



Cub Scout Pack 2214

Guide for Parents





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Cape St. Claire – Annapolis, MD
Chartered by Broadneck Scouting Association, Inc.

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Welcome to another great year in Cub Scout Pack 2214!

As a Cub Scout Parent, you will be working with other boys and their families of the same age group in the Den. Running a Cub Scout Den or Pack is a *team* effort. The adult volunteers are the leaders and provide the support the Pack requires to accomplish all that it does. Volunteering and supporting the growth and character of our boys is a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. We are happy to say that we have a great deal of support from the parents of Pack 2214 and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Cub Scouting is for the boys and we are committed to making this Pack run as efficiently as we can and to make the program as exciting and as educational for the boys as they deserve. In an effort to accomplish this goal, the Pack leadership has worked hard to develop a calendar of outstanding events so that you can plan accordingly.

We have created a website <http://www.pack2214.org> where the event calendar is hosted. This calendar includes the activities we will do and also includes a basic amount of information for each activity so that you can plan accordingly. You can also sync this calendar to your phone, tablet or Outlook with just the click of a button.

We have created this **Cub Scout Pack 2214 Guide for Parents** to assist you in better understanding who we are and how we operate. We encourage you to read the entire packet and feel free to ask questions of the leadership.

In closing, we would like to thank you for choosing to be a member of Pack 2214. We disseminate all Pack information through our website, Facebook group and email listing. If you have not already joined our Facebook page, please give us your email address so we can add you. In addition, subscribe to the updates contained on our website by entering your email address into the form.

Your boy has made an important decision to join Scouting and we hope that you enjoy it as much as we do!

Cub Scout Pack 2214

Pack Leadership

Cub Masters: Nick Yokanovich

Assistant Cub Master: Chris Fuller

Committee Chair: Tara Yokanovich

Treasurer: Nick & Tara Yokanovich

Advancement Chair: Bill Szczytko

Activities Chair: Chris Fuller

Nerd Chair: Bill Szczytko

Pack 2214 Den Leader:

Tiger Den – 1 st grade	TBA
	Assistant TBA
Wolf Den – 2 nd grade	Doug Hendricks
Bear Den – 3 rd grade	Nick & Tara Yokanovich
Webelos1 – 4 th grade	Karl Schultz and Tammy Domanski
Webelos2 – 5 th grade	Nick & Tara Yokanovich

Pack 2214 Den Locations:

Tiger	6:45 – 8pm	TBD
Wolf	6:45 – 8pm	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday CSC Elementary Cafeteria
Bear	6:45 – 8pm	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday at CSC Elementary Cafeteria
Web 1	6:45 – 8pm	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday at CSC Elementary Cafeteria
Web 2	6:45 – 8pm	2 nd & 4 th Thursday at CSC Elementary Cafeteria

Pack Meetings: 7 – 8pm the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Cape Clubhouse.

The Cub Scout Program

Cub Scouts is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys in first through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, enhancing physical fitness and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth.

All of the Cub Scout activities in which you and your son will be participating in are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life. Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous. Ultimately, the program helps him to be prepared to shape his own future. Cub Scouts teaches him to do his best and to be helpful to others.

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. Adults volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve their sons and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in the community.

Each Cub Scout is a member of a Den. A Den is a collection of about 8 boys of the same age, grade level, and Cub Scout rank. The Den is run by a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader, typically parents of boys in the Den. The Den is the primary unit where Cub Scouts work on rank requirements. The Den usually meets 2 times a month.

The Pack is a complete collection of Dens encompassing all the ranks of Cub Scouts. The Pack is run by the Cubmaster and one of two Assistance Cubmasters. The Pack meets once or twice a month for an event and for a Pack Night meeting. Pack Night is where the Cub Scouts receive awards, interact with boys of different ages, learn about the world around him and participate in some fun activities.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee. The Committee is chaired by the Committee Chairman and is made up of various adult leaders from the Pack. These leaders are the Den Leaders, Cubmaster, Treasurer, Secretary, Advancement Chair, and Training Chair. The Committee plans the Pack events and makes sure that the Dens are staying on track to advance. The Committee performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes the Scouts and leaders.

The Pack is owned by a Chartering Organization. The Chartering Organization supports the Pack and ensures that the Pack is run in accordance with the policies for the Boy Scouts of America. The Chartering Organization also provides a Charter Representative to assist the Pack as needed. Our Chartering Organization is Broadneck Scouting Association, Inc.

