



Pack 7  
Milford, CT  
Quick Guide for Parents

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## **Introduction**

Welcome to Pack 7! For some of you, this is the beginning of a journey with you and your son. For others it is a chance to relive some of the fun you had as a young Scout. Either way this guide will (re)acquaint you with some of the traditions of Cub Scouting and Pack 7.

Cub Scouting is for boys from first through fifth grade. All Cub Scouts, regardless of their age, begin by earning their Bobcat Rank. First graders begin as Tiger Cubs; second graders are Wolves; third graders are Bears; fourth through fifth grade are Webelos and Arrow of Light.

## **Pack Organization**

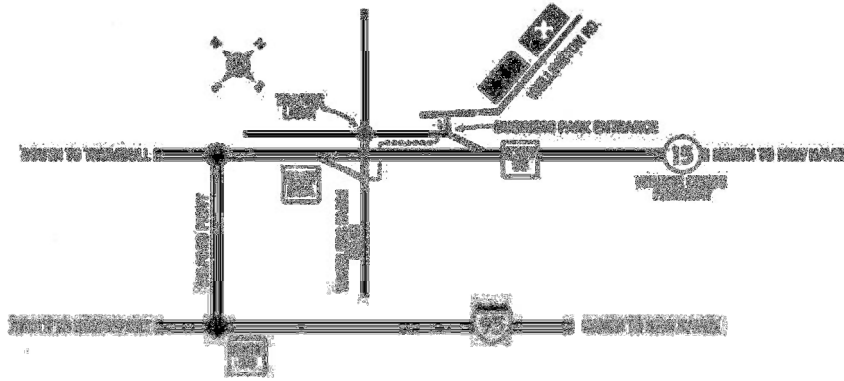
Each Cub Scout is part of a Den. Cub Scout Dens are by rank, and your son will be in the same Den each year; only the rank changes. Each Den has a Den Leader who will organize Den activities and track advancement. Dens may also have one or more Assistant Den Leaders or a Den Chief. Each Den typically meets 2-3 times per month during the school year. There may also be meetings over the summer.

Pack 7 typically meets once per month for a Pack Meeting, led by the Cubmaster. The Cubmaster will choose Dens for various assignments during the meeting including setup, cleanup, color guard, and refreshments. The Pack will also typically have one activity per month. Traditional activities are explained below under Activities.

Pack 7 is managed by the Pack Committee. The Pack Committee meets once per month. All leaders and parents are welcome to attend. Each month the committee discusses upcoming events, reviews the Pack finances, and any new business items. Sub-committees typically run major Pack events. The committee will meet year-round and the summer meetings are used to plan for the next Scouting year.

Every Scouting unit must have a Charter Organization (CO). The CO for Pack 7 is the Plymouth Men's Club of the First United Church of Christ.

You may also hear to leaders refer to district, council, or national. Pack 7 is in the Wepewaug Valley District (WVD) of the Connecticut Yankee Council (CYC). Connecticut Yankee Council is in the Northeast Region of Boy Scouts of America. The Connecticut Yankee Council offices, as well as the national supply store, are located at 60 Wellington Rd. in Milford. Here is a map to the location:



## Uniforms

### Class A

The Cub Scout Class A Uniform consists of shirt, pants, socks, belt, hat, neckerchief, and slide. For Tiger, Wolf, and Bear the pants and shirt are blue. The neckerchief and hat are different for each rank. Webelos have the option of wearing a khaki shirt and olive pants, along with the Webelos hat and neckerchief. Scouts and leaders are expected to wear this uniform to all events, including Den and Pack meetings.

### Class B

The Class B uniform consists of any Scouting t-shirt with the pants, belt, socks, and hat from the Class A uniform. This uniform is generally worn during outdoor activities when allowed by Pack leadership. Unless otherwise instructed, Cub Scouts and leaders are expected to attend events in the Class A uniform.

More information is available through the Boy Scouts of America Supply Division at <http://www.bsauniforms.org/> or <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply/>.

## Den Meetings

Den meetings are held 2-3 times per month. Den meetings follow a pre-planned schedule as set by Boy Scouts of America. Den Meetings are focused on completing achievements and electives that will help each Cub Scout achieve their rank. Each Den Leader will work with the parents to determine the best time to meet.

Tiger Cubs attend Den Meetings with their Adult Partner. This can be a parent or guardian responsible for helping the Tiger Cub with Den activities. Tiger Cubs strongly encourages this partnership.

Wolves, Bears, and Webelos are not required to have an Adult Partner with them at each meeting, however there are many activities that they must complete at home. Please help your Den Leader by helping at meetings and keeping them up-to-date on your son's progress towards achievements, electives, and other awards.

## **Pack Meetings**

Pack meetings are planned by the Cubmaster. Each Den attends the Pack Meeting and has a key responsibility for the evening. At the Cub Scout Law of the Pack says, "The Cub Scout helps the Pack go". Each meeting has songs, skits, recognition of achievement, and other fun activities. We traditionally hold our Pack Meetings the 3rd or 4th Friday of each month in the cafeteria at Harborside Middle School.

## **Pack Activities**

Blue and Gold Banquet – This banquet is held every year to celebrate the anniversary of Cub Scouting. Pack 7 also recognizes the achievements of all members by presenting them with their rank awards during a sincere ceremony.

Bonfire Pack Meeting – this annual fun event is planned for October each year. Eisenhower Park in Milford is the perfect location to hold an outdoor Pack Meeting and recognize many of the new members of Pack 7. Besides the bonfire, many outdoor activities are planned including the assembly of the Pack 7 Rope Bridge.

Klondike Derby – A winter, outdoor skills program where each Den must complete a series of outdoor "survival" activities. Activities include a winter river crossing, making a stretcher for an injured Cub Scout, and survival relay.

Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction – The annual fundraiser for Pack 7. The Pack auctions goods and services donated by local businesses and theme baskets from each Den. This fundraiser typically finances Pack awards and Pack Meetings for the year.

Pinewood Derby – Probably the most well-known of all Cub Scout events is the Pinewood Derby. Each Cub Scout has the opportunity to design and build their own car that must comply with strict requirements. Separate races and awards are presented to siblings and sponsors.

Toys for Tots – At the December pack meeting, we invite the Milford Fire Department to collect toys for their annual drive.

Thanks 4 Giving – Each year Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts collect food at stores throughout Milford and the main collection point at Wasson Field.

Winter Campout – What? Cub Scouts camping in winter? Yes, but we camp in cabins. Pack 7 stays in two cabins at Camp Sequassen.

WVD Famoree – This family campout is held the third weekend of May at Camp Cedarcrest in Orange, CT. This is a fun weekend with activities for the entire family.

## **Questions**

Questions may be directed to your den leader(s) or the below volunteers.

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