

Frankfort Cub Scouts
Pack 270
Annual Round Up

Please join us Wednesday, **March 31st** at **Grand Prairie** for an informational, open forum meeting **from 6-8 pm** to learn more about who we are.

Please see our website for more information www.packsonline.com/IL/270 or contact maxigold@sbcglobal.net for more information.

This is the time to sign up your 1st through 5th grader for scouts in the fall. Hope to see you there.

What is Cub Scouting?

The Purposes of Cub Scouting

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 6 -11 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three traditional membership divisions. (The others are Boy Scouting and Venturing.)

The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Membership

Cub Scouting members join a Cub Scout pack and are assigned to a den, usually a group of seven to ten boys. Tiger Cubs (first-graders), Wolf Cub Scouts (second-graders), Bear Cub Scouts (third-graders), and Webelos Scouts (fourth- and fifth-graders) usually meet once or twice a month as a den. They may also meet an additional time each month for a go see it or a den activity.

Once a month, all of the dens (roughly 100 scouts) and family members gather for a pack meeting at Grand Prairie under the direction of a Cubmaster and pack committee. The committee includes parents of boys in the pack and members of the chartered organization. The pack meeting is very important. This is when the scouts receive their awards for what they accomplished the month before. Recognition is very important to Pack 270.

Communication

Communication is done through e-mail, monthly den leader meetings, a monthly newsletter and the website. This is how you will find out about save the dates for outings, events; Pack meetings, special or outstanding service etc... A black box is also located at the Pack Committee Chair's house on the front porch for dropping off or picking up forms, handbooks, payments, t-shirts, etc.

Pack 270 Website – www.packsonline.com/IL/270

Badges of Cub Scouting



Tiger Cubs



Wolf



Bear



Webelos



Arrow of Light
Cub Scouting's
highest award

Volunteer Leadership

All of the leaders in Pack 270 are volunteers. **With an average of 100 scouts in the Pack, it is essential that adults volunteer to help out with various leadership roles.** Each den needs a den leader and a co-leader. The most successful dens, will have both and will have parent involvement within the den and/or pack organizations. Other leadership roles may include: Picnic chair or committee member, Christmas Party Chair or committee member, Summer Day Camp Coordinator, Newsletter editor, Treasurer, etc.

Fundraising Requirements:

Pack 270 has 2 required fundraisers for your scout to be eligible to attend our events (ie... Harlem Globetrotters, Annual Christmas Party with Santa, Pinewood Derby, Rain Gutter Regatta, Movie Night, etc) free of charge or at a very minimum cost. ***Our required fundraisers include Adult Participation in working a shift at our booth at the food court at Frankfort Fall Fest over Labor Day Weekend. Our other required fundraiser is selling and delivering popcorn. A minimum popcorn order is 15 items sold.*** The more the individual scout sells the better it is for the pack. 1/3 of the popcorn sold goes to pay for the popcorn, 1/3 goes to Rainbow Council & the remaining 1/3 sold is the profit for Pack 270. We have had individual scouts in the past sell over \$2,000. Typically, if your scout goes out with an adult door to door in their neighborhood with their scout uniform shirt and hat on, you can easily sell your required popcorn.

The Scouting Year:

Pack 270 holds their annual roundup in the Spring, typically in March or April. At this time, we let potential new scouts and their parents know about what we are and what we do. If families are interested they need to complete a scout application and/or leader form. Over the summer, after all of the applications have been received, your son will be placed in a den with 7-10 other boys. Sometime over the summer, our membership chair will contact each den and set up a meet and greet for all of the families within the den. At this point, the den will then decide on when and where your den meetings will be held. Some dens will decide to meet year round – thus earning the summer time award, other dens will just meet during the school year. Typically pack activities will start in August and go through April. Rainbow Council will still hold events year round that your son can participate in. All Scouts are eligible to participate in Summer Day Camp in the Lincoln –way area in June as long as your scout application form and Pack dues have been paid.

Rainbow Council

Pack 270 is part of the Ishkote District of Rainbow Council. There service center is located in Morris, IL. They support our Pack and Scouts. **There website is www.rcscouts.org**

Advancement Plan

Recognition is important to young boys. The Cub Scouting advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.

Bobcat. The Bobcat rank is for all boys who join Cub Scouting.

Tiger Cub. The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.

Wolf. The Wolf program is for boys who have completed first grade. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass 12 achievements involving simple physical and mental skills.

Bear. The Bear rank is for boys who have completed second grade. There are 24 Bear achievements in four categories. The Cub Scout must complete 12 of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more difficult and challenging than those for Wolf rank.

Webelos. This program is for boys who have completed third grade. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop. As he completes the requirements found in the *Webelos Handbook*, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements—all leading to the Arrow of Light Award.

Activities

Cub Scouting means "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness.

Activities in the past that Pack 270 has had have included: Wolves Hockey Game, Harlem Globe Trotters, Monster Trucks, Rockettes, Sleeping with the Dinosaurs, Summer Day Camp in Frankfort Square, annual picnic with obstacle courses and games, annual Holiday Party with Santa, Blue & Gold Banquet in February to celebrate scouts achievements, Fall Fest Parade, training at the Frankfort Fire Department Training Center – first aid, knot tying, stranger danger with the Police Dept, Adult Partner and Scout Cake Bake-off, Food drive for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry, Movie Night, Lincoln Way Relay for Life Team, Flag ceremonies at the Frankfort Board Meetings. This is all in addition to the den activities and go see its that each individual den will do to satisfy their requirements for their rank.

Many of the activities happen right in the den and pack. The most important are the den meetings and the monthly pack meetings. By attending these activities and events, your son will earn badges for their brag vest. **The more the scout attends the more awards they will receive.**

Cub Scout Academics and Sports

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program provides the opportunity for boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship, and have fun. Participation in the program allows boys to be recognized for physical fitness and talent-building activities...

Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased at The Sports Station, 7050W. 171st.street, Tinley Park, phone (708) 429-0500, at the intersection of Harlem and 171st. Your scout will need a Blue short sleeved shirt, neckerchief, slide and hat (Rank specific). You will need to purchase the Rainbow Council Patch, the 2, 7, 0 numbers for Pack 270 & Den # - depending on what den you have been assigned to. Your scout is expected to come in uniform to each pack meeting and den meeting unless your den leaders have stated otherwise. The pack also sells Pack 270 T-shirts for both youth and adult to wear to activities where the scout may get dirty, such as the picnic, fire department training. Youth T-shirts are \$5.00 and Adults are \$10.00. See the Cub Master or Asst. Cub Master if you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt.