

# The Cubmaster's Minute

## Upcoming Events

Pack Work Day	April 18
Spring Cuboree	April 24-26
Crossover	May 31

## Cub Scout Motto

**DO YOUR  
BEST!**

## Scout Oath

- On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

## Changing our ways

You may have heard: the Cub Scout program is changing. The Boy Scouts of America has updated and revised the Cub Scout program to better fit the needs of today's boys while maintaining its link to the past. This is not the first time the program has changed, but it is the first major revision to the program in over 30 years.

Beginning in June, the new program will be in effect for all boys in the Tiger through Bear dens. New Webelos (currently Bears) will also have to follow the new track. The existing Webelos will have the option of pursuing the new program or finishing the old program they have

already begun.

The details of the new program have been sparingly released, but it is based around the idea of adventures. Each rank will have a number of mandatory adventures and will also be required to complete a number of elective adventures. The number of mandatory and elective adventures required for advancement varies by rank.

The new program allows for more immediate recognition. Each adventure has an associated belt loop. Once an adventure is completed, the scout can receive his loop. These can be awarded at den meetings as well as pack meetings. This is to encourage

our boys to work hard and stay on track as they can see evidence of their achievements quicker.

Along with the new program comes the need for new materials. The program books will be available in the Scout Shop beginning, May 1, 2015. The new program year begins June 1. This should give us time to prepare and to hit the ground running this summer and let the boys have an exciting and adventurous new year!

More information about the changes are available on the BSA website at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx>

## Spring Cuboree

Pack 575 is headed to the Spring Cuboree weekend at Hood Scout Reservation! This year's Cuboree is themed: "Things that Go!" Scheduled activities include Bike Safety and Demonstration, Demonstrations of different types of

vehicles (Boats, ATV Construction Equipment, Helicopters and more), Climbing and Rappelling, BB and Archery, Crafts, Fishing (Please bring you own fishing gear), and the Cub Annapolis Race. The council fee is \$7.50 per person or

\$25 per family. Check in will start Friday April 24th at 5:00 p.m. If you are planning to attend please let the Cubmaster or your Den Leader know as soon as possible.

## Old Program vs New Program: A quick guide to the changes

### Not Changing

- Five methods of seven Cub Scout methods remain the same
- Family focus
- Ages (or genders)
- Bobcat still first rank earned (updated)
- Ranks or approach
- Den/pack meeting structures
- Outdoor program
- Delivery model
- Fun – even more than before

### Changing

- Ideals-related
- Oath & Law
- Advancement-related
- Tiger Cub becomes Tiger with new image
- Arrow of Light will no longer require earning Webelos
- Activities – more active, more aligned with Aims/Mission
- Advancement – simplified
- Academics and Sports program retired
- Current immediate/elective recognition devices replaced

### **SCOUT LAW**

#### **A Scout is:**

- **Trustworthy**
- **Loyal**
- **Helpful**
- **Friendly**
- **Courteous**
- **Kind**
- **Obedient**
- **Cheerful**
- **Thrifty**
- **Brave**
- **Clean**
- **and Reverent.**

## When is camp over?

With Cuboree coming up, it is important for everyone to understand when the event is over. In years past, the rule has been that we get up on Sunday, eat breakfast, and leave at our discretion. That rule is changing.

Beginning at this year's Cuboree, we are asking that everyone remember that we are a Pack. Cuboree is not over until after the interfaith service on Sunday when the camp flags are lowered. Parents are encouraged to pack their

belongings in the morning, but the Pack will attend the service together and attend the closing ceremony before we leave. The Cubmaster and/or the camp ranger will inspect the camp before everyone is dismissed.

**“Trust should be the basis for all our moral training.”**

**- Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

## **Why are we moving to the same oath and law as used in Boy Scouts?**

One of the recommendations of the BSA's national strategic plan (a process led by volunteer scout leaders) was to move all of the programs of the Boy Scouts of America to a common statement of values and ideals – the Scout Oath and Law. This aligns each level of program with the mission of the BSA, to help develop young people's ability to make ethical decisions guided by the values stated in the Scout Oath and Law. Each level in the movement has a separate motto to help young people mature in their ability to live up the values in the oath and law and apply it to their lives.

