

Cub Scout Pack 9

Family Handbook



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THE 12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each one is a goal you should do your best to achieve.

A Scout is **TRUSTWORTHY**. A Scout tells the truth and keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is **LOYAL**. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

A Scout is **HELPFUL**. A Scout volunteers to help others without expecting a reward.

A Scout is **FRIENDLY**. A Scout is a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from him.

A Scout is **COURTEOUS**. A Scout is polite to everyone and always uses good manners.

A Scout is **KIND**. A Scout treats others as he wants to be treated. He never harms or kills any living thing without good reason.

A Scout is **OBEDIENT**. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and pack. He obeys the laws of his community and country.

A Scout is **CHEERFUL**. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is **THRIFTY**. A Scout works to pay his way. He uses time, property, and natural resources wisely.

A Scout is **BRAVE**. A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He stands for what is right even if others laugh at him.

A Scout is **CLEAN**. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is **REVERENT**. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 9

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Your Son's Den Leader _____

A Brief History of Scouting at Saint Mark

Pack 9 has a long history of operation with different charter organizations in the Anniston area. The Pack was last established at Saint Mark United Methodist Church in the Fall of 1979. The current Pack was formed by a group of parents who believed strongly in the ideals and goals of the Scouting Program and wanted to see a Pack established in the Golden Springs area. From the very beginning, Pack 9 has provided a quality program to its boys, emphasizing family involvement in a varied program. As Pack 9 continued to strengthen its Cub Scout Program, a decision was made to establish a Boy Scout Troop at Saint Mark United Methodist Church. This happened in 1989, with the transfer of Troop 9 to Saint Mark. Those of us who are currently part of Pack 9 feel that we are continuing the tradition of providing a quality program to our youth members, offering a wide variety of activities drawn from the contents of the Cub Scouting Program.

Saint Mark United Methodist, from the very beginning, has been a strong supporter of the Scouting Program. They have continued to provide us with a place to meet, quality leadership, and assistance in presenting the "God and Country" program for those boys who wish to participate. Pack 9 is a part of the Saint Mark's family, but we welcome Scouts and families of all faiths into our program.

We feel that Pack 9 has one of the finest Cub Scouting programs to offer anywhere in the Anniston area. We consistently earn the Quality Unit Award each year. We hope that you will decide to become a member of our Scouting family. It is a decision you will not regret.

WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET

Pack 9 holds its scheduled meetings on Monday nights, September through May, at St Mark United Methodist Church. Meetings start at 6:30 P.M. and last about 1 hour for Den Meetings and 1 ½ hours for Pack Meetings.

The Pack Meeting is a family activity and the entire family should plan on attending to have fun together.

One Pack meeting is held each month, on the last non holiday Monday of the month. It is the one time each month the entire Pack assembles together for fun, songs, skits, refreshments, and most

important, to recognize the accomplishments of the boys and leaders during the month. The Pack Meeting is also where information about upcoming activities and events is announced. Please try to ensure that at least one parent can attend each pack meeting.

The other Monday evenings are devoted to individual Den Meetings. The Dens will meet separately to work on their programs and activities, and to prepare for their part in the monthly Pack Meeting. The schedule is adjusted to accommodate holidays. There are normally no meetings on Monday holidays or during school breaks.

The Pack also averages about six weekend activities a year. These weekend activities include family campouts, the annual Pine Wood Derby, and a banquet in February. Individual Dens also may schedule activities and field trips at agreed upon other times. During the Summer there are no regular Den or Pack meetings. The Pack holds one special event each month during the Summer. Any boy who attends three summer activities earns a summer time activity award.

PACK 9 PROGRAMS

Rank Advancement Program . . .

Pack 9 offers all of the rank advancement programs in the Cub Scout Program. We have separate dens for each year level, 1st grade through 5th grade.

This is a new program for kindergarten age boys. The Lion Cub is a brand-new Boy Scouts of America program that is designed to introduce kindergarten-age boys and their families to the fun of Scouting. A Lion den is a group of usually six to eight kindergarten-age boys who meet together to participate in the Lion program with their adult partners. It's also a chance to create memories that will last a lifetime, and build a stronger family while you enjoy the Scouting program with other families. The Lion program is designed as an introduction to Cub Scouting. The key is appropriate expectations. Lion Cubs will meet about twice a month with their adult partner under the supervision of a Lion Cub Guide.



