

PACK 1860 – NEW PARENT TIPS

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Cub Scouting is a program for boys in 1st through 5th grades that is designed to help develop personal responsibility, greater awareness of community service, and respect for the outdoors. However, the real point is to have fun.

Cub Scouts are organized into “Packs” which can range from 20 to 60 boys. Each Pack is further broken down into “Dens”, which are smaller groups (usually 5 to 10) of same-aged/grade boys. Each den works toward achieving a rank badge, which varies by their grade and involves specific activities that become a bit more challenging & exciting for each rank:

- 1st graders are called Tigers (working toward their Tiger rank badge)
- 2nd graders = Wolves
- 3rd graders = Bears
- 4th graders = Webelos I
- 5th graders = Arrow of Light or Webelos II

Pack 1860 is in the Sully District of the National Capital Area Council.

ADVANCEMENT

When a boy is in his Tiger year (1st grade), the “requirements” to earn his badge are basically a check-list of fun and age-appropriate activities which are not difficult as long as your son participates in most of the meetings. There are some activities that are best done at home (things like keeping a chore list for 2 weeks, or helping prepare a family meal, etc.), and you may occasionally need to do some things on your own if your son misses a den meeting. The progress your son makes can be tracked in his handbook, and a parent signature is needed to show when each item is completed. Alternatively, Pack 1860 utilizes an online tracking website for tracking progress of our Scouts. <http://www.scouttrack.com>

Once you have registered with the Pack we will create an account for you on ScoutTrack.com where you can log in and check your son’s progress, contact leaders, or update items that he has completed.

In addition to their rank badges, there are a number of intermediate and optional awards the boys can earn. Most boys will receive at least one award, patch, or other recognition item at each monthly Pack meeting or Den meeting.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Pack meets for awards, skits & games once per month, usually on the third Wednesday from 7:00 PM to approximately 8:00 PM at the Union Mill Elementary School Cafeteria. Dens usually meet once per month on their own at a time and place they determine for themselves (usually a den member’s home or a rec center). In addition, there is often an optional pack or den outing or activity the boys can take part in about once per month.

Typical Activities:

- October = Hemlock Overlook Hike
- November = Scouting for Food
- November = Naval Academy Football Game
- December = Caroling for the Lions
- December = Clothing or Toy Drive
- January = Pine Wood Derby
- January = Snowtubing
- April/May = Lion’s Club Campout
- Summer Pool Parties
- Summer Camp

- Bike Rodeo

Special Event Pack Meetings:

- October = STEM
- November = Parent/Son Bake-off
- December = Holiday Party
- February = Blue & Gold Banquet
- May = Cub Carnival
- June = Cross-Over Picnic and Raingutter Regatta

This year we are focusing on ACTIVE Pack Meetings and trying to keep the boys engaged in fun activities with a purpose. Awards and Announcements will be kept to a minimum – most awards other than Rank awards will be done at the Den meeting or by your Den leader just after the Pack Meeting. Announcements will be e-mailed at least monthly in a newsletter and posted on our website (<http://www.pack1860.org>).

MORE INFORMATION ON THE TIGER PROGRAM (1ST GRADERS)

The Cub Scout program for 1st graders is called the Tiger program. They can join during the 1st grade or near the end of school when they are in kindergarten. A parent or guardian must accompany the boy at every den meeting, pack meeting, and other scouting event at that rank.

At the first Den meeting for Tigers they will work on earning their first badge – the Bobcat rank, which is required for ALL ranks.

BOBCAT REQUIREMENTS

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.
2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
5. Say the Cub Scout Motto. Tell what it means.
6. Show the Cub Scout Salute. Tell what it means.
7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide—Bobcat Requirements.

The Tiger program relies on shared leadership from parents, and the meetings are typically rotated among the members with each adult taking part in planning or organizing over the course of the year. The den can decide as a group if it would like to meet on a specified day each month or let that be up to each “host” family.

TIGER REQUIRED ADVENTURES

TIGER ADVENTURE: BACKYARD JUNGLE

1. Take a 1-foot hike. Make a list of the living things you find on your 1-foot hike.
2. Point out two different kinds of birds that live in your area.
3. Be helpful to plants and animals by planting a tree or other plant in your neighborhood.
4. Build and hang a birdhouse.
5. With your adult partner, go on a walk, and pick out two sounds you hear in your “jungle.”

