit Numerals 3, 4, and 2 (mandatory)



We do not use den numbers in the pack so do not worry about buying this patch.

F. Purchase the class 'A' or field uniform shirt (mandatory)



Blue Cub Scout shirt for grades 1, 2 and 3.



Tan Boy Scout shirt for grades 4 and 5.

Note: 4th and 5th Grade Webelos can wear their blue shirt that they wore from prior years.

G. Purchase the belt and belt buckle



Grades 1, 2, and 3



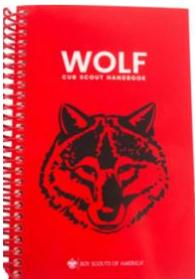
Grades 4 and 5

H. Cub Scout Trousers are optional. Blue Jeans are acceptable.

I. Handbook is optional



Tiger Den (1st Graders)



Wolf Den (2nd Graders)



Bear Den (3rd Graders)



Webelos Den (4th Grader) and Arrow of Light Den (5th Grader)

Again, you can order online or go to the scout shop. Directions to the scout shop can be found on our website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.pack342dundalk.scoutlander.com/ScoutShop Directions>

Costs:

Estimated Uniform is approximately \$75, which includes the following mandatory items:

1. Shirt \$30-\$40
2. Baltimore Area Council Shoulder Patch \$4.99
3. Cub Scout Belt \$14.99 plus buckle \$6.99 = \$21.98
4. Unit Numbers '3' '4' '2' \$1.99 x 3 = \$5.97
5. World Scout Crest Emblem \$2.49

The Pack Goes to Fun Places

Hikes:

Cub Pack 342 makes hiking available to Cub Scouts every year. There have been hikes around Charlesmont Elementary on stargazing nights as well as hikes and scavenger hunts at various parks and nature centers. These are only a few examples of the hiking opportunities from the pack.

Sporting Events:

Whether it is attending a Baltimore Orioles game at Camden Yards, or an Aberdeen Ironbirds game, Cub Pack 342 schedules these fun sporting events for the entire family to enjoy.

Fire Station:

Every year the pack schedules an enjoyable trip to the fire station to learn about the cool trucks and the equipment the firefighters use. This is always a rewarding activity for the scouts.

The Pack Makes Stuff

Crafts:

Scouts get to use their creative skills when building various crafts for special occasions or any occasion. As a parent, there is nothing more rewarding than receiving a craft completed by their child.

Pinewood Derby Cars:

One of the most exciting events each year is the Pinewood Derby. Cub Scouts will build and decorate 7" pinewood cars and race them down a 25-foot ramp. The Cub Scout designs the car by drawing a top and side profile on a block of wood. The pack will help cut the wood to the scout's design. The scout will paint the car after weight is placed in the car. The final steps are for the scout with help from their parents to insert the wheels and axels into the slots provided on the block of wood. This is a fun child/parent project.

The Pack Does Fun Stuff

Pinewood Derby:

Cub Scouts race their cars at this event each year. It is exciting to watch as the pack cheers on each run down a 4-lane wooden track.

Raingutter Regatta Race:

The Raingutter regatta is where each scout will build a boat from a kit. Building the boat can typically be completed in one meeting except for painting. After the boats are ready, the scouts will race them down a 10-foot aluminum rain gutter.

The Pack Helps People and Provides Service to the Community

Scouting for Food:

Pack 342 collects non-perishable food items each year to be delivered to the hungry in the local community. The food items are collected from the Charlesmont area.

Conservation Projects:

Although Cub Pack 342 is chartered by First Lutheran Church of Gray Manor, Charlesmont Elementary is our meeting place. Therefore, the pack does cheerful service by making the grounds of the school better by planting flowers and performing cleanup.

Remembering Those Who Served:

Cub Pack 342 provides service to the community by participating in the annual Veterans Day Illumination at Holly Hills Memorial Gardens. Each scout places a bag that contains a candle in a plastic cup and sand. These bags are placed on the grounds of Holly Hills to remember those veterans who served to protect our freedom.