A new boy in Cub Scouts (except for Lion Cub) begins the program for whatever grade he is in. For example, a first time Cub Scout in the third grade will begin in the Bear program. He cannot go back and earn the Wolf rank. All first time Cubs, however, in grades 1 through 5, must first earn their Bobcat rank before earning the rank for their year level. The Bobcat requirements can be found at the beginning of each Scout Handbook. They are:

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.
2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
5. Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.
6. Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.
7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.

First grade boys will be in the **Tiger Scout** program. Tiger Scouts work toward the Tiger rank badge. The Tiger rank is earned by completing seven adventures below. Although participation with an adult partner is required for all Tiger awards, recognition items are for boys only. Six of the Tiger Scout Adventures are required ones:



- a. My Tiger Jungle
- b. Games Tigers Play
- c. Tiger Circles: Duty to God
- d. Team Tiger
- e. Tiger Bites
- f. Tigers in the Wild

The seventh is an elective of either den or family choosing. After a boy earns the Tiger Scout badge, he will continue to meet with his den, working on additional elective adventures until he completes first grade.



Second grade boys will be in the **Wolf Scout** program. Wolf Scouts work toward the Wolf rank badge. The Wolf rank is earned by completing seven adventures. Six of the Wolf Scout Adventures are required ones. They are:

- a. Call of the Wild
- b. Council Fire
- c. Duty to God Footsteps
- d. Howling at the Moon
- e. Paws on the Path
- f. Running With the Pack

The seventh is an elective of either den or family choosing. After a boy earns the Wolf Scout badge, he will continue to meet with his den, working on additional elective adventures until he completes second grade.

Third grade boys are in the **Bear Scout** program. This program is very similar to the Wolf Scout program. Bear Scouts work toward the Bear rank badge. The Bear Scout rank is earned by completing seven adventures. Six of the Bear Scout Adventures are required ones. They are:



- a. Bear Claws
- b. Bear Necessities
- c. Fellowship and Duty to God
- d. Fur, Feathers, and Ferns
- e. Baloo the Builder
- f. Paws for Action

The seventh is an elective of either den or family choosing. After a boy earns the Bear Scout badge, he will continue to meet with his den, working on additional elective adventures until he completes third grade.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Parents should become familiar with both the Tiger Scout, Wolf

Scout and Bear Scout Handbooks. Many of the requirements are activities that boys do regularly outside of Scouts. The boys can receive credit if you note these accomplishments and document them in his Cub Scout Handbook.



Fourth grade boys are in the **Webelos** program. Ask any Webelos what Webelos means and he will immediately answer, “**WE’ll BE LOyal Scouts.**” To earn the Webelos Rank, a boy must be an active member of your Webelos den for three months. (Being active means having good attendance, paying your den dues, and working on den projects.) He must also complete six Webelos Adventures.



Five Adventures are required ones. They are:

- a. Cast Iron Chef
- b. Duty to God and You
- c. First Responder
- d. Stronger, Faster, Higher
- e. Webelos Walkabout

The remaining elective of either den or family choosing. After a boy earns the Webelos badge, he will continue to meet with his den, working on additional elective adventures until he completes fourth grade.



Fifth grade boys are in the **Arrow of Light** program. To earn the Arrow of Light Badge the Scout must be an active member of your Webelos den for three months. (Being active means having good attendance, paying your den dues, and working on den projects.) He must complete five Webelos Adventures. Four Adventures are required ones. They are:

- a. Building a Better World
- b. Outdoorsman
- c. Duty to God in Action
- d. Scouting Adventure

The remaining elective of either den or family choosing. After a boy earns the Webelos badge, he will continue to meet with his den, working on additional elective adventures until he crosses over to boy scouts or completes fifth grade.

NOTE: Not all boys will work at the same pace in Webelos, some will earn more activity pins than others. This should not be an area of concern unless a boy fails to earn the specific pins required for rank advancement. The Webelos Den Leader will work with the boys to ensure they earn the required pins.

NOTE: Each year (except for the year the Bobcat Scout badge is earned) each boy my once again with your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide* and earn the Cyber Chip award for your age. *

*If your family does not have Internet access at home AND you do not have ready Internet access at

school or another public place or via a mobile device, the Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian or completed during a den meeting at St Mark.

