

Cub Scout Pack 140



Family Information Packet

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Welcome To Pack 140

Chartered by

***The Community Presbyterian Church of
Ringwood***

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<http://www.ringwoodpack140.org>

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Important Terms to Know

CUB SCOUTS: Boys, ages 6 through 11, or in the first through fifth grade.

DEN: A group of Cub Scouts of the same rank that meet on a regular basis, usually weekly or bi-weekly.

PACK: A group of dens that meet usually once a month.

CUBMASTER: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for the planning of the Pack meeting and the Master of Ceremonies at all Pack events. Pack 140's Cubmaster is George Mayerhauser.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for assisting in planning of the Pack meetings and assisting the Cubmaster at the Pack meetings and other pack events. Pack 140's Assistant Cubmaster is Rob Blume.

PACK COMMITTEE: The VOLUNTEER GROUP of adults assigned various duties to formulate and conduct a well-rounded, exciting scouting program.

PACK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for all aspects of the Pack operations and the person who is in charge of the Pack Committee. Pack 140's Committee Chairperson is Pam Kern.

EVENT CHAIRPERSON: Any VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for coordinating, planning and organizing a particular pack event.

PACK TREASURER: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for all aspects of the Pack finances. Pack 140's Treasurer is Carolyn Mayerhauser.

PACK CHARTER ORGANIZATION: A religious, civic, fraternal, educational or other group that has applied for and received a charter to operate a Scouting unit. Pack 140's Charter Organization is the Community Presbyterian Church of Ringwood which is also the Charter Organization for Boy Scout Troop 76.

PACK CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for maintaining a healthy relationship between the pack and its Charter organization. Pack 140's Charter Organization Representative is Nancy Lavoie.

DISTRICT: A geographical administrative unit of a council. Pack 140 is a member of the Black Bear District.

COUNCIL: A charter body of representatives from organizations operating Scouting units and members at large responsible for Scouting in a designated geographical area. Pack 140 is a member of the Northern New Jersey Council.

DEN CHIEF: An older Boy Scout, who is appointed by his Boy Scout Troop and the Cub Scout Pack to assist the leaders of a Cub Scout den with den activities. Typically, Den Chiefs have been Cub Scouts in the same Pack as the Den they assist.

DEN LEADERS and ASSISTANT DEN LEADERS: The VOLUNTEER ADULTS responsible for conducting den meetings.

Pack 140's Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders are:

Den 2 – (2nd year Webelos, 5th grade) - Carol Schaffer

Den 3 – (1st year Webelos, 4th grade) – Amy Jolin

Den 4 – (Bear, 3rd grade) – Thomas & Jeanine Sheerin

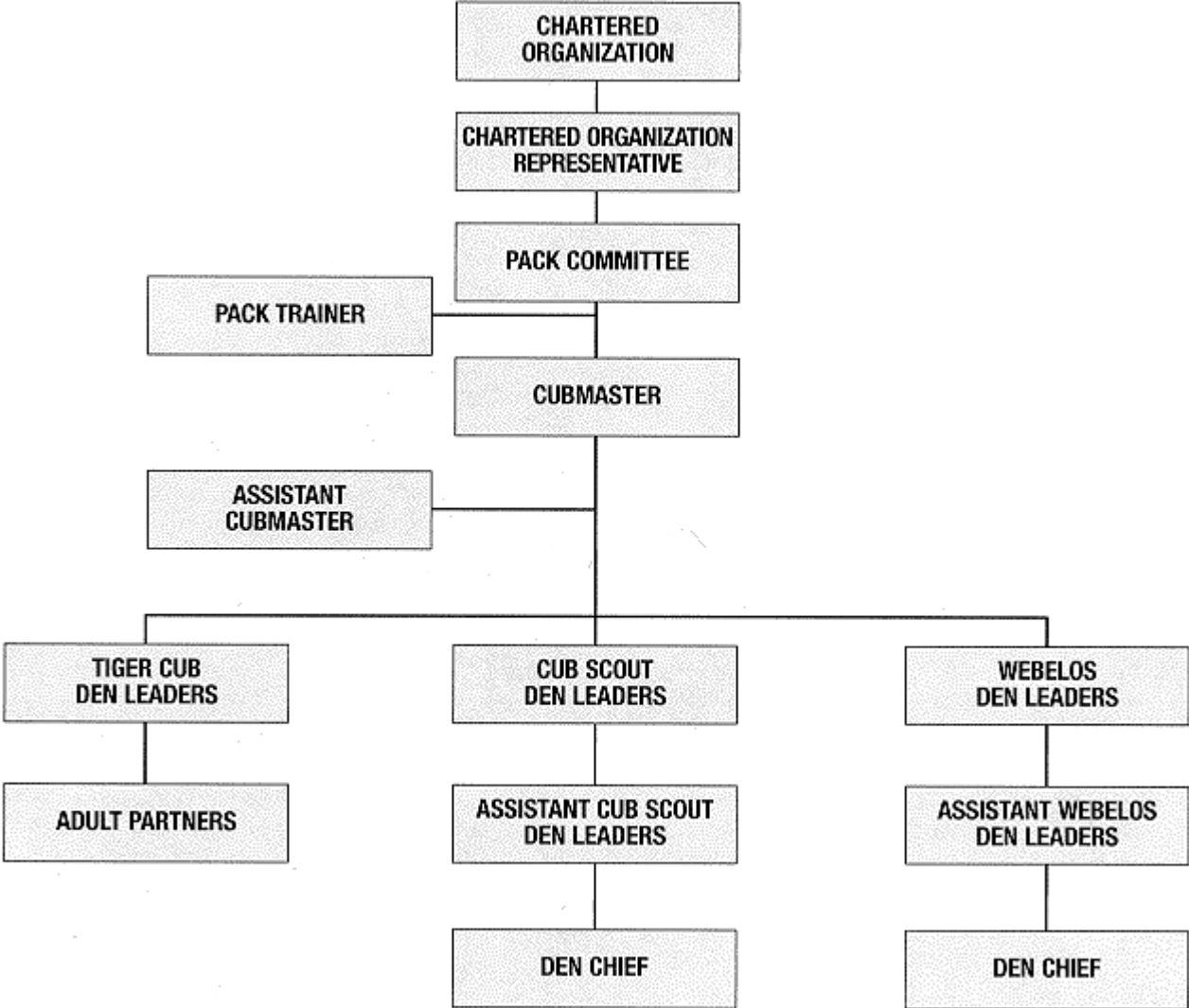
Den 5 - (Wolf, 2nd grade) – Doug Kunzle

Den 6 – (Tiger, 1st grade) – Laurie Novomestky

AKELA: A term of endearment given to any parent, leader, or role model who does their best to help make the pack go. (In "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling, AKELA is the leader of the wolf pack who adopts and raises Mowgli, a human boy who he finds lost in the jungle.)

PARENTS: THE PEOPLE THAT HELP MAKE IT ALL COME TOGETHER.

PACK ORGANIZATION CHART



WHAT DOES “The Sign is up.” MEAN?



This is a question some of you may have asked yourself. When the Cub Scout sign, (the index and middle finger of the right hand), is raised above the head as shown, all meeting attendees should quiet down and give their attention to the speaker. The sign represents a wolf's ears, perked up and listening attentively.

If you see a leader put his or her “sign up” you should promptly state, “The sign is up.”, put up the sign yourself and remain quiet to set the example for others to follow. Our leaders greatly appreciate your help and cooperation.

Pack Policy

Meetings

The regular monthly Pack meetings will be held in the gym of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ringwood as listed on the Pack calendar. Parents are expected to accompany their son to the Pack Meeting and siblings are encouraged to attend. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at the meeting and are expected to set an example for them for the duration of the meeting.

Joining



A Cub Scout Application form must be completed in order to join Pack 140. Boys who are eligible to join Cub Scouts are:

- 6 years old and in the first grade – TIGERS
- 7 years old and have completed the first grade – WOLVES
- 8 years old and have completed the second grade – BEARS
- 9 years old and have completed the third grade – 1st Year WEBELOS
- 10 years old and have completed the fourth grade – 2nd Year WEBELOS

Attendance

Cubs and their parents are expected to attend all Pack Meetings and Den Meetings. If a pack meeting must be missed, the Cub or his parent should contact the Den Leader to obtain any awards presented at the pack meeting to the Den Leader in the Cub's absence. If a den meeting is missed, the Cub or his parent should contact the Den Leader to find out what badge requirements were covered during the meeting so that the cub can complete those requirements with their parent.

