

Hudson NH Pack 20 Cub Scout Program

Welcome

Welcome to our information pages. The first page gives you general information about Pack 20; the second through fourth pages are especially for new first-grade (Tiger Cub) scouts and their parents.

Our Cub Scout program is designed to introduce boys to the world of scouting, yet keep it simple and close to the family, especially for those just starting out. For example, all of the boy's Tiger Cub (1st graders) activities involve the boy and his parent. Activities are completed within the family, as part of the Tiger Den and as part of the Pack.

The Pack

The Pack consists of approximately 80-90 boys between 1st and 5th grade. Boys are ranked according to grade:

- Tiger Cub – grade 1
- Wolf – grade 2
- Bear – grade 3
- Webelos – grades 4 & 5

Each rank contains 2 to 3 Dens.

All the Dens meet together as a Pack on the **1st Monday of every month** in the Nottingham West Elementary School Cafeteria at 7 PM, ending around 8 PM. The Pack also hosts many activities throughout the year. Boys of all levels are welcome to participate in just about every activity.

At the monthly pack meetings upcoming activities will be mentioned and included in the newsletter that is handed out. Additionally, the boys receive awards for their achievements, and plenty of time is left over for great fun!

Note: When the Hudson school system closes for a "snow-day" all Scouting activities are cancelled.

Communications: Email and Web

Pack 20 uses both email communications and the Web page share information.

- Pack 20's Web Page can be found at: www.pack20hudson.org. As you'll see, the web page contains a calendar of events, resources, individual Den information, the newsletter, and much more. Check back frequently for updates.
- Parents of ALL Cub Scouts with email addresses will be subscribed to the Pack20Hudson@yahogroups.com mailing-list. This is how you'll receive reminders and other Pack-related information.
- Additionally, leaders of individual dens may setup an email list to facilitate communications within the Den.

Please let us know if you'd prefer not to be subscribed to these.

Den leaders will make sure that those members of our pack that don't have access to email receive the information via other means (phone or mail).

Your Scout's First Year: Tiger Cub Information

Tiger Cub Dens

A Tiger Cub Den consists of 7 to 9 boys. In addition to the monthly Pack meeting, the Tigers usually meet 2 - 3 times per month.

- **Twice for individual Den Activities.** These activities will generally be at someone's house and involve a project such as making a Den Flag, creating the Den Cheer, practicing a skit to do in front of the Pack or an arts and crafts project. All activities, to support Den meetings, come right out of our Tiger Cub book.
- **Once for a "Go See It Activity"** for which ALL Tiger Dens participate at the same "event." The "Go See It" activities are places to go (e.g. tour the Police Station, visit an airport, go on a short hike etc.).

All these activities are no more than 1 to 2 hours long.

Uniforms

Tiger Cubs wear a uniform that is unique to this level. It includes:

- Shirt (required)
- Cap (required)
- Belt (optional)

The uniform is worn to every Cub Scout event including Pack meetings, Tiger Cub activities, Tiger Den meetings, Pack outings and events.

Uniforms are available at:

- Campers Inn Merrimack (Exit 10, Route 3) – <http://www.campersinnofmerrimack.com/>
- D.W. Council Headquarters in Manchester at 571 Holt Ave. (exit 6 off 93 N) - <http://www.dwcbbsa.org/scoutshop/>
- The Scout Shop: 300 Blondin Road, Manchester.

Tiger Cub Book

It is recommended that the adult partner take a few moments to orient themselves to the Tiger Cub book. Key points:

- Write-in the boys name - the books WILL get all mixed up, otherwise. ☺
- Review the Bobcat section (first section of the book) with your boy.
- Read pages 1-29 (Don't worry parents it is quick/easy reading).
- Scan remainder of the book. Note that within each achievement section there are activities for;
 - **Family** (you and your boy can do these on your own)
 - **Den** (ideas for the den meetings)
 - **Go See It** (ideas for our monthly "Go See It" activities).

NOTE: You can feel free to do ANY of these activities, at any time.

You only need to bring the Tiger Cub book to the individual Den Meetings held twice per month.

Shared Leadership

Tiger Cubs always involve the boy and his parent/partner at each event. Every month a different Tiger Cub and parent/partner arrange and host the "Go See It" activity. By the end of the year, many will have participated in the leadership of the Den.

Each Den needs a "Den Leader". This person will:

- Coordinate twice monthly Den Activities.
- Act as a communicator between the individual Den and the Pack's Tiger Coordinator.
- Informs the Tiger Coordinator of the activities that took place for the month and the achievements of each Tiger Cub in their Den.

To support Pack 20's Tiger Cubs (we have approximately ___ boys), we will need ___ den leaders.

Go See It - Host Responsibilities

Each month a Tiger Cub and his partner hosts the month's "Go See It" activity.

Following is a list of the simple responsibilities of the Host:

- Select and make arrangements for the activity.
- Notify each of the families of the dates and times of the meeting and activity.

Previous activities include: hike at Musquash Pond, visiting a TV station, Public Library, fire station, bank and Marching in the Memorial Day parade.

Special Projects

During the year, your scout will participate in special projects. Some of these projects will result in awards for their participation or completion.

More information will be provided when this year's projects are finalized. 2 projects that we do each year include:

Popcorn fundraiser, Scouting for food, etc.

See the Pack 20 master calendar (online and as a hand-out) for additional info.

Graduation

At the end of the year, the Tiger Cubs graduate by "crossing over" into the next level, which is Wolf Cub. This takes place in June and your entire family is welcome to see the ceremony and presentation of Wolf items to your scout.

Then, there's a whole summer's worth of activities and events that are available to anyone in the Pack that is interested such as summer camp, baseball game, etc.

Before We Leave Tonight

- Identify ___ Tiger Cub Den Leaders
- Organize our Dens
- Confirm accurate contact information
- Obtain volunteers to host "Go See It" activities

Organizing our Dens

There are a number of considerations when organizing our Tiger Dens. The first step, after selecting our leaders, is to determine what night each leader is available to meet. Then, we can place the boys in Dens by the following:

- Based upon the most convenient night to attend den meetings
- Based upon how close you live to the Den Leader
- Based upon your child being a “buddy” of boys in the Tiger program

Notes:

- We will use Den #'s _____ to identify our new Tiger Dens. Your boy will retain this Den # through-out Cub Scouts.
- Each Den should have no more than 7-9 boys.
- *We may not be able to please everyone, but we will sure try!!!*

Next Steps

- Attend your first Pack meeting at Nottingham West.
- Tiger Cub Coordinator will hold Den Leader orientation session with Den Leaders.
- Den Leaders:
 - Will make contact with members of their respective den to coordinate meetings.
 - Review the New Leader Fast Start training video: olc.scouting.org and the resources/links page on the Pack20Hudson.org site.

Questions?

Please keep in mind that the Leadership of Pack 20 is made up of volunteer parents. Any assistance with Pack activities or events is appreciated.

For additional questions contact:

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