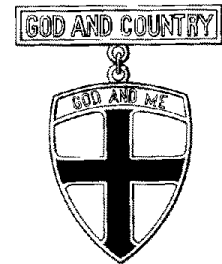
The Cub Scout Motto is:

“Do Your Best”

Doing your best may vary with each individual Scout, but it is the expectation for completing all Adventures and earning the rank badge.

Religious Awareness Program . . .

Many religious-faith groups have programs of intensive religious education that is recognized by the Cub Scout Program. Pack 9 encourages all of its youth members to seek out and participate in the recognized program for their faith. Pack 9, through Saint Mark United Methodist Church offers annually the two generic Protestant programs recognized by Scouting. They are the first two levels of the “God and Country” program; “God and Me” for 2nd and 3rd grade boys, and “God and Family” for 4th and 5th grade boys. Those boys who complete the programs of their respective faith are awarded a **Square Knot Award** by the Pack. This award is worn on their uniform shirt. In addition, there are various awards that are also presented by the boy’s religious organization. We present the awards at our Scout Sunday program in February, or you can arrange to have your own church present the award. You can also have it presented both places.



Pack 9 Outdoor Program . . .

Pack 9 plans an outdoor program designed to introduce the boys to camping and other outdoor experiences. Camping is not emphasized in the Cub Scout Program, but family camping is encouraged. Pack 9 usually tries to hold two family camping weekends a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. We permit all pack members, Tiger through Webelos, to participate in the family campouts. The program for these campouts centers on fun and games for all. We encourage the entire family to attend, but a minimum of one parent must accompany the Pack member.

The Webelos and Arrow of Light programs also hold den campouts. Sometimes the Webelos den will participate in a camping experience with our Boy Scout Troop, Troop 9. The emphasis for most Webelos campouts is to improve the boy’s outdoor skills and prepare him to move up to the Boy Scout Troop. Whether planned as a separate den campout, or with a Boy Scout Troop, a parent or responsible adult is still required to accompany the youth member on the campout.



Your Cub Scout or Webelos Den may also plan daytime outdoor activities, such as a hike, trip to a nature area, or den service project. Requirements for parents to accompany the boys will

vary with these type activities, and parents are always invited to attend whether required to or not.

Our Boy Scout Council (**Greater Alabama Council**) and District (**Choccolocco District**) also plan activities that you may choose to participate in, such as camporees, Cub Day Programs, Cub Scout Day Camp, and weekend and resident camping. Pack 9 will get you information on all of these planned Council or District events so that you can attend those that you choose.

World Conservation Award...



Sometime during your son's tenure with Pack 9 he will be afforded the opportunity to earn the World Conservation Award. This is earned by completing a combination of requirements in his Scout book for his year level and participating in a den conservation project.

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Awards ...



Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year.

NOVA Award...



A relatively new program for Cub Scouts based on the national STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program. The NOVA program can be worked as a Den activity, or boys may work their own at home on the requirements and get approval from their Den Leaders.

For detailed information on the NOVA program requirements, go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/stem/Awards/CubScout.aspx>

Other Special Cub Scout Awards include ...

- ◆ Conservation Good Turn Award
- ◆ Physical Fitness Award
- ◆ BSA Family Award

See your Cubmaster or Den Leader to find out more about these awards.

PACK LEADERSHIP

Cub Scouting is a family activity. You will hear that over and over again. Without family involvement, the program cannot succeed. Pack leadership comes from people like you, parents who believe in the goals of Cub Scouting. Parents who want to participate in a grand adventure with their child rather than just sit on the sidelines and watch. Pack 9 will never turn away a parent who wishes to register as a leader in the pack or as a member of the Pack Committee. For parents who feel they cannot a commitment as a registered leader, we sincerely hope that you will volunteer to serve on a committee to plan a specific pack event. All help is welcomed.

Many parents are reluctant to volunteer to become a leader because they feel that they would not know what to do. They have no experience working with youth groups. Don't let that stop you. Experience comes quickly, and our Scout District conducts many training programs to train new leaders how to deliver the promise to the boys.

LEADERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Conducts monthly Pack Committee Meeting to plan the program. Ensures that adequate support to run programs is given to Cubmaster and Den Leaders by Committee Members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed. Attends training.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Provides support to the Pack by taking care of one or more administrative functions in the Pack. Committee Member positions in Pack 9 include Treasurer, Secretary, Awards and Advancement Chairman, Activity Chairman. Other members may join the committee as members at large. Committee members attend the monthly Pack Committee Meeting and attend training.

CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

This position is drawn from the membership of the charter organization. Often, but not always, the Committee Chairman or one of the Committee Members double in this position. This person acts as a link between Pack and the Charter Organization, which is responsible for the operation of the Pack and the selection of leaders.

CUBMASTER

Plans and conducts monthly Pack Meeting. Aids Den Leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly Pack Committee Meeting. Attends training.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER

The Pack will have one or more Assistant Cubmasters. They aid the Cubmaster in planning the program and may be assigned specific duties such as ceremonies, entertainment, etc. Attends training.

DEN LEADER

Meets weekly for an hour with a den of about 6-8 boys. Den meetings may be held in St Mark Church, the Den Leader's house or other agreed upon and suitable location. Den Leaders plan the activities and program for the Den and guide the boys in their advancement efforts. Attends monthly Pack Committee Meeting. Attends training. Den Leaders have one or more registered assistants or parent helpers to share responsibilities and provide the required two deep adult leadership at all Den Meetings.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER

Same as Den Leader, but also works to plan and deliver the Webelos Outdoor program.

LION GUIDE

The Lion Guide is an experienced Den Leader that oversees the Lion Den(s). They communicate with participating families, lead initial den meeting, mentor adult partners, and coordinate Lion Den with Pack and Pack meetings.

TIGER DEN LEADER

The Tiger Cub Den Leader is a trained leader that aides a Tiger Cub Den with their program. Ensures that the Tiger Cub Den has the required adult partner support for each Tiger Cub. Aides the Tiger Cub Den in their cooperative effort to deliver the Tiger Cub Program. Attends the monthly Pack Committee Meeting. Attends training. All Tiger Cub parents are helpers.

PACK TRAINER

The Pack Trainer conducts orientation for new families and leaders. Coordinates to get new leaders trained. Keeps current on the latest training. Assists in training new leaders. Maintains the pack's training records.

PARENT HELPERS

Assists pack and/or dens with specific projects and activities as needed. The Pack will ask you to complete a Parent Information Survey for each family that identifies areas that each parent may have experience and/or interest in assisting. This survey will be filed with your son's records so that pack and den leaders may refer to them as needed. Remember, Cub Scouting is a family adventure. The pack may call upon you from time to time for assistance or expertise in a particular area.

FINANCES

The majority of Pack 9 funds come from the collection of Pack Dues and participation in the annual Scout Popcorn sale.

Initial Registration Fees for those new Scouts registering in the fall is \$20.00*. This is a trial offer to try out Scouting for 4 months. It covers registration, *Boy's Life* magazine, and Pack dues until the end of our annual charter period in December. If multiple boys from the same family are registered or there are other financial hardships, arrangements can be made with the Treasurer to pay ½ the dues at renewal and the remainder at a later date. Also, multiple boys in one family need not get individual subscriptions to *Boy's Life*. The Pack Committee chairman will approve all such arrangements. We have also established a Pack Scholarship to assist families in the cost of Scouting. See the next section of this handbook to learn more about this fund.

Pack dues for each boy is \$70.00* annually after initial registration. This is due no later than December 1st each year.

What do you get for your \$70.00?

- ◆ Annual Cub Scout Registration \$24.00
(Includes insurance)
- ◆ Subscription to *Boy's Life* magazine \$12.00
(This is the best magazine deal you will ever see)
- ◆ Pack Fees \$34.00
 - ▶ All rank advancement awards (see fundraiser policy on page 11 for other awards)
 - ▶ Fees pay for Pack activities for youth member (other family members pay as they go)**
 - ▶ \$10.00* go back to you son's Den to help pay for Den activities

Examples of pay-as-you go activities***:

Trips to museums and like activities
Costs associated with some summertime activities
Day trips with fees

* Fee structure for the Lion Cub Scout Program is: \$15.00 for initial registration, \$50.00 Annual Registration, \$5.00 back to Den for den activities.

** Some special events and trips may be pay-as-you-go for youth and family members

*** Pack Scholarship money is available in many instances to cover some of these additional fees for registered youth Pack members.

Annual fees do not cover all costs associated with the operation of the Pack. Therefore, the

Pack participates in the annual Boy Scout Trail's End popcorn sale each year. Other items financed with these funds include improvements to the Pack, paying leader registration fees, neckerchiefs and books for the next level at graduation, and providing major Pack activities. Occasionally, the popcorn sale will not generate enough revenue and an additional fund-raising activity such as a car wash, candy sale, etc. will be considered by the Pack Committee.