Advancements and Awards

The first award that any cub scout should be completing is the Bobcat Award. Please help your child complete this badge by reviewing the requirements for the Bobcat award and then allowing him to practice with you the requirements for the badge.

The youngest Scouts can earn recognition for achievement in six core adventures including nature, games, faith, teams, nutrition and hikes. They participate in all scouting events with an Adult Partner (usually Mom or Dad).

As Scouts grow, they can learn essential skills and enjoyment of outdoor activities, community involvement, personal safety, sports, and the environment. They earn belt loops as they progress throughout their den's requirements.

Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts are the oldest cub scouts. They can earn pins signifying their proficiency in Physical, Mental, Community, Technology, and Outdoor activities. The goal of the Cub Scout program is for each boy to earn the highest award in Cub Scouting - "Arrow of Light" and to prepare them for Boy Scouts.

Tiger Advancement – Tiger scouts work on six different core requirements and one elective before earning their Tiger Award.



Wolf Advancement - Wolf scouts work on six different core requirements and one elective before earning their Wolf Award.



Bear scouts work on six different core requirements and one elective before earning their Bear Award.



Webelos scouts work on five different core requirements and two electives before earning their Webelos Award.



Arrow of Lights scouts work on four different core requirements and three electives before earning their Arrow of Light Award.



Religious Awards

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with the pack leadership to guide you as to what curriculum booklets to purchase for your faith. For more information on the Program of Religious Activities with Youth, access the website at <http://www.praypub.org>.

Camping Opportunities

Cub Scout Family Camping:

As a result of the new program instilled by the Boy Scouts of America in June, 2015, all scouts within the cub pack will have multiple opportunities for camping. Please plan to attend as many of these outings as possible so that your child enjoys the outing that is scouting while earning their achievements.

During the summer, Pack 342 plans a trip to a camp that is normally in Maryland or a surrounding state. Pack 342 has been to places such as Killens Pond in DE, Cunningham Falls in MD, and KOA Harpers Ferry in WV. Pack 342 requests that each cub scout be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult for all camping trips.

How can you help the Pack?

Fundraisers:

Each year, Pack 342 plans a minimum of one fundraiser to help pay for the Cub Pack program, membership and awards. Since the pack only collects membership one time from each family, the pack expects that each family will participate in the fundraisers.¹ Donations from family members are always welcomed.

Talent Survey Sheet:

Each adult will be provided a talent survey form to be completed. The pack will use this form in order to find out the talents of each adult family member. By you completing this survey gives the pack committee a way to uncover ways you can enjoy giving assistance to the pack.

Become Involved in Your Child's Progress through Scouting:

The more you become involved in your child's progress through scouting, the more successful your child will be in scouting. Do not hesitate to ask the leaders questions to make sure your child is on track to successful advancement and fun.

Webelos Transition Information

One of Scouting's greatest challenges is to make the next level of Scouting readily available for a young man or woman once they meet the joining requirements.

The following information is designed to aide you and your Scout in transitioning from CUB SCOUTS to BSA SCOUTS.

Some immediate questions you may have ...

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Your child needs to do the next step. As part of his or her Arrow of Light, your child will visit at least one BSA troop meeting and a troop outdoor activity.

So now your child needs to decide what troop to join.

Some of the questions to consider when choosing a BSA troop are the following:

Program, Cost, Meeting Days, and Organization.

Cub Pack 342 will help your child and you along the way in deciding the troop that is the best fit for your child.

The leadership of the pack will organize meeting dates with at least two troops in the area. The troops selected will more than likely be a contrast of each other as far as size of membership, and program. This will help the webelos scout and family choose the troop that is the best fit for the scout.

Closing Letter

Again, a main key for a child's success in scouting is the parent's involvement. With parent participation and attention to their child's progress through scouting, their child can reach the highest award in cub scouting, Arrow of Light. Therefore, the pack requests that parents ask questions along the way during their child's journey through scouting in order to ensure a successful adventure.

If you have any questions related to this information guide or the cub pack, please ask your child's den leader, or Cubmaster.

Thank you for choosing Cub Pack 342 as your child's cub pack.