

Cub Scout Informer

Welcome Aboard the Cub Scout Express

Calendar of upcoming Events

9/10 - Committee Meeting - 6 pm

9/14 - 9/16 - Campout @ the Chickamauga Battlefield

9/23 - Scout Day with the Atlanta Braves (game time 1:05)

9/23 - Scout Day at Lake Winnie

9/23 - Fishing Derby - Shipp's RV

10/1—Committee Meeting—6 pm

10/6—New Leader Training—8:30 am (Cloud Springs Elementary)

Please save your 2 Liter bottles and bring them in to the meeting. We have scheduled a Rocket Day and could use more bottles.

We held 2 School nights this month and gained quite a few new scouts. We would first like to welcome all of our new scouts to the pack. Welcome Aboard the Cub Scout Express. Each month the Cub Scouts have a different theme and this month's theme revolves around trains. As with all trains there are a lot of people that work to keep the train moving and on time. This is the same with Cub Scouts. All of the unit leaders work in conjunction to plan activities and make the journey from Tiger to Webelos smooth. Parents play a big part in this journey. You as a parent help to ensure

that your son makes it to the meeting and you can also help him fulfill some of his requirements for his rank. The den leaders will work to get your son his basic requirements to earn his rank emblem. You can help him earn additional requirements that will fulfill electives and arrow points for the Wolf and Bear dens. Webelos earn badges that go towards their Webelos badge and then to their Arrow of Light. The Arrow of Light is the highest award for a Cub Scout. These are just small steps leading to the Boy Scout Eagle.

Cub Scouting 101

Since we have new Cubs, this article will help explain what you will need to get started. First of all, you will need to get the Cub Scout Book related to the den your son is in (i.e. Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos). These can be obtained from the Scout Shop located just past Sams Club on Lee Hwy. They are open Mon - Fri 8:30 - 5:00 and Saturdays 9 - 2 until 9/29, then 10 - 1 from 10/6 - 5/17. Your Cub will also need a shirt based on the den. Tigers can wear the orange Tiger shirt or the

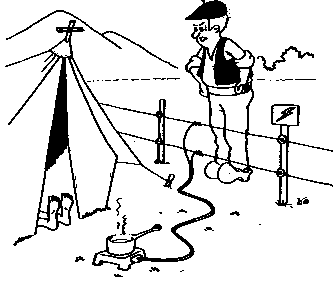
blue cub scout shirt. Wolf and Bears wear the blue shirt. For the Webelos they wear the tan shirt but they can also (not required) wear the Webelos colors to show off their activity pins. Both the blue shirt and the tan shirt must have the Fleur-de-lis, council shoulder patch and the pack #'s. We sell a single patch with 3177 for \$2. This is cheaper than purchasing 4 individual number patches and also easier to sew on the shirt. All Cub Scouts

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should have a blue belt for their Academics and sports belt loops. The last meeting of the month is always our Pack meeting where the entire pack gets together for fun and awards. The awards are for the boys that have completed some of their rank requirements.

We try to go camping once a month during the cooler seasons. You will need a tent, a sleeping bag, a mat for sleeping and a mess kit (re-useable plate, cup and utensils). We are conservation minded and try not to use plastic or Styrofoam that will go into the landfill. Wal-Mart is a good place to find a



selection of tents that are reasonably priced. A tent will list the number of people able to sleep in the tent. This does not provide for comfort. A general rule is to subtract 1 from that number to get a more realistic count (i.e. 4 man tent will fit 3 comfortably with room for gear.) The sleeping bag will provide a rating which is a survivability rating. Because most of our camping is done

during December - March and the temperature can get to 30 degrees. We recommend a rating less than 30 degrees. Wal-Mart.com sells a Mummy Bag rated from 0-5 degrees for \$22.37. If you already have an indoor sleeping bag, it may be OK for warmer weather but not for cold weather. It is miserable to be cold all night and

not be able to sleep.

When we go camping we cook as a group so that everyone doesn't have to have cooking equipment. If you are interested in helping cook, please let us know. We are always willing to learn new recipes.

All of your leaders should be able to answer any questions that you may have about camping equipment.

You can give a child too much of everything except yourself.

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