Each Den will decide what, if any, Den Dues will be collected to pay for den projects. This will be an agreed upon amount. Some Dens collect weekly, such as \$0.25 per week. Others may elect to collect a lump sum for the year, usually in the \$5 to \$10 range. The amount collected will determine what activities the den can do. Webelos Dens often incur greater expenses because of food for campouts, etc. and will operate on a pay-as-you-go basis for these activities.

Pack 9 Policy on Annual Popcorn Sales and Fundraisers

Pack fees are not sufficient to pay for other awards and patches (such as belt loops and pins, special patches, and other council and/or national awards earned). It is the pack's desire to pay for all these awards, but this is not possible if all families do not participate in the annual fundraisers to generate the additional funds necessary. Families who choose not to participate in the Pack's annual popcorn sale will be asked to pay an additional fee of \$20.00* at recharter time.

*** Lion Cub families will not be charged the additional \$20.00, as they are not allowed by BSA to participate in the popcorn sale. Lion Cubs many participate, with a family member, in some fundraisers sposed by the Pack.**

PACK 9 INDIVIDUAL SCOUT ACCOUNTS

Pack 9 will maintain individual accounts for boys to use on Scouting related activities or equipment. These accounts can be used to place the boy's incentive money from fund-raising activities rather than receive a gift card. Placing the incentive money in the individual account is voluntary except for Scouts receiving Pack (scholarships and for the sale of Scout Cards in the late winter. Profits from these must go into the boy's individual account.

If a boy has money in his individual account, this money **MUST** be applied to any fee before a Pack 9 Scholarship will be considered. For Council scholarships, the amount allowed by Council will be considered first, then individual account money applied to any balance.

If a boy leaves Pack 9, he may not receive any remaining funds in his individual account unless he is transferring to a different Pack. Funds will be held in the boy's for two months to see if he decides to return to Pack. After the two-month period, any remaining funds in the account will be transferred to the Pack 9 Scholarship fund.

When a boy moves up to Troop 9, any money in his individual account will be transferred to his individual account in Troop 9.

JOHN F. HENSLEIGH, II MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In order to help ensure more boys in our community are able to participate in our Scouting program, Pack 9 has established the John F. Hensleigh, II Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of a dedicated den leader and Scouting program advocate who passed away in 1999. This fund is administered by the Pack Committee and applications are available to apply for this assistance.

The fund is not designed to cover the total cost of Scouting for an individual, but rather to provide assistance so that boys may better be able to participate in the activities the program has to offer. The fund will provide assistance in paying dues, purchasing uniforms, and paying activity fees. To apply for this assistance, see one of the Pack Committee members to obtain an application.

A portion of the profits from popcorn sales will be set aside for this fund each year. Donations to this fund from members of the Pack are always graciously accepted. Such donations should be given to St. Mark United Methodist Church, and designated for Cub Scout Pack 9 Scholarship Fund.

PACK UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

A very important part of the Cub Scout Program is the uniform. Pack 9 has established a uniform policy and we request the help of all parents in helping us ensure that the boys follow this policy at all Pack functions. We do understand that occasionally a boy will not be able to change into his uniform before coming to a Pack or Den meeting, particularly during the various sports seasons.

Pack 9 requires the official Cub Scout or Webelos Uniform from the belt up. That is, we do not require the official trousers or socks. Items which need to be purchased for the new Scout are:

Official Cub Scout belt and buckle

Official Cub Scout Blue Shirt* (Optional Tan Shirt* for Webelos) with:

Council Patch

Pack number

Den Number Strip (or Den emblem for Webelos)

World Scouting Crest

Neckerchief for level (Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos)

Neckerchief Slide (Cub Scout or Webelos)

Official Hat (Appropriate to rank)/Approved Generic Hat

Cub Scout Book (Tiger, Wolf or Bear) or Webelos Scout Book

* Recommend the Short Sleeve Shirt

The Lion Cub Uniform consists of the Lion Cub T-shirt and an optional hat.

Uniform items can be purchased in Birmingham, at the Boy Scout Service Center, 516 Liberty Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35242. A recent price list is included in this information packet.

Although official trousers are not required, appropriate trousers or shorts that compliment the official uniform are. Recommend dark blue or black jeans or pants or shorts (in season). Loud or bright colored pants are not appropriate to wear with the uniform. Neither are sweat pants.

