



## Cub Scout Pack 64 Information



### Charter and Organization

Pack 64 is chartered through Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Homer Glen. The Pack is made up of smaller units, called Dens, which consist of 6-8 boys from the same age/grade level, and are led by an adult Den Leader (a parent of one of the scouts). The Pack is run by the Pack Committee which includes the Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, Treasurer, Advancement Chair, Activities Chair and Secretary. All of these adult leaders are volunteers from within the pack and must take the official BSA Youth Protection training course.

### Meetings and Activities

**Pack Meetings** – During the school year, we hold a monthly Pack Meeting, usually on the last Monday of each month; from 7:00–8:00 PM at Schilling school. At these Pack Meetings we recognize the scout's achievements, provide fun activities for them and their families, and share all pertinent information about the Pack and upcoming events. In February, we have a Blue and Gold Banquet instead of the Pack Meeting, and hold our rank advancement ceremony during the May pack meeting. There are no Pack meetings during the summer months.

**Den Meetings** – Every member of the Pack is also a member of a Den. A Den is made up of 6-8 boys, who are at the same grade level in school. Dens meet once or twice a month during the school year at a specified location, on a regularly scheduled day and time, set by the Den Leader. There are no Den meetings during the summer months. Den meetings provide activities that will broaden their members' interests and skills while having fun and earning a variety of awards.

**School-Year Activities** – Besides meetings, the Pack hosts several activities during the school year. Examples of past activities are:

- Family Campouts
- Space Derby & Pinewood Derby
- Community Service Projects & Main Street Clean-Up
- Baseball games & Hockey games
- Bowling
- Sleepovers at museums & Legoland
- Ice & Roller Skating
- Monster Jam
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- Scouting for Food (food drive supporting local food pantries)
- Dens also have activities outside of the meetings such as, visits to places like the Firehouse, Police Station, Radio Stations, local Newspapers, zoos, science and nature centers and more.

**Summertime Activities** – Scouting is a year-long program. During the summer, there are no Pack or Den meetings but there are a lot of fun activities. Examples of past Summertime Activities include:

- Council Day Camp & Resident Camp
- Walking in the Lockport Canal Days & Homer Township Independence Day Parades
- Family Picnic & Raingutter Regatta
- Pool Party



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**Hiking Program**—In addition to the Pack and Den meetings, Pack 64 keeps the “outing” in scouting by scheduling a monthly hike that all scouts and families are invited to attend. Our Hike Coordinators plan hikes at various locations and communicate the details to the Pack each month. The scouts receive a fob for the first 5 miles they hike, and then receive strands of beads (which attach to the fob) for each additional 5 miles, up to 30. Special awards are also given to those who hike 50, 75, and 100 miles during their time with the pack.

### Family Participation

**Parents** – Boy Scouts is a scout-led program; Cub Scouts is a **parent-led program**. Parents play an important role in the Pack. The leaders will do their best to provide a quality program, but all the leaders are volunteers and have other obligations. We depend on parents to help maintain the excellent program that Pack 64 offers. We ask every parent to help the pack in some capacity. You should do your share in helping to organize den meetings and working with your son’s Den leader. In addition, you should help with at least one pack activity a year (e.g. Pinewood Derby, Space Derby, Raingutter Regatta, one of our service projects, campouts, or other Pack or Den outings). A parent should also attend the Pack meetings with their Cub Scout(s) to stay informed about the Pack and upcoming activities as well as to support their scout when he receives awards he’s earned.

**Siblings** – Siblings may not attend any event (Pack or Den) unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Siblings (and the whole family) are welcome at the Pack meetings and most Pack activities. For Council-run activities, siblings are welcome when specified (which includes most of the Council activities, except during the summer Day Camp and Resident Camp programs).