Uniforms

New Cubs in Pack 140 who are 8 years old or younger or not yet in 3rd grade are required to purchase only the official navy blue Cub Scout shirt, neckerchief, slide and belt. New Cubs who are 9 years old or older, or in 4th grade may purchase the official tan Cub Scout shirt and blue shoulder loops in place of the navy blue shirt. Blue jeans can be worn in place of regulation pants, (not sweat pants) and sneakers, without wheels, are appropriate footwear. Cubs are expected to wear their uniform to all den and pack meetings and on all outings, unless otherwise announced or arranged.

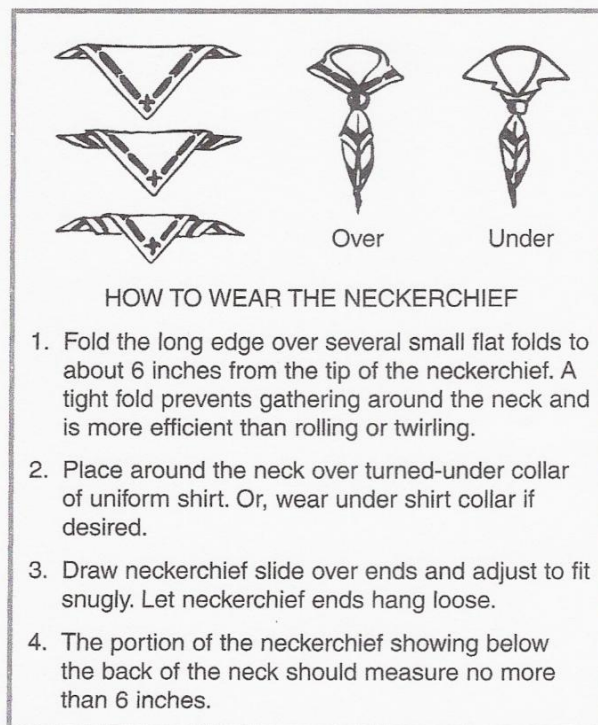
New leaders are required to purchase the tan leader shirt and navy blue shoulder loops.

Additionally parents and leaders will need to buy the following uniform items:

- The Northern New Jersey Council emblem – A multi-colored patch sewn directly below the left shoulder seam.
- The Pack numerals – Several white numerals embroidered on a red background sewn directly below the council emblem. Our pack numerals are 140.
- The Den numerals – The word DEN followed by one or more numerals embroidered in gold on a navy blue background sewn centered and touching the bottom of the U. S. flag on the right uniform sleeve. Your den leader can tell you what your son's den numerals are.
- The appropriate Cub Scout Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos Handbook for their cub depending on his age or grade level.

The official uniform shirt should be worn tucked in at all times.

The neckerchief and slide should be worn according to the steps below. The official neckerchief slides tend to slide off unexpectedly. To prevent this, press the two metal tabs on the back of the slide into the folded neckerchief fabric after the neckerchief is fed through the slide. The neckerchief should only be worn with the official navy blue Cub Scout shirt.



Where to buy Cub Scout uniforms, patches and handbooks

Northern New Jersey Scout Shop
25 Ramapo Valley Road (Rt. 202)
Oakland, NJ 07436
(201) 651-9743

Ramsey Outdoor Store
240 Rt. 17 North
Paramus, NJ 07652
(201) 261-5000

Ramsey Outdoor Store
835 Rt. 17 South
Ramsey, NJ 07446
(201) 327-8141

Zeppelin Hobbies
1530 Route 23 N.
Wayne, NJ 07470
973-872-0400

Parent Participation

When a boy joins Cub Scouting, his parents obligate themselves to help with the following:

- 1) Help their son's progress in Cub Scout achievements and electives by working with the Den Leader and signing his book when he completes activities.
- 2) Assist den and pack leaders by volunteering to help with activities, serve on special committees, or take leadership positions within the pack. Each family is expected to assist the den in its responsibilities for pack meetings during the year.
- 3) Attend monthly pack meetings and take part in ceremonies when appropriate. One adult guardian should accompany each cub to the Pack Meeting. Scouting promotes family togetherness. Each family should be actively involved in their son's scouting program. This Pack belongs to all the boys and their families, not just a few select volunteer leaders. Constructive suggestions are always welcome. Please ask if your help is needed, get involved, and help make this program successful, exciting and fun for your son and his peers!
- 4) Drop off and pickup their sons promptly for den meetings, when parents are not normally present in order to avoid inconveniencing the den leaders.