Shoes should be appropriate for the activity. Sandals and other shoes that do not provide protection for the feet are not appropriate for many activities and games the boys play and should not be worn to meetings.

Pack 9 also has an Pack T-shirt and generic pack hat which are a highly recommended items. Often the T-shirt and the hat is a more appropriate uniform for certain activities. See the Pack Treasurer to purchase a T-Shirt and/or hat. The Pack 9 hat can be worn by all Pack 9 members, Lion through Webelos.

When wearing the Cub Scout uniform or T-shirt, the shirt will be tucked in except when engaged in vigorous outdoor activities and games.

Prices are subject to change, and usually do each January 1st.

As part of the program, it is recommended that the boy earn some of the money to purchase

part of his uniform. There are also many optional uniform items and accessories that we encourage the boy to work for and earn. Individual Scout accounts can be used to purchase uniform items.

UNIFORM INSIGNIA PLACEMENT

The diagrams below show the proper placement of insignia on the Cub Scout and Webelos uniforms. Placement diagrams can also be found in the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scout Books.

Uniform Inspection Sheet Tiger Scout, Wolf Scout, and Bear Scout

Official Placement of Insignia

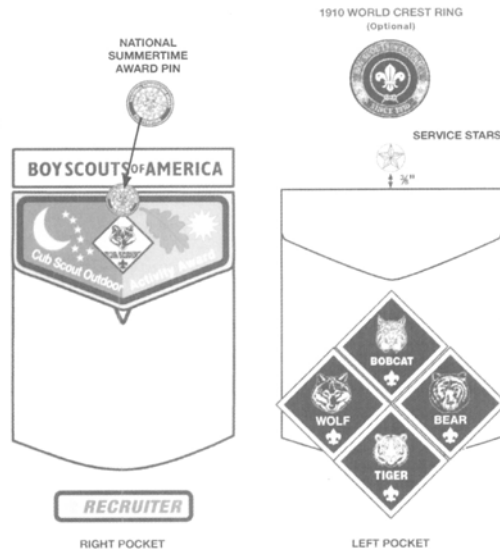
Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

- 5** **RIGHT SLEEVE**
POINTS
- Wear the U.S. flag, den numeral, and Journey To Excellence Award (if earned) as shown. Only the most recently earned award may be worn.
- Notes _____



- 5** **LEFT SLEEVE**
POINTS
- Wear the council shoulder emblem and pack numeral as shown.
 - The veteran unit insignia bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years), if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem (above) and pack numeral (below).
 - Denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over left shoulder.
- Notes _____

- 5** **RIGHT POCKET**
POINTS
- Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
 - The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
 - The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap. Each successive time the award is earned, a National Summertime Award may be added to the flap.
- Notes _____



- 5** **LEFT POCKET**
POINTS
- Cub Scouts wear badges of rank as shown: Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear.
 - Wear medals just above the pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or $\frac{3}{8}$ inch above seam if no medals are worn.
 - Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger service.
 - Not more than five medals may be worn.
 - Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
 - The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
 - The World Crest emblem and (optional) 1910 World Crest Ring are worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.
- Notes _____

20 **TOTAL INSIGNIA SCORE** _____ (transfer to other side)
POINTS



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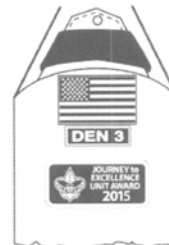
Webelos Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet

5 pts

Right Sleeve

- Wear the U.S. flag, den numeral, and Journey to Excellence Award (if earned) as shown. Only the most recently earned award may be worn.
- Webelos Scouts may wear the den emblem in place of the den numeral.
- If the pack elects, Webelos Scouts may wear the Webelos colors.
- Wear the Webelos colors immediately below and touching the U.S. flag if no den numeral is worn.
- If the den numeral is worn, wear colors below and touching the numeral (as shown)
- Wear activity badges on the colors if this option is elected.

Notes _____



OPTIONS FOR RIGHT SLEEVE



OPTIONS FOR LEFT SLEEVE

5 pts

Left Sleeve

- Wear the council shoulder emblem and pack numeral as shown.
- The veteran unit insignia bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years), if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem (above) and unit numeral (below).
- Denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over left shoulder.

