

Parent Handbook

Cub Scout Pack 10

Wilmette, IL

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Parent Handbook

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Welcome to the Cub Scouts, and Cub Scout Pack 10!

The Cub Scout Promise is:

*I (name), promise to do my
best*

*To do my duty to God and my
country,*

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack.



Welcome to the Cub Scouts, and Cub Scout Pack 10!

The "Law of the Pack" is:

*The Cub Scout follows
Akela.*

*The Cub Scout helps the
pack go.*

*The pack helps the Cub
Scout grow.*

*The Cub Scout gives
goodwill.*



Goals of Cub Scouting

- Cub Scouting fosters self-esteem while teaching cooperation and the meaning of healthy competition through games, crafts, sport, interest building, recognition, special activities, camping and lots of fun.
- Cub scouting is a family activity.
- Cub Scouting was founded in 1930. 2010 will be the 100th anniversary



Purposes of Cub Scouting

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts



Organization

Cub Scout Pack 10 is presently made up of about 25-35 boys, ranging from the first to fifth grades, mostly from Romona Elementary and Highcrest Middle Schools. Our Pack is open to all elementary school age boys, however, regardless of what school they attend.



The Den



The boys meet in small groups (called "dens") of 6 to 10 boys. Each den has at least two adult leaders. It works best when we have 3 or 4 leaders per den.



Pack 10 is Part of a Larger Group

Pack 10, together with other scouting organizations from this area, are part of the Potawatomi District. The District is one subdivision of the Boy Scouts of America - Northeast Illinois Council.



Cub Scout Ranks



Tiger Cubs

- Youngest cub scouts
- First graders
- Form a team with an adult partner
- Starting this year, Tiger Cubs wear the blue uniform.
- They have fewer den meetings and parents share den leadership responsibilities
- Tiger Cubs get beads for participation.



Bobcat/Wolf

- Our 2nd graders earn their Bobcat rank and then work immediately toward the Wolf achievements and electives.



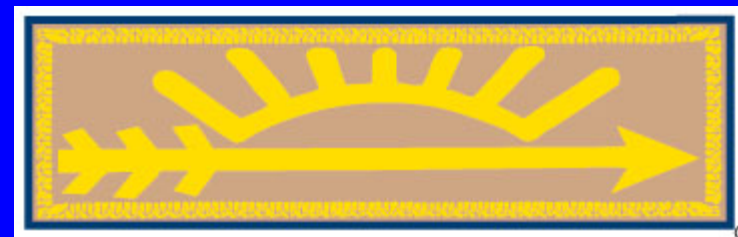
Bears

- Our 3rd graders form the Bear dens.



WEBELOS

- Our 4th and 5th graders advance to being Webelos.
- Once they complete the Webelos requirements, 5th graders are encouraged to work toward the "Arrow of Light;" which is the only Cub Scout achievement that a Webelo can take with him to the Boy Scouts



Meetings

- Den meetings
- Pack meetings
- Committee meetings



Den Meetings

In Pack 10, our dens usually have meetings once or twice a month, directed by a den leader and/or an assistant den leader. However, all parents volunteer throughout the year to lend a helping hand with the den meetings.



Pack Meetings

- One per month.
- Directed by the Cubmaster.
- The Pack meeting is for all of the boys AND their families from each den.
- A parent attends with their son and all family members are invited to attend the pack meeting or any scouting event. (Cub Scouting is a family activity).
- The Pack meeting is held at the First Congregational Church of Wilmette at 6:30 pm.



Parent Responsibilities

- Read through your son's handbook to understand and reinforce the program
- Help your son succeed - work with him to complete achievements and rank advancements
- Help with setup and cleanup at Pack Meetings and other events - help maintain a calm and safe environment for all the children
- Volunteer to help lead and organize Den and Pack Activities
- Participate as an Adult Leader in the Pack or the Committee



What Pack 10 Does in a Year!

- 12 Pack Meetings
- 1-2 Den meetings per month
- Songs and Skits
- 1-2 campouts
- Swimming party
- Wolves game, Rush game, Northwestern game
- Blue and Gold Banquet
- Pinewood Derby
- Fishing, biking
- Memorial Day and Independence Day Parades
- Fun with Son (Boy Scout Camp)
- Service Project - Scouting for Food
- One fundraiser - popcorn sale

We can do other things as well, participate in the Committee and help us plan our program!



