

?????? Frequently Asked Questions about Pack 12 and Cub Scouts

???Question: How much time does it take?

Answer: Pack 12 has 3 meetings a month; they last about an hour. There are other, optional activities such as hikes (once a month; 2-3 hours); camping trips (3 or so times a year, 1-2 days); and special events like Scout Sunday and the Pinewood Derby; (4 or so times a year: a couple of hours to half a day each).

???Question: What does my child get out of being in scouting?

Answer: He/she will (for example) learn how to hike and camp outdoors safely; practice essential life skills like cooking and first aid; start learning how to be a leader and how to advocate for themselves; will make a new group of friends; and have a lot of fun!

???Question: How involved are the parents?

Answer: A Parent (or other guardian) must attend meetings and activities with Kindergarten and 1st grade children. They are strongly encouraged to attend with children in grades 2-5. All parents can expect to help once or twice a year with a campout or a special event. Some parents register with the pack and take pack positions: scouting is primarily run by volunteers. Den Leaders can expect to spend a couple of hours twice a month preparing for den meetings.

???Question: How much does Pack 12 cost?

Answer: Joining Cub Scouts with Pack 12 costs \$171 for new scouts, \$146 for returning scouts, and \$72 for adults, although scholarships are available. The regular uniform (blue shirt and patches) costs about \$50. Some activities are charged on a cost basis; for example food for a weekend camping trip is usually \$20-25 per person. Other activities are free, like hiking and the Pinewood Derby; we do some fundraising during the year to pay for these.

???Question: What happens after fifth grade?

Answer: Fifth grade scouts finish the cub scout year some time in the spring, at which time they can join a Scouts BSA Troop for boys (for example T451 at Westminster Presbyterian or T461 at Epworth Methodist) or a Scouts BSA Troop for girls (in Durham, T456 at Westminster Presbyterian). The Scouts BSA program is for middle and high school aged children, ages 11-18.