Boys advance through Cub Scouts by earning rank. The responsibility for the boy's advancement in Cub Scouting is a cooperative effort by the parent and the Den Leader. Most advancement requirements are done at den meetings but some must be done at home with the family.

Each rank has required activities and elective activities. As the boy advances, the required activities increase in number and difficulty. As boys complete electives, they can earn additional rewards. Once a boy completes the requirements for the rank, he will be issued a rank badge which must be sewn on to his uniform. Each of the ranks are shown below:



Tiger Cub Rank



Wolf Rank



Bear Rank



Webelos Rank

The highest award that a Cub Scout can earn is the Arrow of Light. This is a very prestigious award and is the only one that a Cub Scout can wear on his Boy Scout uniform when he advances onto Boy Scouts.



Arrow of Light

Regardless of what age a Boy joins Cub Scouts, he must complete the requirements for and must earn the Bobcat Badge.



Bobcat Badge

Three of the requirements for earning the Bobcat badge are to learn and recite the Cub Scout Promise, the law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto. These three outline the values that Cub Scouts learn to live by.



Cub Scout Promise

I, (name) , promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.



The Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follow Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best

Pack 2214 Activities

Pack 2214 participates in a variety of Pack Activities that are designed with a specific purpose in mind. These activities are listed on the Pack 2214 website. Some of the more significant ones are listed below:



Pack Meeting

Each month, Pack 2214 holds a Pack Meeting. Pack night is a Celebration of the boys achievements through an awards presentation ceremony. It also serves as a means to pass out information to the parents and to provide some entertainment through leader skits. Participation at Pack Night is highly encouraged as attendance at Pack Night is the only way that a boy will receive his awards.

Community Service

Pack 2214 participates in a number of events that promote community service. The Pack participates each month in One Good Turn, an annual food drive and other Pack and District activities.

Outdoor Activities and Camping

The Pack holds a number of outdoor activities that focus on traditional Scout skills and physical activities. Some of these activities include a Pack Picnic, Fishing Derby, Pinewood Derby, Scout Olympics, Highland Games, Rockets, and more!

The Pack has many opportunities to Family Camp. Cub Scouts do not camp on their own. Their own parent/adult participant must attend along with any other family that would like to join us. We camp in the fall, spring and summer. Some of these camping events have included Cuboree at Sandy Point State Park, Wye Island, Water Tubing and Camping, Frontier Town in Ocean City and others. Our Webelos also participate in Woodsmoke and Klondike Derby.

Summer Camps

Pack 2214 leadership believes that camping is a strong part of the Scouting program and encourages the Scouts to participate in the numerous camping activities run by the local Scouting organization. Four Rivers District Summer Day Camp is not an overnight camp and is held here at the Crownsville

Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds for one week in June and one week in August. This is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts.

Our Baltimore Area Council also hosts an overnight summer camp: Camp OEST at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation of the Baltimore Area Council. <http://www.broadcreekbsa.org/> More information will be provided as summer nears for this overnight camping event.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is a classic Cub Scout activity. Packs around the US run these races in which the Cub Scouts build small cars out of a kit and race them during a special Pack event.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Every February, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates the birthday of Scouting. In Cub Scouts, this is the Blue and Gold Banquet. This is also the event where the Scouts earn their rank that they have been working hard on during the year and where our Webelos 2 bridge over to Boy Scouting.

Fitness Activities

Pack 2214 holds a number of fun activities that also develop a boy's physical condition. Such events include a Bike Rally, Pack Olympics, games and sporting events at Pack campouts and activities.

Patriotic Events and Parades

Pack 2214 participates in the annual Memorial Day Flag Placement at the Crownsville Memorial Cemetery. We also participate in the Strawberry Festival Parade each year.

Fund Raising – Only ONE!

The Pack needs funds to run and our Popcorn sales are the ONLY fund raising activity that we do each year. Every September and October our Cub Scouts do group sales to raise funds. We required 100% participation of all Cub Scouts in our fundraiser. We also provide a snack bar of hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and snacks at the Fishing Derby. Parents are expected to assist with these activities.

Boy's Life

Boy's Life is not an activity but a magazine that each Cub Scout will receive as a part of his registration in Cub Scouts. This is a fun magazine packed with activities and articles suitable for boys of Cub Scouting age.

The Cub Scout Uniform



You will need a Handbook for your son's rank, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos.