Committee Meetings

- The Pack Committee is composed of all adult leaders of the Pack
- Discuss, plan and volunteer to lead future events as well as exchange ideas for creating a positive, rewarding program for Cub Scouts
- All parents are welcome
- Please contact our Pack Committee Chairman for schedule



Advancement

- Pack 10 uses Cub Scout advancements to provide experiences that foster their interests and develop their abilities.
- The boys but are always expected to do their best and are not supposed to be perfect. Because of our varied activities, the boys are motivated to try out a lot of different activities.



Advancement

- Tiger Cubs earn beads by participating in activities.
- All other Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat rank first, and then work toward the rank appropriate for their age level.
- 2nd graders earn the Wolf rank by completing 49 tracks in 12 achievements. After the Wolf badge, they can earn Arrow Points.
- 3rd graders earn the Bear rank (choice of 12 achievements) and then Arrow Points.
- 4th and 5th graders earn the Webelos rank and can earn additional pins to get compass points. In their second year, Webelos earn the "Arrow of Light."



Advancement

- Parents work with their sons on Wolf and Bear advancements
- Webelos advancements are signed off by the Scout, Parent and, finally, Den leader.
- Belt loops are awarded for trying out many sports and academic subjects. Sport and academic pins are awarded for more serious and extended participation.

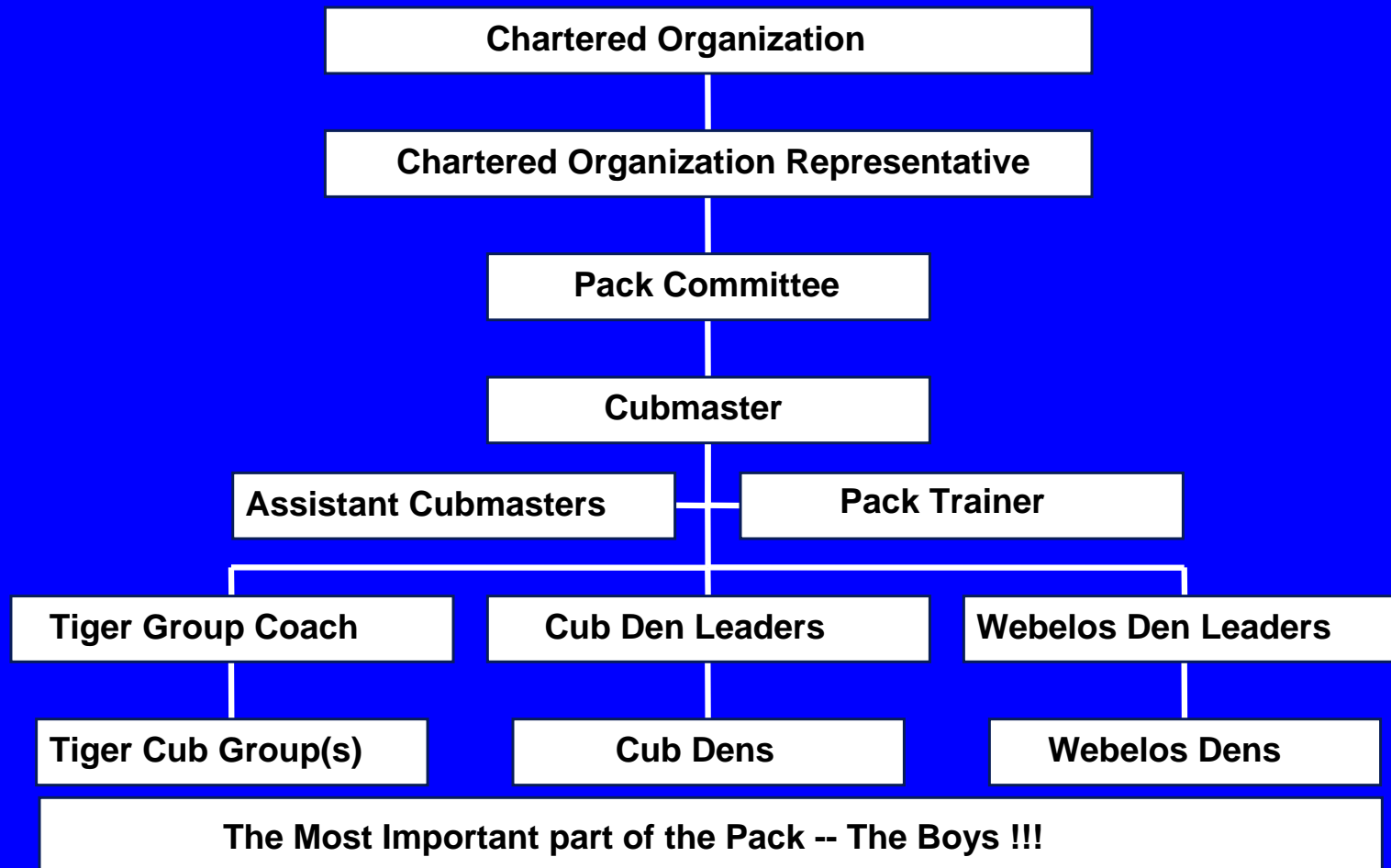


Who's Who

- Akela: A name given for a parent, a teacher, a Cub Scout leader, or other role model.
- In the Junglebook, Akela is the leader of the pack



Pack Organization



Who's Who

- Cubmaster: Pack Leader; responsible for the program; reports to the Pack Committee.
- Pack Committee: Supervises the Pack and accomplishes administrative tasks.
- Pack Committee Chairman: Person in charge of the pack committee.
- Chartered organization: Each Cub Scout pack is sponsored by an organization.
- Chartered organization representative: the liaison between the chartered organization and the Pack.

