

WELCOME TO PACK 846



YOUR CHILDREN, CUB SCOUTING, AND YOU

As a parent, you want your children to grow up to be people of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind. Since 1910 we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth.

Imagine a program that can help your children learn, grow and mature while they are having fun. There are activities in which you and your boy or girl can participate together with the rest of the family and get to know each other even better. This is exactly what Scouting is. Every activity gives you and your child the chance to discover and share together.

What does your child learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your child will participate are carefully designed to teach your child something he or she will use throughout their life. Here are just a few of the things your children will gain through Cub Scouting:

- A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of children and caring adults.
- New social skills that will help them get along with others.
- Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
- A greater understanding of other people and the world around them.
- A system of "values" that will help them grow and make good decisions.
- A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
- Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.
- A deeper relationship with their family and their family's spiritual foundation

With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your children with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps them to "be prepared" to shape their own future.

Cub Scouting is fun! But it is fun with a purpose. Woven through all the fun is an inspired program that really works. Tried and proven methods are used that transfer traditional values, build character, and develop leadership skills--all in the context of fun and family togetherness.



GETTING STARTED

Go to www.cubscoutpack846.org, click on the “Join Now” tab and complete the online application. Our member management system is set up to track families. Each family has a primary contact that will register the other family members in our on-line application. You have the choice to pay on-line through our secure website or give the registration fee to your Den Leader. All checks should be payable to “Cub Scout Pack 6.”

Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and your son or daughter can get the most out of it.

Purchase a Cub Scout Book now and begin doing the activities in it with your children.

Find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout Pack is doing in the next few months, and put them on your calendar so you can participate. Once registered you will be emailed updates on activities or you can always find out what's going on via the Event Calendar on the website <http://cubscoutpack846.org>.

Scouting is more fun with friends! Every boy and girl can be a Cub Scout at any time and can register at any point during the year. Talk with other parents and children and have them join your child's Cub Scout Den now to make Cub Scouting even more fun. Your child will be recognized as a “recruiter” and will be recognized by the Pack if he recruits a friend to join.

Consider being a Cub Scout leader for your child's Cub Scout den. Your son or daughter's experience in Cub Scouting depends on your involvement. Details are on the following pages.

Purchase a Cub Scout Uniform for your child to wear their awards on. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your child grows. Visit the Northern New Jersey Scout Shop (25 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436) or shop online at www.scoutstuff.org



HOW CUB SCOUTING WORKS

SCOUTING IS FAMILY ORIENTED

- Activities are intended for the whole family.
- You work with your children on their various award requirements.
- Many skills they will learn are family oriented.

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A CUB SCOUT DEN

- The Den meets a few times each month.
- The den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer).
- The den leader is usually assisted by an Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).
- Den meetings have scout skills, adventures, games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A CUB SCOUT PACK

- The "Pack" consists of all the Dens and other leaders. The pack meets once a month for regular Friday night meetings in addition to other weekend activities, field trips and camping experiences. All Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend.
- The Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmasters lead the monthly pack meeting.
- The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the boys have earned that month.

THE PACK IS RUN BY A PACK COMMITTEE (GROUP OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS).

