

FLIP CHART COPY

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Cub Scouting is an educational and fun program

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Phase one: The Family

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Phase two: The Den

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Phase three: The Pack

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Our Pack's special activities: (List)

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The cost of Cub Scouting
Registration: \$15.00
Insurance: \$3.00
Boy's Life: \$12.00

Total: \$30.00 to join

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Cub Scouting is a volunteer organization
Your help and support is needed

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Den Leadership
Phone Caller
Trip Arranger
Den Leader
Assistant Den Leader
Pack Committee Members

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Unlimited Resources
Den Leader Handbook
Program Helps
Specialized Literature
Basic Training
Monthly Roundtables
Camp Facilities
Day Camp
Professional Staff
Volunteer Staff

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Breakout into groups

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W E L C O M E !
(List new leader names as they are recruited.)

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“3 PHASES”

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US TONIGHT AND WELCOME TO OUR CUB SCOUT PACK. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO EXPLAIN OUR PROGRAM AND THEN WE WILL GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF COMPLETING APPLICATIONS AND BEGINNING OUR CUB SCOUT FUN!

YOU KNOW, WHEN MOST PEOPLE THINK OF CUB SCOUTS, THEY THINK OF A GROUP OF BOYS MEETING WITH THEIR DEN LEADER, MAKING FUN PROJECTS AND LEARNING NEW SKILLS. WELL, THAT IMAGE IS PART OF CUB SCOUTING – BUT ONLY A METHOD WE USE TO REACH OUR REAL GOALS.

ACTUALLY, CUB SCOUTS IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO HELP YOU, AS PARENTS, DEVELOP YOUR SON'S CHARACTER, TEACH HIM CITIZENSHIP AND HELP HIM TO BE PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND MORALLY FIT.

THERE ARE THREE PHASES OF THE CUB SCOUT PROGRAM – LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE PHASES.

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“1ST PHASE”

THE FIRST PHASE TAKES PLACE AT HOME. YOUR SON WILL NEED A BOOK – THE TIGER BOOK FOR THE FIRST YEAR CUB SCOUTS, WOLF BOOK FOR SECOND YEAR CUB SCOUTS, BEAR BOOK FOR THIRD YEAR AND THE WEBELOS BOOK FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR CUB SCOUTS. EACH BOOK IS FILLED WITH FUN AND CHALLENGING ACHIEVEMENTS THAT YOU AND YOUR SON CAN WORK ON TOGETHER. ONCE THE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE COMPLETE, YOUR SON WILL HAVE EARNED THE APPROPRIATE AWARD.

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“2ND PHASE”

THE SECOND PHASE INVOLVES A WEEKLY MEETING OF A SMALL GROUP OF CUB SCOUTS, USUALLY 5-8 BOYS, CALLED A DEN. EACH DEN IS LED BY A DEN LEADER, USUALLY A FATHER OR MOTHER OF ONE OF THE BOYS. THE DEN MEETINGS ARE HELD AT A TIME AND LOCATION CONVENIENT FOR THE DEN LEADER AND SCOUTS. AT DEN MEETINGS THE BOYS WILL LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER AS THEY GO ON FIELD TRIPS, LEARN NEW SONGS AND SKITS, AND BUILD THINGS – ALL OF WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH A MONTHLY THEME.

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“3RD PHASE”

PHASE THREE COMPLEMENTS THE FIRST TWO PHASES. ONCE A MONTH ALL OUR DENS GATHER TOGETHER FOR A FAMILY NIGHT, CALLED A PACK MEETING. THE PACK MEETING IS NOT JUST FOR CUB SCOUTS, BUT ALSO FOR PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND EVEN GRANDPA AND GRANDMA. AT THE PACK MEETING WE RECOGNIZE THE BOYS AND THEIR PARENTS BY PRESENTING THE AWARDS THEY’VE EARNED IN THE PAST MONTH. IT ALSO GIVES THE DENS A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF WHAT THEY DID TOGETHER DURING THEIR MEETINGS.

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“PROGRAM”

SO YOU SEE, CUB SCOUTING IS REALLY VERY SIMPLE. WE TRY TO KEEP IT THAT WAY – KEEP IT FUN FOR BOTH BOYS AND PARENTS. HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECIAL THINGS WE’LL BE DOING THIS YEAR: (DESCRIBE YOUR PACK’S PROGRAM – SPECIAL PACK MEETINGS, BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET, TRIPS, ETC. BE SURE TO STRESS THAT YOUR PROGRAM IS SIMPLE, EASY TO ORGANIZE).

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“COST”

AS WITH EVERY ORGANIZATION, THERE IS A FEE INVOLVED. HERE’S WHAT CUB SCOUTING WILL COST.

The National Registration fee is \$12.00 per year. The Hudson Valley Council also offers comprehensive medical insurance for an additional \$3.00.

BOY’S LIFE MAGAZINE IS A SCOUTING PUBLICATION SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR BOYS THE AGE OF YOUR SON. IT IS MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOUR SON EACH MONTH. THE FEE IS \$12.00 PER YEAR.

THAT GIVES US A TOTAL OF \$30.00 DUE TONIGHT.

