

Welcome to Pack 775

Chartered by Goddard Lions Club

We're glad you've chosen to join our pack. We have put together the following to try to answer the more common questions. If you have additional questions, please talk to your den leader.

Our meeting facilities have been provided by **Ascension Lutheran Church**. We use their West Maple building at **12885 West Maple, Wichita, KS** for pack meetings, and most den meetings. Our dens will have their first meetings on Monday September 8th at 7:00 p.m. We will also have an orientation meeting for new Tiger Cubs and their parents at that time.

The Cub Scout program is based on a rank system, which depends on the boy's age. 1st grade boys are Tiger Cubs. 2nd grader are Wolf Scouts. 3rd graders are Bear Scouts. 4th and 5th graders are Webelos.

Den Meetings are held weekly, on Monday nights, at Ascension, except the week of the pack meeting. Most dens meet at 7:00 p.m. and generally last for around an hour. Occasionally the den will meet at a different time or location, or go on a field trip to work on advancements. Many of the advancements are completed during the den meetings, but their will be some that need to be completed with the parent's assistance. At the Tiger level, a parent or other adult is required to attend the meetings with the boy. At the older levels, the parents are highly encouraged to stay and attend the meetings. This way, you get to know the leaders and other parents. Cubs should be escorted to their den meeting location and picked up on time.

Pack meetings are typically held on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Ascension. Parents should attend with their son at all pack activities, but especially the pack meeting, because this is where the Cubs receive their awards and important information is distributed.

Pack Leaders and Parents Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Ascension. These meetings are where the planning and policies of the pack are decided. Parents are highly encouraged to be involved with the pack, and the Pack Committee is a great place to start.

Blue and Gold Banquet is our annual celebration of the anniversary of Scouting, which started in February 1910. We have a catered meal for Cubs and their families. We present rank advancements and recognize our volunteers. Blue and Gold is really the time allow the boys to show off what they have learned and accomplished.

Pinewood Derby is held in the Spring and is fun for the whole family. In addition to the Scout brackets, we also run an Outlaw race where the rules are more relaxed, and parents and siblings can participate.

Fund Raisers. We encourage the boys to sell Trail's End Popcorn. Boys who sell popcorn will have a portion of the proceeds held in an "camp account". This money is held by the Treasurer for that Scout to use to pay for their summer camp. Any left over is held for the next year's camp. Boys are also eligible to earn prizes from both the pack and council, based on the amount of popcorn that they sell. The proceeds received by the pack are used to cover the normal operating expenses of the pack.

Uniforms. Boys are encouraged to wear Class A uniforms to all Pack Meetings. Class A will also be requested for special occasions. At den meetings, scouts should either wear Class A or Class B uniforms. The uniform is a very visible symbol of Scouting and should be worn with pride. This means for example, that the shirt should be in good repair, and always worn tucked in. At most pack activities, we encourage a Class B uniform to reduce wear and tear on the Class A uniform, while showing that we are Scouts on a Scouting activity.

Class A- Blue or tan uniform shirt (based on age), neckerchief, tie slide, nice jeans or dark pants.

Class B – Scout T-shirt, jeans or shorts, shoes.

Uniforms cost approximately \$30 and are available at the Scout office located at 1555 E. 2nd St, on the southwest corner of 2nd and New York.

Handbook. Each Tiger and Cub should have a handbook and bring it to all every meeting. The books cost approximately \$5 and are available at the Scout office.

Camp Camping is a summer tradition in the Scouting program. Each summer, boys will have opportunities to attend age appropriate camps. Most camps for Cub Scouts are held at Camp Kanza, near Arlington, KS.

Scouting is a family organization. Parents are highly encouraged to get involved with the pack. When the parents are involved and interested in the program, their sons will have more fun and advance further in the Scouting program.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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