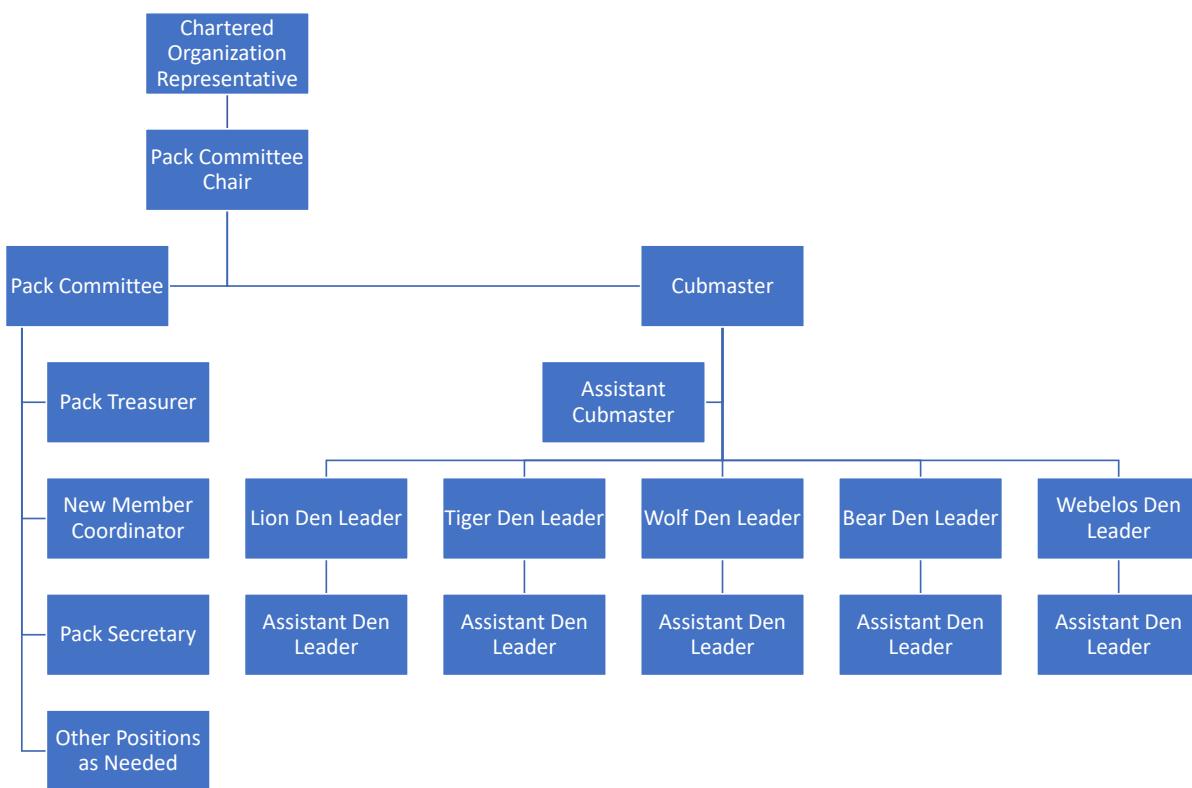
The pack committee is made up of a Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Treasure, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Event Chairs and many other positions. Most of these leaders are parents of boys and girls in the pack. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.

- The committee meets once a month.
- The committee plans pack meetings around the monthly theme or core value.
- The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and has fun!

- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

THE PACK IS OWNED BY A CHARTERING ORGANIZATION

- The Chartered organization for Pack 846 is Saint Aloysius Church in Caldwell.
- The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- The chartered organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and the organization. The Chartered Organization appoints and approves of the adult leadership group that leads the pack.



INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S NEW PACK

My Pack number is: **Pack 846** (Scouts and Leaders where only the number 6 on their uniform)

Website Address: <http://cubscoutpack846.org>

My District is: **Lenape Trail District**

My Council is: **Northern New Jersey Council (NNJC)**

My Den is:

Kindergarten	Boys & Girls	Lions Den
1st Grade	Boys & Girls	Tigers Den
2nd Grade	Boys & Girls	Wolves Den
3rd Grade	Boys & Girls	Bears Den
4th Grade	Boys & Girls	Webelos 1
5th Grade	Boys & Girls	Webelos 2

My Den Leader's Name, Phone # and Email is: **Den leader contact info will be provided to new Pack families at the beginning of the program year in September.**

My Cubmaster's Name is: **William Reinhardt**

Email: wareinhardt@yahoo.com Phone: 973-600-8716

My Den and Pack meet at: **Trinity Academy Gymnasium and the Trinity Cafeteria**

235 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ 07006 Phone (973) 226-0221

When & What Time:

Your Den meetings will be organized by your Den Leader & Den Families. Depending on the age of the group, the meeting times can vary.

Our monthly Pack meetings are listed on our website Event Calendar. Time is 7:00-9:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Note: We do not hold weekly meetings during the months of June and July, but there are tons of summertime activities going on. We start back soon after school starts in September.



Pack 846 STRIVES to make scouting the lowest cost experience as possible!