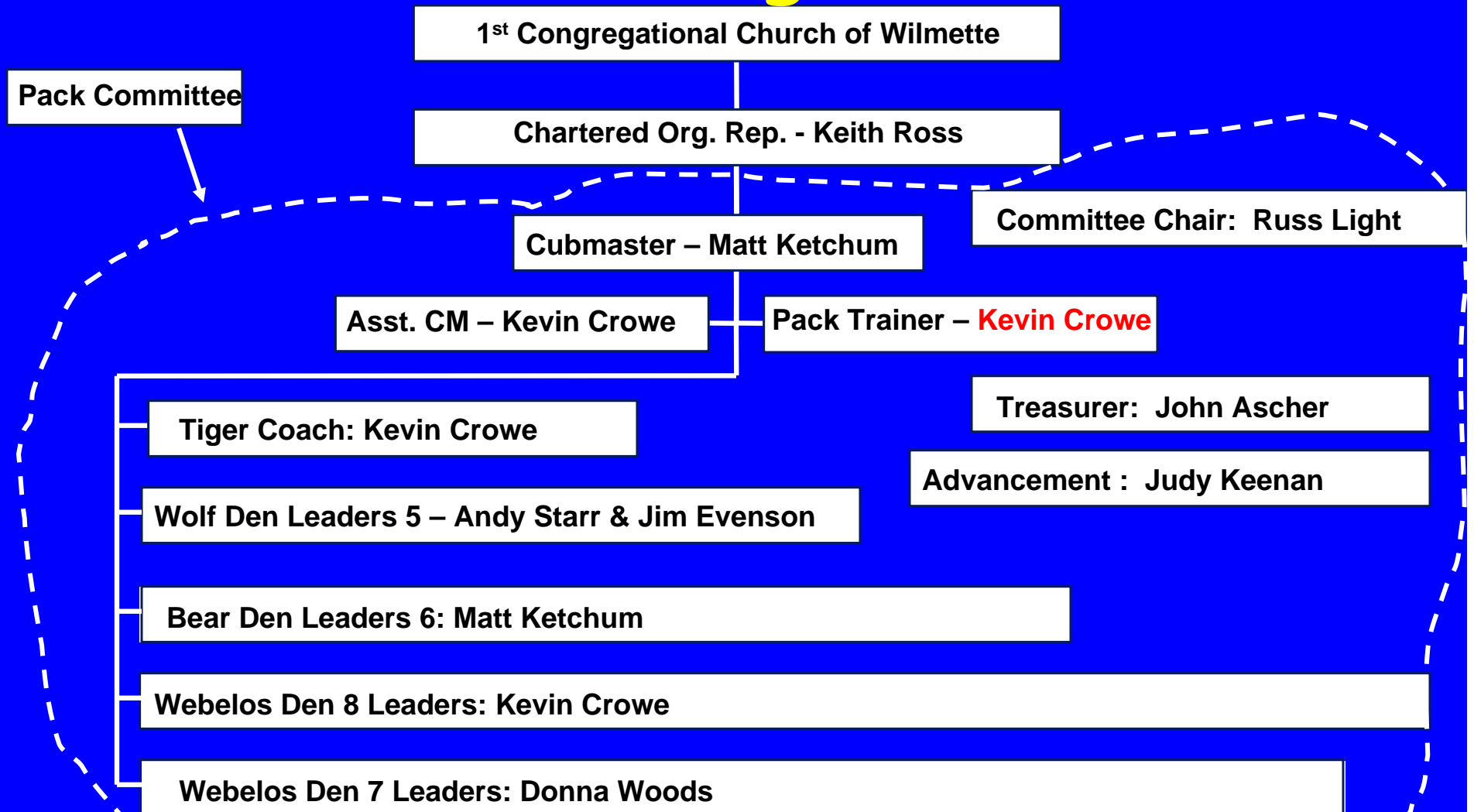


Who's Who

- Den leader: An adult in charge of a den.
- Pack Trainer: Resource and training person, a "friend of the den leaders."
- Den chief: An older Boy Scout who helps to lead a den.
- You: Current or future den or assistant den leader or Pack Committee member. Parents are also needed to volunteer to coordinate or help with outdoor activities or special events.



Pack 10 Organization



Paperwork & Fees

- Official Boy Scouts of America application -- must be filled out to join a pack.
- Fee = \$45 for annually
- Dues are used to pay for advancements, patches, books, scarves and Pinewood Derby
- Many events are on a "pay as you go" basis, e.g. campouts and sporting events



Uniforms

- Cub Scouts buy their own uniform
- The Pack provides badges and awards.
- Tiger cubs, Wolf and Bear cubs use the blue Cub Scout uniform.
- Webelos can choose either to wear the blue Cub Scout uniform or the tan Boy Scout uniform shirt.
- The staff at the NEIC Scout Store (2745 Skokie Valley Road (Rte 41) in Highland Park) can help you buy the right stuff. Uniforms can be bought at the Scout Store for approximately \$45 without trousers.
- Pack 10 has an activity t-shirt that costs \$5



Handbook

- Pack 10 will provide the age and rank appropriate Cub Scout Book - Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Book.
- We recommend that parents read the book for their child's age group, cover to cover.



Parental Involvement

- We leaders will do our best to provide a quality program. But all the leaders in Pack 10 are volunteers and have many other obligations; consequently, we depend on parents to help provide the good program we have. We ask every parent to help the Pack in some capacity and also go through online Fast Start and Den Leader Training. The most important (and most fun) job is den leader. However, there are many other areas where your help in running the Pack is needed and very appreciated.
- You should plan on helping with den meetings and working with your son's den leader. A parent should also attend the Pack meeting together with the Cub Scout.

• **NOTE:** There are no secrets in Cub Scouts; parents are welcome at any organizational meetings of the Den, Pack, District or Council.