### Dues, Costs, and Fundraisers

**How much are the dues, and what are the used for?** – Yearly dues are currently \$100. A portion of dues goes to Rainbow Council and another portion goes right to the Dens to pay for supplies needed for rank advancement activities and arts and crafts. The remaining portion of the dues is used to pay for National Registration, advancements, usage of various facilities, equipment and props, storage, miscellaneous administrative expenses (printing, copying, postage, etc.), plus some activities (including Pinewood Derby and the Blue and Gold Banquet).

**Are there fundraisers?** – Usually two per year. In the fall we have our Popcorn Sale and in the spring we hold a pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner. Without the fundraisers, our dues would be higher.

### **What other expenses are there?**

- Uniform: \$30-\$40 (used uniforms are occasionally available)
- Handbook: \$3 –\$8
- Activities: There is a cost for some activities. One of the best things about attending various events as a Pack is that we usually enjoy a Scout discount per person!



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### FAQs

**What are the Pack 64 Membership Requirements?** – Any boy who meets the requirements to become a Cub Scout, as defined by the Boy Scouts of America, may join our Pack. Basically, this means any boy in the 1st through 5th grade, or 6 to 11 years old. You don't have to attend a specific school to join our Pack.

**What are the ranks of Cub Scouting?** – The ranks for Cub Scouting are as follows:

- Tiger Cub – First Grade. The Tiger Cub program is designed for boys and their parents. Parents are required to attend Tiger Cub Den meetings with their son. There is usually one Den meeting a month, and one “Go See It!” outing a month.
- Wolf – Second Grade.
- Bear – Third Grade.
- Webelos – Fourth and Fifth Grade. Webelos can transition into a Boy Scout Troop in February of their 5th grade year.

**How Do I Join?** – Many scouts join after attending one of our recruiting nights, which are typically held in the spring and fall. But why wait until we hold a recruiting night? You can join anytime – just contact one of our leaders, by phone or e-mail.

**Can non-members attend a meeting or event?** – Yes, as long as it is ok with the leader (Den Leader, Cubmaster or Event Chairperson, depending on the event). A parent or guardian should accompany the guest, and they should be serious about considering joining the Pack.

**How are the scouts placed in Dens?** – The Cubmaster is responsible for assigning each scout to a Den. Parental wishes (if any) will be taken into consideration, but the Pack tries to maintain optimal den size (6 to 8 scouts per den, although some Dens have more).

### Uniforms

#### Blue Uniform (Tigers, Wolves and Bears)

- Shirt – Official blue Cub Scout shirt with appropriate insignia.
- Neckerchief – Official Tiger Cub neckerchief. After the first year, the Pack provides rank-appropriate neckerchiefs.
- Slide – Official brass rank-appropriate Cub Scout slide.
- Pants – New (or new-looking) dark blue denim jeans or shorts. No cut-offs, faded jeans, or athletic pants. Official Scout pants are also available through certain retailers.
- Belt – Official blue Cub Scout belt with official brass buckle.
- Patches – Rainbow Council patch, 64 Pack numbers (red), Den number patch and World Crest.
- Cap – Official Tiger, Wolf, or Bear, as appropriate.
- Patch Vest – (optional) the optional red felt patch vest may be worn with the official uniform, but it should not be worn for formal ceremonies or inspections.



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### Tan Uniform (Webelos)

- Shirt – Official tan Scout shirt with appropriate insignia and blue shoulder epaulets.
- Neckerchief – Webelos neckerchief.
- Slide – Official Cub Scout or Webelos brass slide or handmade slide.
- Pants – New (or new-looking) dark blue denim jeans or shorts. No cut-offs, faded jeans, or athletic pants. Official Scout pants are also available through certain retailers.
- Belt – Official blue or khaki Cub Scout belt with official brass buckle.
- Patches – Rainbow Council patch, Pack 64 numbers (red), Den patch and World Crest. The Pack provides Webelos with their Patrol patch.
- Cap – Official Webelos cap.
- Patch Vest – (optional) the optional red felt patch vest may be worn with the official uniform, but it should not be worn for formal ceremonies or inspections.

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