Registration / Application Fee: \$85 per scout (includes Boy's Life Magazine)

PACK DUES

Approximately ½ of the registration fee is applied to the Pack to fund our local program while the other half goes to the Council and National level. We rely on our Cub Scout Popcorn Sales as our

main Fundraiser for the program. If each scout hits their goal of popcorn sold we are fully funded!

RE-CHARTER FEE

Typically no additional charge! This fee is paid to the Council in February to cover our insurance & membership. These charges are covered by your Registration Fees and Popcorn Sales. The Pack also pays for all Leadership position registrations. Again, as long as we hit our Popcorn Sales goal, we don't have to charge for these fees beyond the initial fee of \$85 per scout!

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY CHARGES

Paid on an event by event basis. Many of our activities are free, and most of our paid activities qualify for group or reduced admission so there is a savings vs. paying for these events individually (like a Jackals Game Overnight). We try to make our Pack campouts as low cost as possible to cover food costs!

SCOUTING CLASS A UNIFORMS

See the checklist above for the cost and items needed for your child to be in proper uniform at our events. The pack gives the boys their new neckerchief and slide.

CLASS B SHIRTS

For many of our events, when a full uniform isn't practical, but we still want to be identified as cub scouts, we encourage the boys to wear "class B" scout t-shirts. Pack 846 Class B t-shirts are available at the Pack website Store.

THE BEST NEWS

We will participate in at least two fundraisers throughout the year. When we achieve our goals it helps keep scouting affordable.

Cub Scout Popcorn Sales (Main fundraiser)

Memorial Day Flag Sale & Salute (We do this fundraiser and give a % of the proceeds to a different charitable organization IF we don't use this to make up for low Popcorn sales)

Tax Deductions: Most scouting items such as uniforms are tax deductible. Save all scouting receipts even for scouting events and activities. Always check with your tax advisor to see what can or can't be claimed.



THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of a child's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are done at home with the family.

The Cub Scout Advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your

children. For each special skill or activity your son or daughter completes with you, you can sign off on one of the requirements he needs to earn his next award. As a result, the awards he earns increase his knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. You can be a part of it by participating in the Cub Scout program with him. The rank awards he earns are listed below.



LION (KINDERGARTEN)

The Lion rank is for Scouts who are in kindergarten or the year prior to first grade. To earn the Lion badge, a Scout must complete five required adventures with the den or family. As the Scout completes each adventure, he or she will receive a sticker to place in their handbook and an adventure loop for that adventure, which they can wear on their Cub Scout belt. When the Scout has completed the five required adventures, he or she can receive the Lion badge. The Lion badge is given to the Scout at a pack meeting.

After earning the Lion badge, a Lion Scout can work on the elective adventures until finishing kindergarten (or turning 7 years old).



BOBCAT (EARNED BY ALL NEW CUB SCOUTS)

The Bobcat badge is an introduction to Cub Scouting's values and some of its methods such as the Cub Scout sign.

Youth who join after kindergarten work on this badge prior to starting on their specific badge of rank for their grade.



TIGER CUB (FIRST GRADERS)

The Tiger rank is for Scouts who are in first grade. To earn the Tiger badge, a Scout must complete six required adventures with the den or family and one elective adventure of the den or family's choosing. As the Scout completes each adventure, he or she will receive the adventure loop for that adventure, which they can wear on their Cub Scout belt. When the Scout has completed the seven required adventures, he or she can receive the Tiger badge. The Tiger badge is given to the Scout at a pack meeting.

After earning the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout can work on the remaining 12 Tiger electives until finishing the first grade (or turning 8 years old). The Tiger Scout can choose elective adventures and discover new hobbies or learn skills that will be useful during the Scouting adventure. When an elective adventure is completed, an additional adventure loop to be worn on the belt is awarded.



WOLF (SECOND GRADERS)

The Wolf rank is for Scouts who are in second grade. To earn the Wolf badge, a Scout must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. The Scout's den leader approves each requirement by signing the Scout's book, and the Scout receives an adventure loop for each

adventure. Once all requirements are met, the Wolf badge is presented to the Scout at the next pack meeting.

After earning the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout can work on the remaining 12 Wolf electives until finished with the second grade (or turning 9 years old). The Scout can choose elective adventures and discover new hobbies or learn skills that will be useful during the Scouting adventure. When an elective adventure is completed, an additional adventure loop to be worn on the belt is awarded.