TIGER ADVENTURE: GAMES TIGERS PLAY

1. Do the following:
 - a. Play two initiative or team-building games with the members of your den.
 - b. Listen carefully to your leader while the rules are being explained, and follow directions when playing.
 - c. At the end of the game, talk with the leader about what you learned when you played the game. Tell how you helped the den by playing your part.

2. Make up a game with the members of your den.
3. Make up a new game, and play it with your family or members of your den or pack.
4. While at a sporting event, ask a player or coach why he or she thinks it is important to be active.
5. Bring a nutritious snack to a den meeting. Share why you picked it and what makes it a good snack choice.

TIGER ADVENTURE: MY FAMILY'S DUTY TO GOD

Complete requirement 1 and at least two from requirements 2–4.

1. With your adult partner, find out what duty to God means to your family.
2. Find out what makes each member of your family special.
3. With your family, make a project that shows your family's beliefs about God.
4. Participate in a worship experience or activity with your family.

TIGER ADVENTURE: TEAM TIGER

1. List the different teams of which you are a part.
2. With your den, make a den job chart that shows everyone doing something to help. As one of the den jobs, lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a den meeting.
3. Pick two chores you will do at home once a week for a month.
4. Make a chart to show three ways that members of your Tiger team are different from each other.
5. Do an activity to help your community or neighborhood team.

TIGER ADVENTURE: TIGER BITES

1. Identify three good food choices and three foods that would not be good choices.
2. Show that you know the difference between a fruit and a vegetable. Eat one of each.
3. With your adult partner, pick a job to help your family at mealtime. Do it every day for one week.
4. Show you can keep yourself and your personal area clean.
5. Talk with your adult partner about what foods you can eat with your fingers. Practice your manners when eating them.
6. With your adult partner, plan and make a good snack choice or other nutritious food to share with your den.

TIGER ADVENTURE: TIGERS IN THE WILD

1. With your adult partner, name and collect the Cub Scout Six Essentials you need for a hike. Tell your den leader what you would need to add to your list if it rains.
2. Go for a short hike with your den or family, and carry your own gear. Show you know how to get ready for this hike.
3. Do the following:
 - a. Listen while your leader reads the Outdoor Code. Talk about how you can be clean in your outdoor manners.
 - b. Listen while your leader reads the Leave No Trace Principles for Kids. Discuss why you should "Trash Your Trash."
 - c. Apply the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Principles for Kids on your Tiger den and pack outings. After one outing, share what you did to demonstrate the principles you discussed.
4. While on the hike, find three different kinds of plants, animals, or signs that animals have been on the trail. List what you saw in your *Tiger Handbook*.
5. Participate in an outdoor pack meeting or pack campout campfire. Sing a song and act out a skit with your Tiger den as part of the program.

6. Find two different trees and two different types of plants that grow in your area. Write their names in your *Tiger Handbook*.
7. Visit a nearby nature center, zoo, or another outside place with your family or den. Learn more about two animals, and write down two interesting things about them in your *Tiger Handbook*.

In addition, Tiger dens have elective adventures that they may choose to complete if time permits.

MEMBERSHIP

Most Cub Packs run essentially the same program. Union Mill ES hosts two packs (we are Pack 1860 and the other is Pack 1859). Most elementary schools and churches also have an affiliated Cub Pack; however families are welcome to join whatever Pack they feel is most suitable. Pack 1861 which was formerly associated with Clifton ES has also begun to participate at Union Mill ES.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

Available at the Northern Virginia Scout Shop just off Braddock Road at the Beltway in the shopping center at Port Royal Road. Shop is near the Post Office and Dairy Queen. Pack 1860 also manages a "Cub Closet" which is a free resource for members to use. As Scouts advance in rank, many of them donate their previous rank hats, neckerchief slides, etc. If you are interested, the Cub Closet is usually available at most Pack meetings or you can contact the Cubmasters.

Northern Virginia Scout Shop

5232 Port Royal Rd
Springfield, VA 22151
(703) 321-4836

There is also a Scout Shop in Bethesda.

