



Introduction to Den Levels and Parent Participation Expectations

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 531! Our Scouting year runs from August through May for weekly meetings with additional summer activities in June, July, and the beginning of August. A boy may enter Cub Scouts at any den level. We have Cub Scouts who started as a Lion, and others who started as a Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos or Arrow of Light.

Kindergarten aged Scouts start in our Lion program. When a new Scout in 1st through 5th grade joins the pack, their focus is first to achieve the rank of Bobcat. Once Bobcat is earned, they may then work to earn their current den rank.

Scouts must complete all requirements for their rank prior to the completion of the Scouting year in May. Many requirements can be completed in a den meeting, but some may need to be completed at home. If a Scout misses a meeting where a requirement was completed, they will still need to complete that requirement at home. Most Den Leaders will work with their dens to complete the rank required activities by early spring (March or April).

Our Scouting year is concluded with a crossover ceremony in May or June. The Scout must complete all requirements for their rank prior to the ceremony. Once the Scout is promoted to the next den level, he cannot go back and finish the previous rank.

Lion

A Lion is a kindergarten age boy and must be at least 5 years old to join. This is a family program where a youth and his parent or adult partner join scouting together. The Lion Program encourages boys to learn and explore through hands-on, high energy activities. Each parent or adult partner takes a turn at leading a den meeting or outing during the year.

Tiger

A Tiger is generally in the first grade. A Tiger has a registered adult partner, referred to as Akela, who attends all den meetings and activities. The Tiger is working to first earn the rank of Bobcat, followed by the Tiger rank. A Tiger and the parent must both complete the registration process to join Pack 531.

Wolf

A Wolf is generally in the second grade. A Wolf is starting to learn more and may have assistance from his parents to guide him through the year.

Bear

A Bear is generally in the third grade. A Bear is required to do more with their rank requirements and starting to tackle more life-long skills. Parents may still be assisting through the year.

Webelos & Arrow of Light

A Webelos Scout is generally in the fourth grade and an Arrow of Light Scout is generally in the fifth grade. The two Webelos years are very active with outdoor activities and Scouts develop more advanced skills to prepare them to move on to Boy Scouts. By now, the boys are starting to learn independence with minimal support from their parents.