BEAR (3RD GRADERS)

The Bear rank is for Scouts who are in third grade. To earn the Bear badge, a Scout must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. The Scout's den leader approves each requirement by signing the Scout's book, and the Scout receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the Scout has met all requirements, the Bear badge is presented at the next pack meeting.

After earning the Bear badge, a Bear Scout can work on the remaining 12 Bear electives until finished with the third grade (or turning 10 years old). The Scout can choose elective adventures and discover new hobbies or learn skills that will be useful during the Scouting adventure. When an elective adventure is completed, an additional adventure loop to be worn on the belt is awarded.

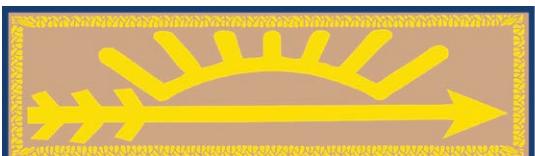


WEBELOS (FOURTH & FIFTH GRADERS)

Webelos dens are for Scouts who are in fourth or fifth grade. Webelos Scouts get to work on the five required Webelos adventures and choose two of the 18 elective adventures that are shared by the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks.

When a Scout has done the requirements for an adventure, the Webelos den leader approves the adventures. For each adventure a Scout completes, a pin to be worn on the Webelos colors or on their hat is awarded. After completing six adventures, including five required adventures and one elective adventures, a Scout can receive the Webelos badge.

After earning the Webelos badge, a Webelos Scout can work on the remaining 18 shared Webelos and Arrow of Light electives until they join a Boy Scout Troop or has finished with the fifth grade or turning 11 years old. The Scout can choose elective adventures and discover new hobbies or learn skills that will be useful during the Scouting adventure. When completing an elective adventure, an additional adventure pin to be worn on the Webelos colors or on the hat is awarded.



ARROW OF LIGHT (FIFTH GRADE)

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to join a Scouts BSA Troop. Scouts must complete four required adventures and one elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light rank. For each adventure a

Scout completes, a pin to be worn on the Webelos colors or their hat is awarded.

The Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scouts uniform when a Scout joins a troop. Adult leaders who earned the Arrow of Light rank when they were young may also show their achievement by wearing a special square knot on their adult uniform.



CUB SCOUT SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CUB SCOUTS

- Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
- Leave No Trace Awareness
- Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards
- Recruiter Strip
- Religious Emblems
- Whittling Chip Badge
- Cub Scout Nova Awards (STEM activities)

SERVICE PROJECTS

Periodically the pack will organize a project to benefit the community, such as a park clean up, church project, Scouting for Food, planting trees, etc.

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent and Cub Scout work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Our annual event is in early February.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

This is a party for Cub Scouting held in March. Most often it is a seated dinner, with a special program to honor scouts who are crossing over into Boy Scouts!

WINTER CAMP FIRE

An ongoing tradition for the Pack! In addition to camp songs and skits, top sellers from the fundraiser are also recognized.

FAMILY CAMPING

Here is an opportunity for the whole CUB SCOUT FAMILY to camp together. Activities

may include archery, air rifles, outdoor skills, fishing, rockets, hiking and just plain relaxing.

CUB SCOUT CIRCUIT OF FUN EVENTS

These are generally a one night event hosted by a sporting or other venue. Things such as camping on the NJ Jackals outfield or a trip to a zoo, museum or science center!

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Day camp is a local and exciting summertime activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, skits, songs, and sports. Cub Scout Day camp is an excellent way to introduce youth to the outdoors and teach them new skills. It also helps strengthen the pack's summer program. Day Camp or Resident Camp is required for the Outdoor Activity Award.

CUB SCOUT SUMMER / RESIDENT CAMP

Four days and three nights of pure Scouting fun. Food and tents are included! Day Camp or Resident Camp is required for the Outdoor Activity Award.