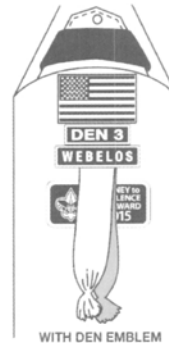
Notes _____

5 pts

Right Pocket

- Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
- The compass points emblem is positioned under the right pocket button, and the flap is buttoned to keep it in place.
- A metal compass point may be pinned to the emblem for each four activity badges earned subsequently until four compass points have been earned.
- The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
- The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap.
- Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.
- The recruiter strip is worn centered below the right pocket.

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WITH DEN EMBLEM



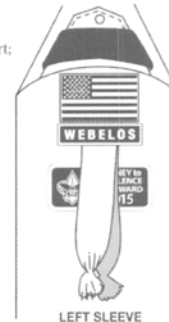
LEFT POCKET, NAVY BLUE OR TAN SHIRT

5 pts

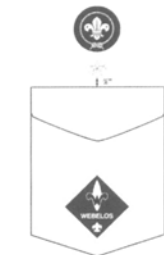
Left Pocket

- Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing the oval-shaped Webelos badge by itself on the tan shirt only; or the diamond-shaped Webelos emblem along with other rank badges on either the tan or navy blue shirt; or if the Tiger Cub emblem was earned, the Webelos diamond-shaped emblem may be worn on either the tan or navy blue shirt by itself and centered on the left pocket.
- The Arrow of Light Award is worn centered below the pocket of the tan shirt or centered at the top of the pocket flap of the navy blue or tan shirt.
- Silver Arrow Points are worn below the Gold Arrow Points in double rows.
- Wear medals just above the pocket seam on the shirt.
- Wear service stars centered just above medals or knots, or 1/8 inch above seam if no medals are worn.
- Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger service.
- No more than five medals may be worn.
- Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
- The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
- The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.

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LEFT SLEEVE



RIGHT POCKET, NAVY BLUE OR TAN SHIRT

5 pts

Official Boy Scout Uniform Option

- Webelos Scouts electing this option wear blue shoulder loops on the epaulets, Webelos neckerchief, and Webelos cap.
- The navy blue belt is worn with, and will fit, only the Webelos buckle. Academics and Sports belt loops will fit only on the navy blue belt.
- Badge placement is the same as for the navy blue uniform.

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RIGHT POCKET



LEFT POCKET, TAN SHIRT

25 pts

Total Insignia Score (transfer to other side)



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This information is provided to help you properly place insignia items on the uniform.

NOTE: These are the latest uniform diagrams as of August 2017.

UNIFORM COST - 2017 PRICES

* Prices are subject to change *

Cub Scout Blue Shirt (ss) (Youth Sizes)	\$ 24.99
Cub Scout Cap * (Tiger/Wolf/Bear)	\$ 14.99
Webelos Scout Cap*	\$ 17.99
Cub Scout Belt w/Buckle	\$ 9.99
Tiger Scout Belt w/buckle	\$ 9.99
Neckerchief (Tiger/Wolf /Bear/Webelos)	\$ 9.99
Neckerchief Slide (Tiger/Wolf /Bear/Webelos)	\$ 5.99
Webelos Tan Shirt (Youth Sizes)	\$ 29.99
Webelos Green Trousers (Convertibles)	\$ 34.99
Webelos Belt Buckle	\$ 6.99
Blue Shoulder Tabs for Tan Shirt	\$ 3.99
Greater Alabama Council Strip	\$ 3.00
World Scouting Crest	\$ 1.99
Unit Number	\$ 1.49
Den Number Strip	\$ 1.99
Den Name Patch (Webelos)	\$ 2.49
Webelos Colors	\$ 5.99
Scout Handbook (all years)	\$ 12.99
Lion Cub T-Shirt	\$ 9.99
Lion Cub Hat	\$ 12.99
Lion Cub Parent/Boy Book	\$ 9.99

* Pack approved "generic" hat may be substituted for official hat; available from the Pack for \$12.00. This hat is the same for all six years of the program.

Prices current as of August 2017.

Uniform items can be purchased at:

Scout Shop	Hours*: Monday - Friday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
516 Liberty Parkway	Saturday	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Birmingham, AL 35242	* Hours subject to change.	

Orders can be placed by phone using Visa or Master Card, postage will be added to these orders. Call or Fax to place a phone order.

Phone: 205-967-5954
Fax: 205-967-5955

COMMUNICATIONS

We at Pack 9 can not overemphasize the important of communications in the Pack. That includes communications and documentation between you and your son on what he is doing at home that may meet advancement requirements.