OPTIONAL – (DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE PACK PAYS ADULT REGISTRATIONS). THERE IS ALSO AN ADULT REGISTRATION FEE TO COVER MAILINGS, SCOUTING MAGAZINE AND LIABILITY INSURANCE. THE YEARLY FEE IS \$11.00.

OTHER COSTS INCLUDE A CUB SCOUT UNIFORM, WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED FROM (LIST RESOURCES).

LATER IN THE YEAR WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL F.O.S. (FRIENDS OF SCOUTING) TO SUPPORT OUR COUNCIL’S OPERATING BUDGET. AT THAT TIME WE WILL EXPLAIN THE HUDSON VALLEY COUNCIL STORY AND ASK YOU TO CONSIDER A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION.

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“PACK”

NOW IT IS TIME TO GET YOUR PACK ORGANIZED.

(MAKE SURE THE GROUP IS DIVIDED INTO DENS.)

AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, CUB SCOUTS IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, WHICH NEEDS THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF ALL OUR PARENTS. EACH DEN WILL NEED A DEN LEADER, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER POSITIONS WE NEED FILLED AS WELL. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR PACK WORK.

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“DEN”

IN THE MEANTIME, LET’S ALSO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOME OTHER HELP WE NEED IN EACH DEN.

THE PHONE CALLER MAKES SURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT IS HAPPENING.

THE TRIP ARRANGER HANDLES FIELD TRIPS AND TOURS – ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION – A REAL HELP TO ANY LEADER.

THE DEN LEADER IS IN CHARGE – AND DEVELOPS DEN ACTIVITIES AND KEEPS TRACK OF WHAT THE BOYS ARE ACHIEVING AT HOME.

OF COURSE, IT’S MORE FUN WITH TWO OR MORE IN CHARGE, SO THE LEADER WILL NEED A COUPLE OF ASSISTANTS.

EACH DEN WILL WANT A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PACK COMMITTEE – PERHAPS A COUPLE OF PARENTS WILL WANT TO HELP HERE.

I’M SURE WITH ALL THE HELP WE NEED THERE IS AT LEAST ONE JOB WHICH YOU WILL FIND INTERESTING AND ABLE TO FIT IN YOUR SCHEDULE AS WELL.

“RESOURCES”

OF COURSE THERE IS NOTHING MORE FRIGHTENING THAN TAKING ON A TASK YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. BUT DON'T BE ALARMED, WE HAVE MANY RESOURCES TO GET YOU STARTED AND KEEP YOU GOING IN YOUR NEW ROLE AS A CUB SCOUT LEADER.

TWO IMPORTANT ITEMS ARE THE DEN LEADERS HANDBOOK AND DEN LEADER PROGRAM HELPS. (HOLD UP BOOKS SO THEY CAN SEE THEM – PASS THEM AROUND.) THESE ACTUALLY SET UP MEETINGS FOR YOU – THEY GIVE YOU CRAFT IDEAS, GAMES, SKITS, SONGS, EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO HAVE A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL MEETING. IT'S REALLY PROGRAM PLANNING MADE EASY.

THERE IS ALSO SPECIALIZED LITERATURE IN CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES, GAMES, SKITS, PUPPETS, SONGS, ETC.

ALSO THERE IS TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR ALL LEADERS. ON (NAME, DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF DISTRICT BASIC TRAINING) WE WILL BE ATTENDING A BASIC TRAINING COURSE. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT CUB SCOUTS AND GET EXCITING PROGRAM IDEAS FROM OTHER LEADERS IN OUR AREA.

FOR FURTHER SUPPORT THERE ARE MONTHLY ROUNDTABLES WHICH HELP TO PLAN OUR PROGRAM. ROUNDTABLES ARE HELD AT (NAME, DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF ROUNDTABLES).

AND THERE ARE OTHER SUPPORT ITEMS AVAILABLE SUCH AS OUR CAMP FACILITIES, CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP AND PROFESSIONALS TO HELP OUR DISTRICT RUN SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

NOW IT'S TIME TO GET OUR DENS ORGANIZED. WE WILL, OF COURSE, NEED A DEN LEADER FOR EACH DEN. (AGAIN, MAKE SURE THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO DENS – AND THAT THEY REALIZE THAT!) SO NOW, AS A GROUP, TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO TALK AMONG YOURSELVES AND SELECT A DEN LEADER AND THE NECESSARY DEN HELPERS.

(APPOINT A RALLY TEAM MEMBER TO COORDINATE EACH GROUP. CIRCULATE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. WHEN YOU RECRUIT YOUR FIRST LEADER, TURN TO PAGE 10.)

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“WELCOME”

AND HERE WE HAVE OUR FIRST VOLUNTEER (WRITE NAME ON FLIP CHART UNDER “WELCOME”). LEADERS WILL BE GETTING TOGETHER SOON (WRITE IN DATE ON CHART, ANNOUNCE LOCATION) AND THESE OTHER EVENTS ARE COMING UP (READ ROUNDTABEL AND TRAINING DATES). WE’LL TAKE JUST A FEW MORE MINUTES TO FINISH UP. DISTRIBUTE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, AND REVIEW THEM. FILL OUT APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (BOY AND ADULT); MAKE SURE APPLICATIONS ARE SIGNED AND FEES COLLECTED.