## April Advancement Report

### Tigers:

**Joshua Carter**- Astronomy Belt Loop, Fishing Belt Loop, Mathematics Belt Loop, Nutrition Belt Loop, Science Belt Loop

**Christian Dunn**- Tiger Badge, Nutrition Belt Loop

**Hayden Freeman**- Nutrition Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop

**Gauge Melton**- Baseball Belt Loop, Bicycling Belt Loop, Fishing Belt Loop, Nutrition Belt Loop, Roller Skating Belt Loop, Soccer Belt Loop, Ultimate Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop

**Joseph Mosley**- Tiger Badge, Art Belt Loop, Bicycling Belt Loop, Citizenship Belt Loop, Computers Belt Loop, Fishing Belt Loop, Good Manners Belt Loop, Heritages Belt Loop, Language and Culture Belt Loop, Music Belt Loop, Nutrition Belt Loop, Video Games Belt Loop, Weather Belt Loop, Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop

**Cameron Skeen**- Nutrition Belt Loop

**Benjamin Wright**- Nutrition Belt Loop

**Silas Wright**- Nutrition Belt Loop

### Wolves:

**Charles Griffin**- Fishing Belt Loop

**Robert Haralson**- Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow Point, Silver Arrow Point #1

**Landyn Knapp**- Fishing Belt Loop

**Evan Rose**- Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow Point, Silver Arrow Point #1, Silver Arrow Point #2, Fishing Belt Loop

**Collin Searles**- Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow Point, Silver Arrow Point #1, Fishing Belt Loop

**Galen Walter**- Wolf Badge, Gold Arrow Point, Silver Arrow Point #1, Silver Arrow Point #2, Fishing Belt Loop

### Bears:

**Chad Gravitt**- Fishing Belt Loop

### Webelos:

**Jason Bedford** - Forester Activity Pin, Scientist Activity Pin, Traveler Activity Pin, Astronomy Belt Loop, Science Belt Loop

**Chandler Carter**- Scientist Activity Pin, Art Belt Loop, Mathematics Belt Loop, Science Belt Loop

**Malakai Crook**- Scientist Activity Pin, Art Belt Loop, Astronomy Belt Loop, Bowling Belt Loop & Pin

**John Jenkins**- Scientist Activity Pin, Science Belt Loop

**Timothy Pepper**- Forester Activity Pin, Artist Activity Pin

**Hayden Wirick**- Scientist Activity Pin

## Crossover is Coming

Pack 575 will be holding its crossover, Sunday, May 31, 2015. Crossover is an annual event where we celebrate the scouts' accomplishments and move them forward in the program. Tigers will become Wolves, Wolves will become Bears, Bears will become Webelos, and the Webelos I will move to working on their Arrow of Light. This natural progression through the ranks is a time to look back on the prior year, and to look ahead to the year to come.



Crossover will be held at the Hut at 6:30 p.m. Parents are asked to bring their scout's new handbook, neckerchief and hat for the rank they are moving into. For a change this year, we are asking parents to NOT bring a neckerchief slide (don't even buy one), the leaders have something

planned in that regard.

Family and friends are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

## Day Camp

June 17-19 @ Pearl Park and Recreation headquarters; 5:45 – 8:30 PM  
cost \$45 before May 15th, after \$65:  
activities offered BB, Archery, Arts and Crafts

## Pack Work Day

### Spring Cleaning

The first Pack work day at the Hut is scheduled for, April 18, 2015. There are a number of things to be worked on including field cleanup, working on the drainage, Cleaning the inside of the Hut, and mowing. We will be working in two 3 hour blocks: 9-12 in the morning, then 2-5 in the afternoon. Beside getting the work done that is

needed, this will also help the boys and Pack accrue service hours that count toward our Journey to Excellence. Please plan to attend one of the two sessions that day. In addition, to the normal work, Thomas Walter will also be working to establish the hut garden. The boys and leaders will be helping to plant and

maintain the garden over the summer as a pack summertime activity.

Be sure to bring yours and your scout's gloves and yard tools.

**"Our objective in the Scouting movement is to give such help as we can in bringing about God's Kingdom on earth by including among youth the spirit and the daily practice in their lives of unselfish goodwill and cooperation."**

**-Lord Robert Baden-Powell**

## Cuboree Menu

Parents will be responsible for providing breakfast and lunch, Saturday, April 25th. The pack will provide supper on the 25th and breakfast on the 26th. Drinks will be provided for both those meals. Parents should provide drinks throughout the day. We are strongly encouraging parents to avoid sodas in favor of water and other sport drinks to replace the electrolytes lost.

### MENU

#### Supper

Spaghetti or Hot Dogs

Green Salad

Chips

#### Breakfast

Cereal with Milk or Muffins

We will need an accurate count of those going in order to purchase the food needed. Den Leaders will have a sheet to sign up on.

If your child has special dietary needs, please speak to the Cubmaster. Anyone eating any portion of the Pack provided meals is expected to pay the Pack meal fee.

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**Do Your Best!!!**

**We're on the web!!!**  
**Pack575pearl.org**

## A part of your community

Pack 575 is a part of the Pearl Community. From our home on Old Brandon Road, to our community events, to the boys that we serve, we are proud to call Pearl, Mississippi our home. Our leaders are active in community outreach, serve in local government, are active in local churches and community organizations, and are committed to providing the highest quality experience for our scouts and their families, consistent with the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

## Pack Leadership (with email addresses)

### PACK LEADERS

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- Friends of Scouting Chair

### BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