National Capital Scout Shop

9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 564-1091

You can also purchase everything you need online at <http://www.Scoutstuff.org>)

REQUIRED UNIFORM

- ✓ **Blue Cub Scout Shirt** – add a size or two so he can wear it for a few years (**no uniform pants needed**)
- ✓ **Cub Scout belt** - for certain awards they will earn later
- ✓ **Rank Appropriate Handbook** - 1st graders should get a Tiger book

SEPARATE PATCHES REQUIRED

- ✓ **National Capital Area Council Shoulder Patch** (several styles are available, if you see more than one kind, feel free to pick the one you like best)
- ✓ **World Scouting Crest** (purple oval patch with silver stitching)
- ✓ **Den Numeral** (small rectangular patch – you may need to wait on this to find out your assigned den #, but the first Tiger Den to form will probably be #5)

Do not get pack numerals (we provide those special ordered as one patch), neckerchief or neckerchief slide – these will be provided to you by the Pack.

OPTIONAL

- ✓ **Hat for their rank** (some boys like these, some just lose them)
- ✓ **“Bragging Vest”**, a red felt vest for patches and pins. Not necessary, and probably something you’d want to wait to get.

VOLUNTEERS

Every scouting unit relies on adult volunteers to function, and just about always needs leaders for den or pack positions. At a minimum, each family is expected to participate in the planning & operation of at least one of the events each year, as either a committee head or member. Parent Job Sign-ups are done through VolunteerSpot. There is a link on the main page of the Pack website (<http://www.pack1860.org>). Descriptions for each of the jobs are visible on the VolunteerSpot sign-up.

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TRAINING

We encourage all of our parents to create an account on MyScouting.com and take the Youth Protection Training (YPT). This will give you some great insight into what all BSA leaders are required to follow to protect your boys. Additionally, during some Pack or Den activities, we need qualified volunteers to just lend a hand and the YPT may be a requirement. All Den Leaders and Cubmasters are required to take YPT every other year.

APPLICATION PROCESS & FORM

NOTE: Tigers (1st graders) register as a son/parent “team”. The parent is referred to as the “Tiger Partner”, and a parent must accompany their Tiger son to all meetings and events. (This is not required for older ranks, but always helpful.) One parent/guardian should be registered for each Tiger, but that same parent does not have to be the one attending an event with their son.

For the top of the form, you are joining a “Cub Scout Pack” and the unit number is “1860”. Select “Tiger Cub”, which is the 1st grade program. (“Cub Scout” would be for 2nd & 3rd graders; Webelos would be for 4th and 5th graders).

Mark the Boys Life box if you would like your son to receive this magazine. It has something for every age boy (stories, pictures, cartoons, jokes). Pack 1860 pays for 1 Boys Life subscription per family.

Leave the \$ amounts at the bottom blank. For the purposes of the form, the amount shown varies by month, Boy’s Life status, etc.

Please remember to sign the form.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee varies somewhat depending on the month your son joins and whether he would like to receive Boys Life magazine.

FEE STRUCTURE - PACK 1860 - 2015-2016

1. The scout activity year roughly follows the school year.
2. The scout registration year (BSA re-chartering) runs from February through March.
3. Pack 1860 collects fees in the fall to cover February re-chartering and our ongoing awards expenses.
4. Tigers, transfers, and new scouts pay 12 months, plus a pro-rated amount for September through February.
5. Cubs in their Webelos 2 year are already registered with the BSA through February. Paying the BSA fee now is optional, but will cover their 1st year registration in Boy Scouts.
6. Pack 1860 pays for one Boys' Life magazine subscription/per family.

	Tiger and New Scout	1860 Returning	Webelos 2 Returning	Transfer
1860 Awards Fee	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
BSA Fee	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00

NCAC Insurance Fee	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Pro-rated BSA/Insurance Fee	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 77.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 66.00

FUNDRAISERS

Like just about every other organization, we have an additional fundraising activity to pay for awards, supplies, and subsidize the per person costs of things like our picnic and annual banquet. We usually run fundraising in October and our preferred fundraiser is Holiday Wreath Sales. This avoids competition with all of the other Cub Scout and Boy Scout unit in the area who sell popcorn. There is a wreath sales goal for each Scout of 5 evergreen items. Additional information regarding the program will be available at the Pack meeting in September.

Additionally, in the spring, the BSA has a Friends of Scouting Campaign to raise money for the District and Council. This is completely voluntary and if so inclined you can make a donation in many different ways. I personally make my donation through my company's Employee Giving portal which provides a "match" to my contribution and a small amount is taken out of my paycheck each pay period. Again, this is totally voluntary, but if you can provide even a small donation it greatly helps the District and Council put on some of the wonderful programs they do for our boys.