Training

New Tiger Den leaders will need to complete an Adult Application with the Northern New Jersey Council.

New Tiger Den leaders will need to complete and/or attend the following training courses to be considered fully trained:

- Youth Protection (online)
- Fast Start (online)
- This is Scouting (online)
- Tiger Den Leader Specific (taught at Council throughout the year)

Wolf and Bear Den leaders will need to complete and/or attend the following training courses to be considered fully trained:

- Youth Protection (online)
- Fast Start (online)
- This is Scouting (online)
- Wolf/Bear Den Leader Specific (taught at Council throughout the year)

Webelos Den leaders will need to complete and/or attend the following training courses to be considered fully trained:

- Youth Protection (online)
- Fast Start (online)
- This is Scouting (online)
- Webelos Den Leader Specific (taught at Council throughout the year)

Pack Committee members will need to complete and/or attend the following training courses to be considered trained:

- Youth Protection (online)
- Fast Start (online)
- This is Scouting (online)
- Pack Committee Specific (taught at Council throughout the year)

Cubmaster & Asst. Cubmasters will need to complete and/or attend the following training courses to be considered trained:

- Youth Protection (online)
- Fast Start (online)
- This is Scouting (online)
- Cubmaster Specific

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, (BALOO) Training

At least one BALOO trained leader must attend every outdoor pack camping activity.

What is "BALOO" training?

If you ask a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, nine times out of ten he will answer, "To go camping"! That's why BALOO training was created, so boys, along with an adult partner, can participate in a safe, successful and fun overnight camping experience.

A pack campout is a great way for families to have fun and build confidence in outdoor skills. This kind of camping is not the rugged high adventure outing geared toward older Boy Scouts. It is what you might call "soft camping", where families can simply drive up to a campsite and pitch a tent within a few feet of their vehicle's rear bumper. The emphasis is on family fun activities that don't require a lot of advanced outdoor skills and only basic equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, duffels and cooking gear.

How do you get started?

BALOO is one day training session that will give your pack's outdoor activity leader(s) the tools to conduct a safe and successful overnight camping experience.

After completing BALOO Training you will be able to:

- Apply the six steps of planning a pack campout.
- Understand the camping equipment needs of an individual and a group of Cub Scouts.
- Demonstrate the proper ingredients of a successful campfire program.
- Describe applicable safety standards for fire, water, and weather considerations.
- Explain how the outdoor program runs progressively through different age levels of Scouting.
- Demonstrate knowledge of foil cooking practices.
- Understand the focus of Cub Scout level outdoor cooking.
- Describe health, safety and sanitation procedures for outdoor activities.
- Organize and lead different types of nature hikes with confidence.
- Demonstrate and supervise the lighting and operation of different styles of camp stoves and lanterns.
- Describe the advantages of using stoves over campfire style cooking.

- Have fun on a campout.

Information on training dates and times can be found at:

<http://www.njbsa.org/>

If you have any further questions regarding Council Training, please contact Council Training Professional Dave Banks, 201-677-1000 x38, dbanks@bsaemail.org

**Or Warren Dressler, Training Committee Chair
Phone: (201)333-0582, Email: wdresslerj@msn.com**

Finances

All pack families are responsible to help “Make the pack go”. In order to pay for cub awards and programs, fundraising is necessary. Pack 140 Cub Scouts sell popcorn as their fundraiser. The Popcorn Chairperson for Pack 140 is Robert Blume. Each Cub Scout is greatly encouraged to sell a minimum of \$100.00 worth of popcorn. As an alternative, if you choose not to have your Cub Scout sell popcorn, you are expected to make a donation to the pack in the amount of \$40.00. This amount is the equivalent to what the pack would receive for each \$100.00 popcorn sale. However, by making the donation instead of selling, no money goes to support our Council, District or the Boy Scouts of America as a whole. Without your contribution to “make the pack go”, the pack will be unable to pay for your child’s achievement awards nor cover his expenses at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Should your son join our pack after the fund-raising has been completed for the year, you will be expected to contribute at a pro-rated rate of \$4 per month based on a 10 month calendar.