Training is Important

- We ask every parent to go through online Fast Start and Youth Protection Training.
- Training insures our boys have the best and safest experience
- Training is important for all adults who decide to become a Leader.
- Training is enables all parents to be on the same page when 20-30 children are present
- Ask the Pack Trainer about the various training opportunities available



**TOP 10
REASONS FOR
NOT
BECOMING A
LEADER**



- Reason #10 - I don't know what to do!

None of us knew when we started, that's why training is provided.

- Reason #9 - I don't look good in a uniform.

Neither does Mr. Ketchum but that doesn't stop him.

- Reason #8 - I am too shy.

A lot of us are as well, but we want to provide the best program we can for our sons, their friends and families.

- Reason #7 - I am not comfortable dealing with children.

Don't worry, we have jobs that don't such as Treasurer and Committee Chairman



- Reason #6 - I don't know if being a leader will contribute to a successful scouting experience for my son.

Trust me, it will!

- Reason #5 - My sons aren't in scouting.

You are at the wrong meeting!

- Reason #4 - I don't like camping.

A) Get over it, it's fun, B) we only go 1-2 times per year!



- Reason #3 - I am not sure I will get the recognition I deserve.

We will give you all the recognition you want and need.

- Reason #2 - I am just too busy!

Everyone in this room is busy. Some of them are even busier than you!



- REASON #1 - No one asked me!

We are asking you right now!

Pack 10 needs to fill the following positions typically every 1-2 years:

- 1) Cubmaster, Asst Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, Pack Trainer
- 2) Additional Den Leaders for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades
- 3) We expect ALL parents to help with planning campouts and other fun events.
- 4) Scouting is NOT a drop off activity
- 5) Contact Matt Ketchum or Russ Light to volunteer.



Sign me up!

- Cubmaster _____
- Committee Chair _____
- Advancement Chair _____
- Den Leader _____
- Trainer _____
- Other _____
- I am available to
Help as needed _____



Do Your Best!

