What is Cub Scouts?

Over 1,000 boys in Marin and two million nationwide participate in the active learning programs of Cub Scouts. Activities include camping, games, swimming, archery, field trips, nature experiences, and making and racing pinewood derby cars. Cub Scouting encourages boys to strive for their personal best, a lesson that will help them achieve success throughout his lifetime.

Cub Scouts is for boys who are in the first through fifth grades. It is a family-centered, year-round program that teaches positive life skills, values, and attitudes. Cub Scout activities encourage character development, build citizenship, and promotes personal fitness. Boys may join at any grade level; previous Scouting experience is not required.

What Is a Den?

Cub Scouts organize themselves by grade level in small groups called dens. Dens meet anywhere from once a month for Tigers to two to three times a month for Webelos. Activities in these dens are age appropriate.

- **First Grade Is Tiger Cubs—**Boys join with an adult partner (usually a parent or guardian). In this program, boys with their adult partners go on exciting field trips while learning about their family, town, health, communication, and the outdoors.
- **Second Grade Is Wolf Cubs—**These boys work through achievements to earn the Wolf badge and arrow points while learning and doing projects in the home and community. They learn about safety, our flag, woodworking, collecting, environmental protection, healthy eating, and much more.
- **Third Grade Is Bear Cubs—**While working toward their Bear badge, these boys learn about wildlife, conservation, knot tying, American folklore, astronomy, nature crafts, magic, swimming safety, and more.
- **Fourth and Fifth Grade Is Webelos—**These older boys will do more in-depth activities and study, while having tons of fun, by earning the following activity badges: Aquanaut, Artist, Athlete, Citizen, Communicator, Craftsman, Engineer, Family Member, Fitness, Forester, Geologist, Handyman, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Scholar, Scientist, Showman, Sportsman, and Traveler. They can earn Cub Scouting's highest award, Arrow of Light, followed by graduation to Boy Scouts.

What Is a Pack?

These small groups of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos dens comprise a larger unit called a pack. Family members volunteer to help run the dens and pack. Pack meetings are held once a month where boys are recognized for their achievements. It's fun for the entire family. Pack meetings are built on a monthly theme.

How Do Parents Participate?

Parents attend den and pack meetings and work with their sons on home-based projects and activities. They participate in planning, leading, and implementing the den and pack activities and being part of the community of families.

What Fun Activities Await You and Your Son?

Field Trips—Tours of the Exploratorium and Aquariums, trips to various locations such as the ocean, woods, community locations, you name it!

Pinewood Derby—Many packs have their boys make and race pinewood derby cars in the spring. These miniature cars race on a 40' gravity track and are tons of fun for the boys and their parents.

Camping, Hiking, and Cookouts—There is no better way to build lasting family memories than in the outdoors. Many adults speak of how they remember camping opportunities with their parents and friends. Also, activities such as spending the night on the Pampanito submarine or the aircraft carrier Hornet are wonderful, educational, and fun. In Marin, there are hundreds of places to hike that are easy enough for small legs.

Cub Scout Summer Camp—Marin Council runs some of the best Cub Scout camps around. They are affordable and packed with activities and fun. Boys come home tired and excited. Many have told us how they can't wait for the next day to go back to camp. It is not uncommon for boys to attend more than one camp in the summer, and some go to all of them!

Community Service Projects—Last year, the Scouts in Marin Council did over 30,000 hours of service projects and collected over 53,000 pounds of food for the Marin Community Food Bank. Cub Scouts are part of this giving back to the community.

Snow Fun in the Sierras—Our Camp Marin Sierra is open all winter, and many packs take the opportunity to go and stay in Ibach or Murray Lodge for the weekend. During that time, boys play in the snow, sled, snowshoe, and build snow caves, while having fun with their families and friends.

Much More—The activities are endless and are only bounded by the imaginations of the boys and their leaders. Opportunities to discover the resources of the Bay Area are wonderful and boundless.

How Do We Join?

Call us to find out who your local pack is at the number below. We will help you get connected. If you already know who your local pack is, contact the leader, and schedule a visit. Once you decide on which pack to join, the leaders will have applications for you. For the small registration fee of about $25 per year, the boy will be registered and receive Boys' Life magazine. (Packs also may have additional dues.) The registration for an adult, should you decide to become a leader, is less plus you receive Scouting Magazine. We have a Scout shop at our office where you can purchase any uniforms, patches, books, and materials needed for you and your son.

Don't wait, join the fun; sign up now!!!

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