

Dear Tiger Cub Parent:

Welcome to you and your son to the Boy Scouts of America's Tiger Cub program!

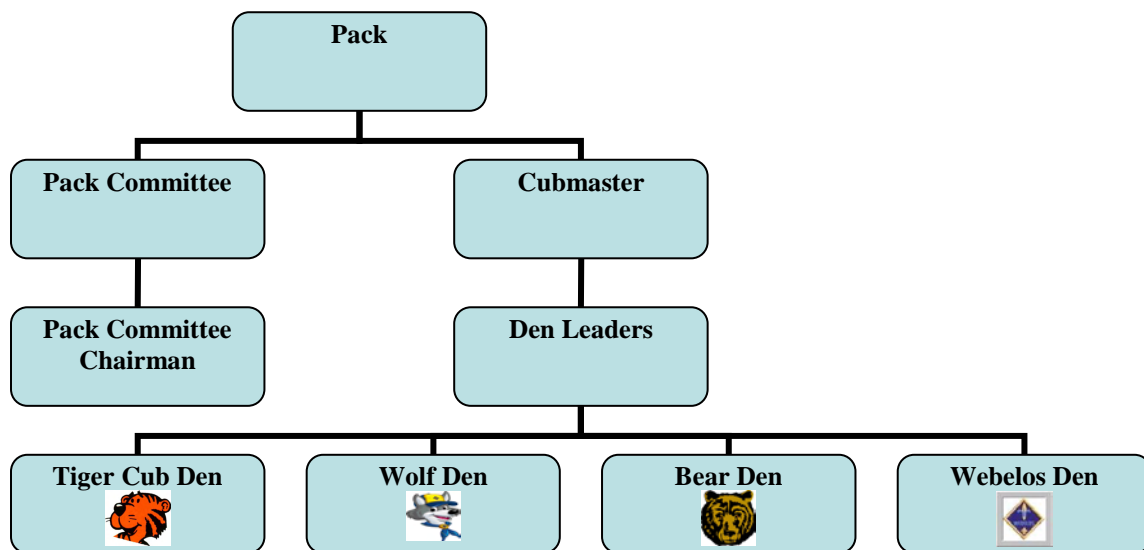
You are about to begin a fun and exciting program you and your son will enjoy.



While your son is growing as he goes through the advancement program, you and he are getting something very important, each other. The Tiger Cub program will provide the opportunity for you and your son to spend quality time together.

This letter will give you a brief overview of how the program works and what to expect.

Your Tiger Cub will be a member of a *den*. Most dens have five to nine boy-adult partner *teams*, meet twice a month in a *den meeting* for one hour, and have one outing a month called a *Go See It*. The den also takes part in the monthly *pack meetings*. During den meetings, Go See It outings, and pack meetings, boys learn new things and have fun.



My son and I are part of Pack # _____ sponsored by _____.

Cubmaster is: _____ Phone Number: _____.

Tiger Cub Den Leader is: _____ Phone Number _____.

District name is: _____.

We are all part of the Blackhawk Area Council, 1800 7th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104.

Phone number: 815-397-0210 Web site: www.blackhawkscouting.org



Den Meetings

Each den meeting and den activity is led by a *den leader* and an *adult partner* of one of the Tiger Cubs. An adult partner can be a parent, relative, or friend who is at least 18 years old and who cares about the boy. Each adult partner takes a turn working with the den leader to plan and lead a den meeting and/or activity. This shared leadership gets everyone involved to provide fun and exciting den meetings and activities by using the resources of all the adult partners. Den meetings can be held at the den leaders or adult partners home, school, church, or other location.

Cub Scout Pack

Your Tiger Cub is also a member of a Cub Scout *pack*. Most packs are made up of several dens that gather monthly at a *pack meeting*. Pack meetings usually follow a suggested theme and are a time for boys to be recognized for their accomplishments during the month, to perform skits and songs they have learned in den meetings, and to have fun with the entire family.

You and your Tiger Cub will participate in a number of pack, district, and council activities, such as, Pinewood Derby in January, Blue & Gold Banquet in February, US Grant Pilgrimage at Galena in April, Cub Scout Day Camp and Cub Scout Summer Camp in the summer, plus pack picnics and Scout Nights at local sporting events. There are a lot of fun and exciting things for you and your Tiger Cub to do. Your den leader will have all the details.

Tiger Cub Handbook

One of the first things you will need to do to get started in Tiger Cubs is to obtain the *Tiger Cub Handbook*. You can purchase the handbook at the Blackhawk Area Council trading post in Rockford or at a local Scouting supply distributor. A listing of the Scouting supply distributors can be found on the council's Web site. The handbook can also be ordered over the phone from the council's trading post.

The handbook contains everything you need to know about you and your son's involvement in Tiger Cubs and how to use the advancement program.

Advancement

In Scouting, advancement is the process by which a member meets certain requirements and earns recognition. Boys in Cub Scouting work on advancement with their families. The Tiger Cub advancement program is a blend of activities boys do in their home and activities they do in a den meeting with their adult partner.

To advance, Tiger Cubs work on *achievements* and *electives*, which are described in the *Tiger Cub Handbook*. As boys advance, they receive *recognition items* to mark their progress. These items will be given to them at a simple ceremony at a den or pack meeting.

The Tiger Cub recognition items are the *Tiger Cub belt totem* and *totem beads*, the *Tiger Cub badge*, and *Tiger track beads*.

Tiger Cub Uniform

The uniform is an important part of the Scouting program. It identifies the boys and adults with Tiger Cubs and gives them a sense of belonging to the den, the pack, and the Boy Scouts of America. Most

boys enjoy wearing their Tiger Cub uniform. They should wear it to all den meetings, pack meetings, and special pack activities.

The official Tiger Cub uniform is the complete blue Cub Scout uniform with identifiable and appropriate Tiger Cub insignia. Components of the Tiger Cub uniform are illustrated at the right and include the following:

- **Tiger Cub Cap**



- **Cub Scout Long-Sleeve Shirt or ...**



Cub Scout Short Sleeve Shirt



- **Tiger Cub Neckerchief**



- **Tiger Cub Neckerchief Slide**



- **Cub Scout Trousers or...**



- **Cub Scout Shorts**



- **Tiger Cub Belt**



- **Tiger Cub Crew Socks**



Membership Fees

Each Tiger Cub and his partner becomes a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. The membership fee for the boy-adult partner team is \$10.00.

Boys' Life magazine is available for \$12.00. *Boys' Life* is an award winning magazine providing interesting articles about sports stars and what other Scouts from around the country are doing, stories, games and jokes. *Boys' Life* will help encourage your son to read.

Pack Fundraiser

All members of the pack will be asked to participate in a pack fundraiser, such as the popcorn sale. The fundraiser is important because it helps the pack provide awards, activities, and day camp.

We hope you and your Tiger Cub will get involved and enjoy this boy-adult partner activity. The key to your son's success in Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts is your involvement. The more you support your son and get involved, the more both you and your son will enjoy and benefit from the program.