Also, upon registering with Pack 140, all Cub Scouts are required to pay a \$50.00 registration fee. All returning Pack 140 Cub Scouts are required to pay their annual registration fee of \$40.00. These registration fees are used to pay for your child’s copy of Boy’s Life Magazine, insurance, books for leaders, materials for pack meeting activities and to supplement pack outing expenses. The registration fee for returning Cub Scouts is due by the October pack meeting. Cub Scouts who have

not paid their registration will not be able to receive the awards they have earned until the registration fee is paid.

Den Dues

Den Dues are determined by the individual Den Leaders and are separate from Pack 140 funds. These dues are used to support the den activities your Cub Scout will participate in to earn his awards. They are necessary to avoid having the Den Leader incur out of pocket expenses. In the past den dues have been about \$40 per year. Typically, your Den Leader will ask for \$20 in September and an additional \$20 in January.

Financial Hardship

In the event that your family is experiencing financial hardship and you need financial assistance with pack registration or den dues, please speak to George Mayerhauser, Pam Kern, Carolyn Mayerhauser or your Den Leader. All inquiries will be held in the strictest of confidence and every effort will be made to assist you and your Cub Scout.

Event Refund

Money paid by families for pack events such as camping or the Blue and Gold Dinner cannot be refunded after spending for the said event has begun.

Discipline

It is not the job of any leader to tolerate conduct of any boy that is detrimental to our main function of providing a healthy, safe and fun Cub Scout program to all boys in our pack and dens. Den and Pack Leaders have the option of requesting that a parent take his or her son home for disruptive behavior. Behavior problems that cannot be reconciled by parent and the pack leaders working together will result in a request for resignation from the Pack.

PURPOSE OF CUB SCOUTING

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide, for boys and young adults, an informal educational program designed to train boys in the responsibilities of citizenship, provide growth in moral strength and character, and to enhance the development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

Through Cub Scouting, parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the following:

- Influence the development of character and encouraging spiritual growth.
- Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- Encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- Improving understanding within the family.
- Strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.
- Fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
- Showing how to be helpful and do one's best.
- Providing fun and exciting things to do.
- Preparing them to become Boy Scouts.”

Den Meetings



Den meetings are generally held more frequently than pack meetings at the discretion of the Den Leader who establishes the time and place for the den to meet.

Each Scout is a guest and participant at the Den Meetings. If there is a problem with your child, you may be asked to accompany your child to these meetings or the Den Leader has the right to request your child not be present at the Den meetings if he cannot behave.

Parents are to be punctual in picking up their sons. Remember that your Den Leader is only a **VOLUNTEER**. Encourage your son to participate and work towards his badges at Den meetings and as a family. Certain requirements cannot always be completed at Den Meetings.

Each Scout must bring his handbook to every den meeting so that the Den Leader can certify and initial completed activities and progress toward rank.

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month. Pack 140 meets in the gym of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ringwood, (145 Carletondale Rd.), at 7:15 p.m. Meetings last approximately 1 ¼ hours. Each Pack meeting has a theme and an activity. Some special events, such as our Blue & Gold Dinner, the Pinewood Derby, and Survivor etc. fall on weekends.

The primary purpose of a pack meeting is to present awards and achievements to your Cub Scout and his peers. Therefore, it is important to participate in pack meeting as an entire family.

Volunteer Committees

Throughout the year we have Parents and Leaders meetings. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend and participate. If you have questions or ideas or concerns please feel free to attend and share them with us.

Some of the opportunities for your participation:

Fund Raising
Community Involvement
Pinewood Derby
Blue and Gold Dinner
Pack refreshments
Pack Campfires
Den Leader

Scout membership
Advancement
Treasurer
Resident Camp
Graduation
Family Camping Trips

Pack Leaders or Committee Members

Everyone will be asked to participate. If you have a particular talent, skill or think of something special you would like to do with the pack, please let us know.