



# Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 89

And welcome to the wonderful world of Scouting! The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. Cub Scouts directly supports this purpose by setting the path for younger boys to follow on their way to becoming Boy Scouts.

We are very glad that you chose Pack 89. It is important that the boys in the local area are involved as a group with their friends from their neighborhoods and their schools. Many of the boys are already friends, but time restrictions in school and the distances involved between some Suffolk neighborhoods may make seeing each other difficult. Scouting is an excellent way to bring them together.

## CUB SCOUT RANKS



**Bobcat:** this is first rank that every boy must earn when entering the Cub Scouting program. Its 8 “tracks” gives the boy the basic Scout Oath, Law, Promise, etc. they will eventually build on as a Boy Scout.



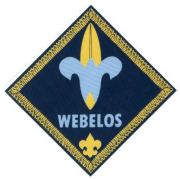
**Tiger:** this program is geared toward first grade boys with the theme of “Search, Discover, and Share.” Tigers are actively assisted in meetings and “Go See Its” by their parent as a Tiger Cub Coach



**Wolf:** second grade boys are wolves. The Wolf Trail consists of 12 achievements which must be completed before the Wolf Badge is awarded. They are a bit more involved than the Bobcat Trail, but more fulfilling as well.



**Bear:** Bear scouts are third graders. The Bear Trail consists of 24 achievements, twelve of which must be completed before the Bear Badge is awarded. Like the Wolf badge, these achievements are to be completed through a combination of den and home activities.



**Webelos I and II:** As a two year program for fourth and fifth graders, the boys are divided into two groups. The Webelos I concentrate on earning their Webelos Badge. After that, they will continue to work toward Cub Scouting’s highest award, the “Arrow of Light.” This program is specifically designed to help the boy build the skills necessary for a successful transition from his Cub Scout Pack to a Boy Scout Troop.



### A Note about Pandas

Pandas are Kindergarteners. This is not a BSA program, but is run under Beech Grove UMC. The Panda program is open to boys and girls (usually our scouts’ little brothers and sisters) who want to move into Tigers or Girl Scouts the following year.



## OUR HISTORY

Pack 89 was founded right here in Driver in 1989 by parents just like you. With great leadership, strong community support, and energetic boys, it has been an award winning organization ever since. Our boys are active in local schools, play every sport around, participate in events all over Suffolk, and assist in community service projects in Driver on a regular basis.

## Meetings

We meet every Tuesday that school is in session at our Charter Organization – Beech Grove United Methodist Church. Regular Den Meetings are where the boys work on various projects or skills and start at 7 pm. Pack Meetings are where the boys are recognized for their achievements and are at 6:30 pm. Pack Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of the Month, but be flexible! We also schedule a wide range of activities throughout the year and on weekends since we simply cannot cram this much fun into one hour a week! Pack leaders and parents meet every fall to plan the Pack Calendar and all suggestions are welcome.



*Fun, Fun, and Then  
Some More Fun!*

That’s what Scouting is all about. Just take a look at some of Pack 89’s regular events and judge for yourself: **Rain Gutter Regatta** – build toy boats powered by your breath and race them down flooded rain gutters.

**Driver Days** – march in a parade and have fun in your town!

**Halloween Party** – always a ghoulishly good time.

**Scout Skate Night** – in-line or old school, skate the night away with the whole family. We invite the Girl Scouts too.

**Pinewood Derby** – a Cub staple, hand build wooden race cars and challenge your friends on our own high-tech race track!

**Blue and Gold Banquet** – Cub Scouting’s “Academy Awards” where scouts and their families come together for great food, fellowship, and fun.

**Cub Flight Day / Kite-O-Ree** – we’ve built/flown/launched gliders, kites, and 2 liter bottle rockets on occasion – great fun!