PACK 846 CUB SCOUT UNIFORM CHECKLIST

SCOUTSHOP.ORG PRICING, SUBJECT TO CHANGE



- Cub Scout Short Sleeve Shirt \$24.99
- OR -
- Cub Scout Long Sleeve Shirt \$29.99

- Rank Cap \$14.99
- Rank Neckerchief Slide \$5.99
- Cub Scout Belt \$9.99
- Northern NJ Council Shoulder Patch ... \$3.49
- Unit Number Patch (Pack 6) \$1.49
- Den Number Badge \$1.49
- World Scout Crest Patch \$2.29
Purple badge is required, "100 Years" ring badge is a separate piece and is optional.

NOTE:

Neckerchiefs are provided by the Pack.
Uniform pants/shorts are not required,
any pants can be worn with the uniform.
Refer to your Handbook or
scoutshop.org for diagrams showing
badge placement on uniform.



TAKE THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOU TO THE SCOUT SHOP!



POSITIONS IN THE PACK

As current leaders move up and on to Boy Scouts, new positions in the pack and committee are available. Please check with the Committee Chair to see what is open. There may just be a position that suits you!

CUBMASTER & ASST CUBMASTER

Help plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. MC's monthly pack meeting, and attends pack leaders' meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.

TIGER DEN LEADER

Coordinates the Tiger Cub den to ensure they stay active and participate in pack meetings and activities. Lay a solid foundation of cub scouting values.

DEN LEADERS

Leads the den at den meetings and monthly pack meeting. They are encouraged to attend the monthly pack leaders' meeting and roundtable meeting.

DEN LEADER ASST

Meets with den leaders monthly to plan pack program with the help of the pack committee. They are encouraged to attend pack meetings, pack leader's meetings, and roundtable meetings. The Cubmaster may perform this function in a small pack.

PARENT HELPERS

Each year the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as pack fundraisers, Scouting for Food, Service Projects, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Summer Camp help and Camping programs. These jobs are of short duration,

and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Presides at all pack leaders' meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Ensures the Pack is fulfilling its duty to the scouts and their families. Also helps lead the pack meeting and attends roundtable meetings.

SECRETARY CHAIR

Take minutes of the Pack meeting and record key items such as things needing follow-up or items for the history of the pack. Maintain an inventory of pack property. Handle correspondence for the pack. This may include writing letters of appreciation and requests for reservations, or ordering supplies through the local council service center. (*This position is currently split up between several people*).

TREASURER CHAIR

Keeps all records for the pack. Including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings, pack committee meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

OTHER COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Training Chair, Public Relations Chair, Events Chair, Membership & Registration Chair and Friends of Scouting (FoS) Chair.

GENERAL

Do you have a special skill or talent? Check with your Den Leader or Cubmaster to see all the different ways you can help. We often create positions so you can be involved and help to take on some of the Pack's responsibilities. The more help, the easier it is!



THE PACK WEBSITE – CUBSCOUTPACK846.ORG

We use Wild Apricot to host our website. This is our new site, so we are still adding to it and making it even more functional! A brief list of contents (and future contents) is described below.

Pack Calendar: Lists our current Pack activity schedule on one page. You can view this as a detailed list or as a calendar. Check out what events and meetings are coming up. RSVP for events that ask for it (please!)

New Parents Page: Here you will find a copy of this orientation packet, many helpful links and an introduction to scouting.

Scout Links: An in depth list of scouting websites, most of which information for this website was taken. Uniform questions are answered here as well as many other important sites are listed. A link to council, district and other sites are included as well.

Forms: Looking for a Scout form of some sort? Our Pack Reimbursement form, Health forms, Scout applications, etc are here!

Our Charter Organization: To find out more about our chartered organization, click the link to [Saint Aloysius Parish](#).

Leadership: Contact information

Photo Gallery & New Photo Gallery: These are simply galleries of photos from events. Only Pack Members can view these images.

Our Den Pages section breaks down what is required for each den in order for your scout to earn his Rank / Badge. Den news will make you laugh and keep you involved with what is happening in your child's den.

Pack News: Up to date information on what events and training is happening in the pack, district, and council. As registration dates approach or are extended we try to update the page / flyer as often as possible. Check this area daily to stay informed!

Journey to Excellence is what we strive for. We recently earned the gold status for the year (2017), the highest award you can get for JTE. An in depth description of how we are scored will be attached along with some other interesting information.