The most frequently asked questions from parents new to Cub Scouts revolves around the Cub Scout uniform. The Cub Scout uniform is a tradition and gives

each boy something that he can be proud of and be responsible for. Pack 2214 has two uniforms. They are the Official Cub Scout Uniform (otherwise referred to as Class A) and the Special Purpose Uniform (known as Class B). The Official Uniform is worn during the school year and during certain selected events while the Special Purpose Uniform is worn during the summer months.

The Official Class A Uniform consists of the official Cub Scout blue dress shirt with a rank specific neckerchief, rank specific slide, and a rank specific hat. The shirt must have the following patches sewn on: Baltimore Area Council shoulder patch, red numerals "2214" for Pack 2214, Den numeral patch, and the World Crest patch.

Webelos will change from the blue dress shirt to the tan dress shirt.

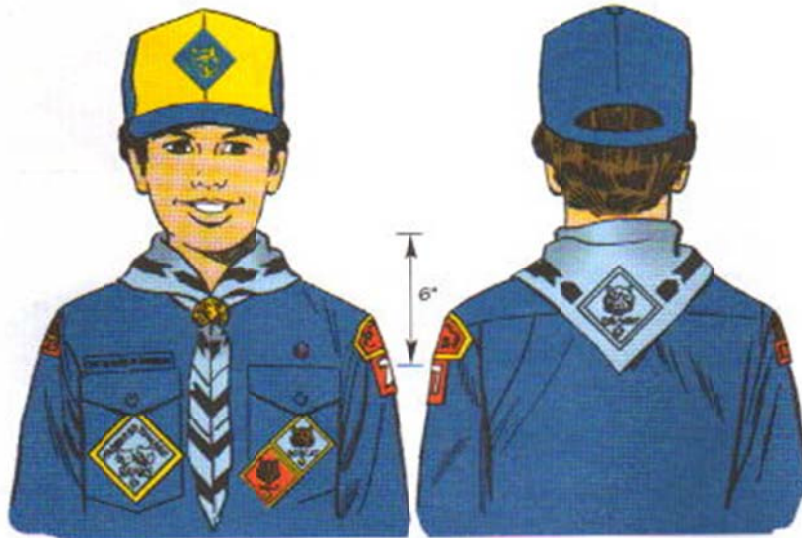
The blue (or Web's tan) dress shirt must be worn tucked into the pants and must be kept neat and clean. Cub Scouts in the Official Uniform should wear closed-toed footwear such as sneakers, shoes, and hiking boots.

Other patches for the uniform are rank specific and will be awarded by the Pack. With certain ranks, boys will wear "totems." These plastic devices hang on the shirt pocket button to hold beads and to show progress towards making rank.

An optional uniform item for the Official Uniform is the "brag vest". This red-colored vest is used to wear patches earned for participation in various Scouting activities.

The Pack Special Purpose Uniform (Class B) consists of the Blue Pack 2214 T-shirt that you receive as part of your registration.

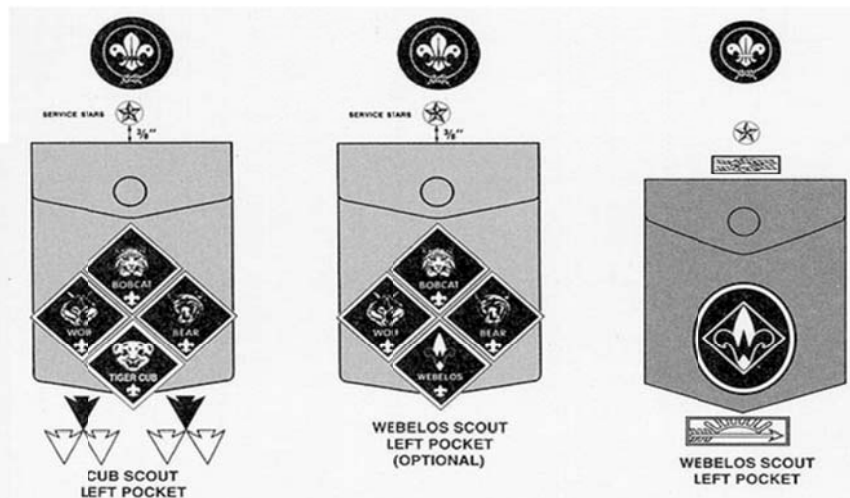
Cub Scout and Webelos Uniform



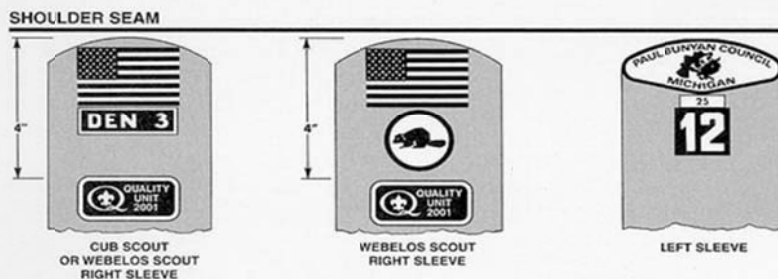
Uniform Patch Placement



* Webelos Scouts wear the compass points emblem in place of the Progress Toward Ranks badge.



CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT INSIGNIA



The following locations sell Cub Scout uniform items:

Online at <http://www.scoutstuff.org> or in person at:

The Scout Shop in Anne Arundel County
7502 Connelly Drive, Suite 120
Hanover, MD 21076
(410) 553-6913

Scout Shop in Baltimore County (across from council office)
Baltimore Area Scout Shop
800 Wyman Park Drive
Baltimore, MD 21211
(410) 338-0144
(410) 338-0167 (fax)

Uniform pieces to purchase:

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| - Class A Shirt (Short or long sleeved. Short is more versatile) | | |
| Short sleeved | - | \$25.00 |
| Long sleeved | - | \$28.00 |
| - Tiger Cub Cap | - | \$13.00 |
| - New Tiger Cub belt - \$8 OR Cub Scout web belt | - | \$8.00 - \$10.00 |
| - Tiger Cub Neckerchief | - | \$7.00 |
| - Tiger Cub Neckerchief Slide | - | \$5.00 |

Optional:

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| - Blue Pants | - | \$25.00 |
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Patches you will need:

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| - Baltimore Area Council shoulder patch – SKU 16919- | | \$4.60 |
| - Cub Scout Den Numeral | - | \$1.49 |
| - World Scout Crest Emblem | - | \$1.49 |

Total: **\$73.58**

Total w/Pants: **\$98.58**

Expectations

Cub Scouting is a family event. The Pack will not function without the help of parents. Family Involvement is essential to having a great Pack and the best possible program we can give our boys. It is important for you to stay involved with your son's participation in Cub Scouts. Experience shows that Cub Scouts will do much better in the program if their parents stay involved.

The Pack also runs a variety of events for the boys. Parents and other volunteers are needed for these activities and parents are expected to support these activities and assist with running them as much as possible. These opportunities are typically of short duration and will still allow families to spend time with their son while assisting with Pack responsibilities.

Parent Leaders need to complete online Youth Protection Training.

Each parent is responsible for getting the Cub Scout to meetings and we expect each Cub Scout to regularly attend Den and Pack events. The Cub Scout should arrive on time for those events in the appropriate uniform. Rules and regulations of the meeting location must be followed at all times.

It is a parent responsibility to purchase uniform items. Although your Cub Scout will be issued some items from the Pack as he progresses through the ranks, a majority of the items must be purchased by the parents.

Parents are also expected to support fund raising activities and to make sure that the Cub Scout stays current on dues required to run the Den and Pack.

Cub Scouting is full of fun activities and the boys are very active at this age. Rarely does a disciplinary situation arise. If one does, however we ask that the Den and Pack leadership attempt to resolve the issue first. Parents may be asked to assist with their child if the situation requires it.

Cursing, abusive language, or talking in an unkind way is unacceptable for parents, leaders and Cub Scouts.

Boy Scouts of America policy states that smokers must smoke out of site of the Cub Scouts. In larger run events, there may be a designated smoking area. BSA policy also states that there will be no alcoholic beverages at any Scouting event.

We must have Two Deep Leadership in any Cub Scout outing. Two-deep leadership consists of two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. If there is not Two Deep Leadership then the outing will be cancelled.

No one-on-one contact. One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations like outings, child drop-offs, Den Meeting, camping and any other activities, you cannot be alone with a boy. Another Scout or adult must be present.

Pack 2214 uses the Buddy System. The Buddy System is designed to promote accountability and safety. During major events, each Cub Scout will have a buddy. These buddy teams must know where the other is at all times, must stay near each other, and must go everywhere together once they have permission to leave the immediate area. If a leader ever calls for a "Buddy Check", the buddy team

members need to find each other as soon as possible and stand next to each other for a head count. Please review this with your son and the Pack will continually reinforce this principle with the Scouts.