You may receive emails from the Pack from either the aol.com account or the PackMaster Web account. Please make sure that your email is set up to receive emails from both cspack9@aol.com and 031817P@troopmaster.email

Also, you should expect your Den Leader to communicate with you on Den activities. This can be telephonically, by email, or in writing.

It is a very good habit to come in and talk to the Den Leader each week about what is planned.

We have an online system called PackMaster Web, which you can sign up for to track your son's progress. If den leaders are not posting information to this system, then you should talk to them, the Cubmaster, or the Committee Chair to we can get them to keep the records up to date.

We are trying to go as paperless as possible, so please use the Pack 9 Website:

<http://www.cubscoutpack9.org>

We also maintain a Pack 9 Face book Page: Cub Scout Pack 9

You should look at the Greater Alabama Council Website often at:

<http://1bsa.org/>

Our district is Choccolocco District, to find our what is going on in our Choccolocco District go to <http://1bsa.org/> and click on the drop-down menu in the upper right to find Choccolocco District.

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We advise everyone to visit the Greater Alabama Council Website as soon as possible and at the bottom of the Home Page you will find a box to sign up for the *Digital Eagle*, the councils bi-weekly news letter that explains in detail more what events are happening in our area.

There is also a drop down box in the upper right of the council home page that will allow you to select individual district pages.

NEW CUB SCOUT PARENT INFORMATION SUMMARY AND TIPS

1. Complete Cub Scout application and sign. Turn in registration form and registration fee to Pack Treasurer. If you are registering more than one child and are unable to pay in full at this time, see the Pack Committee Chairman or Treasurer.
2. Complete Parent and Family Talent Survey Form and turn in to your Den Leader at first Den Meeting.
3. Purchase proper uniform and Cub Scout Handbook. Lions need the Lion Cub Pamphlet, first grade needs Tiger Book, second grade needs Wolf book, third grade needs Bear book, fourth and fifth grade needs Webelos book. See that your son wears his uniform and brings his Cub Scout Handbook to all Den meetings. NOTE: All new Scouts who register by September 30th will receive the appropriate book free from Greater Alabama Council.
4. Weekly Den meetings Monday nights at 6:30* PM. **Scouts will not be released from the Den meeting without a parent coming in to get them.** This is also a good time for parents to check with the Den leader and get information about activities. Parents are always welcome to stay for the entire meeting if they would like to.
*Meeting day, time, and place could change if den collectively agrees on another time.
5. Monthly Pack meetings are held the last non-holiday Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Pack meetings are for recognition of achievement. **The Pack Meeting is a family event and parents should plan on attending.**
6. If you cannot serve as registered Den Leader or assistant, you can help by providing telephoning, set-up, planning, etc. We always need volunteers, especially for big Pack events. Please indicate on your Parent and Family Talent Survey what you are willing to do.
7. Insure that your son has time each week to work on his achievements/electives/activities in his handbook. It is often helpful to set aside a specific afternoon or evening to do Scout work. When you are satisfied that your son has "Done his best" you can sign off on the requirement in his handbook. The average Cub Scout will earn a rank and about three arrow points a year. The average Webelos will earn a rank and about seven activity pins a year.
8. **Cub Scouting is a family-centered program** for boys that encourages good citizenship, leadership, character development and strengthens the family. The success of your Cub Scout depends upon you the parent. The Den and Pack cannot make your Scout successful without your support!
9. A parent must attend all Webelos Den and Pack Family Campouts. No child can attend without a responsible guardian. This rule also applies to most, but not all, District and Council campouts

10. The religious emblem programs for the generic protestant faith are offered in the winter of each year. All scouts are eligible to participate in this program whether or not they are members of St. Mark. Programs for most other faiths are available. Check with your religious organization.
11. A separate Pack annual calendar will also be provided. Remember to check your Pack calendar to verify meeting event dates. We attempt to publish the calendar as complete as possible in August, but circumstances sometimes require changes. Please post these changes to your calendar and keep it handy.
12. Keep this booklet handy as a quick reference.
13. If you have any questions about requirements or advancement, check first with your sons Den Leader. If he or she cannot answer your question, contact the Pack Awards and Advancement Chairman. A list of names and phone numbers to call will be provided as a separate handout.

HAPPY CUB SCOUTING FROM THE LEADERS OF PACK 9!

LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN!