**Bike Rodeo** – test your cycling skills and bike safety knowledge with your friends.

**Family Camp / Day Camp / Summer Camp** – ‘cause Scouting is all about the outdoors. It’s just more fun outside!

+ *Swimming, hiking, fishing, and that’s just a sample!*

# UNIFORMS

Cub uniforms are divided into two classes: A and B. Class A is the full uniform pictured below. For each rank, it consists of a scout hat, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, uniform shirt and trousers (or cub shorts), cub belt and buckle, and cub socks. Webelos II uniforms are actual Boy Scout gear so the boys will be used to them and are comfortable when graduating to a Troop. Class B uniforms are any appropriate more relaxed uniforms, like jeans or shorts and camp t-shirts. Please see your boy's leader if you have any questions on what to wear, how to place patches, and where to find uniform items. Also, boys grow fast, so if you like, you may take a look at the Pack Uniform Locker. Many parents have donated gently used Scout clothing for reuse—a Scout is Thrifty!



TIGERS

WOLF

BEAR

WEBELOS

## Fee\$, Due\$, and Fundraiser\$

We are a completely volunteer group, and Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization, but there are costs involved in the program. The initial fees for joining are prorated by month in the application itself for registration and for subscription to Boy's Life (a great magazine for boys). This is only paid once.

The Pack dues are collected once a year by November 1<sup>st</sup>. This money is then divided between BSA and the Pack. BSA uses the money for rechartering the unit (at the same national registration rate per boy) and the Pack augments the awards the boys' earn all year.



To offset the many other costs incurred, we participate in the nationwide Trail's End Popcorn drive every year. This is where the national BSA organization obtains a healthy part of its funds to maintain and man its camps and scout reservations. Therefore, we really push this one item so we do not have to have any other fundraisers all year. Since a good portion of this fundraiser actually comes back to the Pack, we use it to offset the expense of the Blue and Gold Banquet.

Our finances are an open book, so if there is any question about where the money goes, please attend the Pack Committee meetings.

## WEB LINKS

Scouting has exploded on the web and there you can find lots of great information to enhance your Scouting experience. Here are a few sites to check out:

- [www.pack89.com](http://www.pack89.com) – **Web Masters Desperately Needed!!!**
- [www.cvcboyscouts.org](http://www.cvcboyscouts.org)
- [www.boyscouttrail.com](http://www.boyscouttrail.com)
- [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)
- [www.scoutparents.org](http://www.scoutparents.org)
- [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

# Our Adult Leaders and You

Nearly all the adult leaders have boys in the Pack or have been closely associated with Scouting for many years, but we have many newcomers as well. We all work hard to plan an active program that meets the goals of scouting, is fun for the boys, and is safe for everyone.

All adult leaders are volunteers who have passed a BSA background check, have completed Youth Protection Training (at a minimum), and have made the commitment to the Pack as a whole, not just their son(s).



We encourage you to lend a hand in any way you can to "Help the Pack Go" just as the Cub Scout Law states. Please take the time to fill out the Parent Talent Survey or simply let us know if you possess any skills, have a hobby, or want to plan an activity from which the boys could benefit. We are always looking for new ideas and fun ways to present them.

Another little known secret about Scouting is that it is a lot of fun for parents too! Many leaders have come to participate for the camaraderie of their peers as well as for the boys. If you think you'd like to make a big difference in the lives of our future leaders (and want to have big fun in the process!) just see any one of our registered leaders and we'll guide you along. It really is that easy.



## Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting in America



Baden-Powell

Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded the Scouting movement in England in 1907. With help from some prominent Americans and incorporation of the existing Woodcraft Indians and Sons of Daniel Boone boy's groups; Scouting came to the United States in 1910. It has been helping to build strong young men of character ever since.

The values instilled by Scouting are timeless and that is exactly why they have withstood the test of time. After all, we all want sons who are Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Thanks for joining Cub Scout Pack 89. We look forward to Scouting with you and your son and having a lot of fun along the way. As Sir Baden-Powell said:

"The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light."

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100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



SCOUTING. GOOD FOR LIFE.