Welcome to the Pack 1 Cub Scout Family!!



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Pack 1 was chartered in 1995 and operates out of Sheridan Lutheran Church. Pack 1 currently has approximately 65 registered Cub Scouts in kindergarten through fifth grades from Maxey and Kloefkorn Elementary Schools. We are part of the Salt Valley District of the Cornhusker Council of Boy Scouts of America. The Council office, Outdoor Education Center (OEC) and Scout Shop are located at approximately 120th and A Street in Walton (east of Lincoln).

Den Meetings: Beginning in August/September, our Pack kicks off our programming year! The group is organized into Dens. A Den is a group of youth from the same grade that work together on their "Adventure Path" for the year with their Den Leader (a parent volunteer). Given the size of Pack 1 (one of the largest in Lincoln at ~70 scouts), each level of scouting is generally divided into two separate dens, typically by what school (Maxey or Kloefkorn) the scout attends. Boys and girls are also in separate dens. Youth entering first grade will be Tigers, second graders will be Wolves, third graders will be Bears, fourth graders will be Webelos I, and fifth graders will be Webelos II. There is also a new program this year for boys and girls in Kindergarten called Lions. These scouts will work with their parents and a den leader to earn several special adventure loops and when they earn all of the required loops, they earn a patch like the one pictured below. Some Dens will meet every week, others will meet just once a month. It all depends on the curriculum for the year, how

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		Wolf Grade 2				C O
	Tiger Grade 1					U
	Bobcat All Grades - must be earned prior to any other rank awards					s

many elective adventures and awards they decide to work on together, and the Den Leader's preference. The goal is to have every Scout earn their rank at our Blue and Gold celebration in March, but dens will continue to meet through May.

Pack Meetings: As a Pack, all dens come together to meet on the third Monday of every month at Sheridan Lutheran Church (70th and Old Cheney). At these meetings, scouts will receive any awards that they have earned, will do an all-group activity, do skits or songs and participate in a Flag ceremony. We also aim to have one additional all-group meeting each month (e.g. campout, service project, fun outing). We have attached our 2019-2020 Pack Calendar for you, and your scout's Den Leader will provide an additional Den Meeting schedule in August or September.

Our scouting year runs from June 1st to May 31st of every year. Over the summer, our Pack tries to plan 2-3 events to keep the boys engaged. We know that families are busy over the summer and instead of planning a lot of meetings, we tend to focus on having the Pack 1 Scouts attend summer camp! Attending Summer Camp makes a big impact on achieving rank advancement and we highly encourage all scouts to attend one of the summer camp offerings from the Council.

There are two options for scouting summer camps:

- 1. <u>Cub Scout Day Camp</u> 120th and A Street in Walton @ the Outdoor Education Center Usually the 2nd or 3rd week of June.
 - The cost is ~\$125
 - This camp is open to new Tigers through Webelos II.
- 2. <u>Webelos Resident Camp</u> This three-day sleepover camp is hosted at Camp Cornhusker in Du Bois, Nebraska.
 - This camp is open to all incoming Webelos I and Webelos II only. The cost is \$115.

We will start promoting Summer Camps in February/March of each year.



Uniform: Check out <u>http://pack1lincoln.org/uniforms-and-handbooks/</u> for more information.

- At both Pack and Den meetings, scouts and leaders are expected to wear the <u>Class A Uniform</u>. Everything can be purchased at the OEC Scout Shop at 600 S 120th, near Walton, NE.
- The Class A uniform includes:
 - Lion Scouts: Official Lion T-shirt (\$10); official Cub Scout navy belt (\$10).
 - **Tigers, Wolves & Bears**: Blue Cub Scout Shirt (\$25) (or BSA tan uniform shirt if a Webelos scout) with the Cornhusker Council patch, Pack 1 numerals, and World Scout Crest. Patches (\$8); A Cub Scout navy belt, (\$10).
 - **Webelos Scouts**: Tan BSA Uniform Shirt (\$37-\$40); Green BSA Uniform Belt Belt (\$13), Blue Shoulder loops (\$4.50); Council, unit and world crest patches can be transferred from Blue uniform shirt if changing ranks.
 - All Scouts: Jeans or dark pants (does not have to the be official BSA pants)
 - **Optional:** The official navy-blue den-specific cap or Webelos Cap is not required but some scouts do like to wear the official hat. (\$15-\$18)
- When your Den or the Pack goes on an outing, a <u>Class B Uniform</u> (a pack t-shirt) is allowed. This shirt is included as
 part of the yearly pack dues for scouts, unless you have one from a previous year. The cost of extra Class B Pack tshirts is \$13.

Den Numeral patch, Handbook and Neckerchief and Slide: Pack 1 will provide a den number patch, rank-specific handbook, neckerchief, and slide to all scouts. Webelos colors will also be provided by the Pack. Replacements can be purchased as the OEC Scout Shop.

Awards: The Pack provides all badges and awards after the scout earns them.

Fundraising: Pack 1 strives to keep Pack Activity Fees as low as possible for our families and as such we participate in the annual Council Popcorn Sales each September and October. The income that we receive from this fundraiser helps to provide many fun opportunities and experiences for our scouts. Therefore, we expect every scout to participate. More info about the benefits of fundraising are mentioned in the dues section below. We were able to purchase a trailer and 10

tents for the pack with last year's popcorn sales profits and this year we hope start to purchase other camping gear to outfit the trailer.

Dues: All Scouts must pay dues to the Cornhusker Council and pay a Pack Activity Fee to help cover expenses over the year. When registering in August, new scouts will pay a \$2.75 per month Council Fee (or \$13.75) for Aug-Dec plus \$33 for 2020 which equals **\$46.75**. This money is for registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

This pack activity fee will be \$150 for 2019-2020. However, this fee can be offset by selling popcorn in the fall. Selling \$500 or more of popcorn means you don't have to pay the additional activity fee. This allows families that don't wish to sell popcorn to pay their fair share towards pack expenses. If scouts sell more than \$500 worth of popcorn, the council provides prizes at various selling levels and the pack offers additional incentives such as money towards summer camp or other activities.

Boy's Life: This is an *optional* magazine just for Cub Scouts. It is \$1 a month to subscribe and is payable at the time of registration. You can denote whether you would like it for your Scout on their BSA application.

Registration Process:

To complete your registration with Pack 1, all scout families must complete the following items:

- 1. Turn in a completed BSA New Scout Application or apply online at beascout.org
- 2. **PAY DUES**. Cost for new scouts registering in August is \$46.75. A Boy's Life magazine subscription is an additional \$12 for 2020.
- 3. Turn in a completed Adult Participation Form and Family Talent survey.
- 4. Sign up for one or more committees or leadership roles.