Leadership / Committee / Parents Meeting are one meeting combined on a monthly basis to discuss the issues and future activities of the Pack. We need to have parent participation and input so that we can do the most and best for our boys.

Finally and most importantly, in order for our Cub Scouts to have the best experience possible, **it is important for you to volunteer** not only at the Den level but at the Pack level too! In the past, we relied on the superhuman efforts of a handful of people (or at times even just a single crazy person) who stepped up to make sure we all had fun. They ran the meetings, planned the events, did all the work, and when their son bridged it left huge holes to fill in the Pack. While things worked it wasn't the best way to operate and it wasn't fair.

Volunteering is fulfilling, rewarding and important!

When we have a large pool of volunteers like parents, grandparents, or other adult participants:

- 1) Work is spread out so that it isn't overwhelming for a single person.
- 2) We maintain talent and know-how across generations of scouts.

Turnover in Pack leadership and even positions is much quicker than you might think. The average parent is involved in Cub Scouting for only 4-5 years. Since it takes a couple years just to see everything once, leaders serve for around 3 years. If you're just starting out, volunteer somewhere, with just a little or a lot, whichever your comfort level. You'll learn what worked, what didn't and what you'd like to add yourself. That's how we can keep our events functioning and fun!

Finances, Registration and Dues

The Pack is financed through fund raisers, dues and by charging fees for selected events.

Fund Raising

Fund raising requires support from the families of the Pack. Remember that this is your Pack and we have a need for funds to provide a quality program for the boys. The Pack leadership can only provide as much as the Pack has funds for. Understand that the Pack leadership will ask parents to participate in fund raising events and it is expected to have 100% participation from all scouts.

If fundraising is not successful, there will be fewer events and the Pack would have to pass along expenses like registrations, dues, and activity fees to you. This has not been the case and we do not foresee this being an issue now or in the future.

Registration and Re-Charter

The initial pro-rated registration fee for all new Cub Scouts is paid for by the family. This fee includes Council registration, a subscription to Boy's Life magazine for the newly registered Scout.

Every year, the Pack goes through a process known as "Re-charter" part of which includes registering the boys for the next year. The cost is approximately \$25 per scout and is paid for by the Pack.

Dues

Most Packs charge dues that you are responsible for paying on behalf of your son for Den activities. Due to the overwhelming success of our Fund Raising Popcorn Sales, at this time, we do not require any dues. The Pack will provide funds to the Den Leaders for Den Activities.

What we do require is 100% Cub Scout participation in our Popcorn Sale Fundraiser as it provides bonus funds to our Pack when every scout sells. The minimum goal in sales every year is \$125. If you cannot participate in the popcorn sales, a buyout fee of \$75 per year enrolled in Scouting will be required.

What do I get for my \$75?

Registration for 5 years	(\$24 / yr)	\$120.00
Insurance for 5 year	(\$2 / yr)	\$10.00
New Scout Fee		\$1.25
4 Handbooks	(\$7, \$9 , \$9, \$9)	\$34.00
2214 Patch		\$4.00
Boys Life Magazine	(\$12 / yr)	\$60.00
1 Class B t-shirt		\$8.00
	5 Year Value:	\$237.25

What Can I Do To Get Started?

The first thing you can do is to read your son's rank handbook. It explains what he will need to accomplish in order to advance in his current rank. It also explains in more details how Cub Scouting works.

One of the first requirements your son will need to complete is being able to recite the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, and Motto. Review these with your son and have him memorize them. This will probably take some work but will be easy if you help him with it.

You should also start buying your son's uniform items. You will start to see your son take pride in his uniform and in being a Cub Scout once he has his uniform. The Pack t-shirt and brag vests can be purchased from the Pack.

In order to stay involved with your son's participation in Cub Scouts, keep the Pack 2214 Events calendar bookmarked and synced to your phone. Assist your son in his rank advancement when appropriate so that he can see and make progress through the program.

Volunteer to help out. Many parents have jobs, hobbies, or other skills that could be used to assist the Pack. The Pack always needs parents who have administrative, leadership and coaching skills. These skills could be used to present materials or classes at Den and Pack events or you could consider taking a leadership position in the Pack as well.

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. Being a leader will provide many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting. As a leader, you will have fun and fellowship with other families and you will share your son's pride in his accomplishments. You will help enrich and strengthen families and help the boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character. You will have an opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body. Consider assisting the Pack or your Den in some way during your time in Scouting and talk to your Den Leader about ways you can help.

*Volunteers are not paid, not because they are
worthless, but because they are priceless.*

