

Cub Scout Pack 91



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This Information Packet Includes:

- Pack 91 & Cub Scouting Information Sheet
- Parent's Trail Guide to Scoutbook
- Pack 91 "Class A" Uniform Guidelines (What and Where to Purchase)
- Personal Scout Gear Overnight Checklist – Warm Weather (Summer/Fall/Spring)
- Personal Scout Gear Overnight Checklist – Cold Weather (Fall/Winter)
- Map of Camp Decorah
- Pack 91 Official Pinewood Derby Rules
- Scout Leader Code of Conduct - how we keep Scouts safe

Our Guiding Principles

Pack 91 will *Do Its Best* to:

1. Execute the mission of Scouts BSA.
2. Create a culture in which all Scouts and families feel safe, welcome, connected, and valued.
3. Make Cub Scouting fun for all Scouts in the Pack and their families.
4. Make Cub Scouting accessible to ALL local youth and families.
5. Facilitate the development of skills and personal growth for all Scouts in the pack.
6. Provide Scouts and families opportunities to experience the benefits of year-round Scouting.
7. Ensure that Scouts in the Pack have the opportunity to advance and cross over to Scouts BSA.
8. Communicate timely and relevant information to families.
9. Promote training and support for Adult Leaders.
10. Foster a positive relationship with the Pack's Charter Organization.

About Pack 91:

The Pack is chartered by the Holmen American Legion. Pack 91 is open to all youth K-5, but specifically recruits from Viking & Evergreen Elementary Schools in Holmen.

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About Funding & Costs:

The Holmen American Legion is the Charter Organization for Pack 91. The Legion sponsors the pack and typically pays a portion of the Scouts BSA membership fees for all of the youth and leaders. In return, the Legion asks that Scouts and leaders from the pack attend a few service opportunities during the year. These include events such as:

- Freedom Honor Flights
- The Memorial Day Parade / Wreath-Laying Ceremony
- Kornfest

Most of the activities and events that are planned and conducted by Pack 91 are funded by an annual popcorn fundraiser. Scouts have about a month each fall to sell popcorn to family members, friends, and neighbors. Scouts can earn prizes for their sales, but more importantly, this fundraiser means that Scouts in Pack 91 pay little or nothing to attend Pack events and activities such as:

- Fall, Winter, and Spring Camps (health form is required)
- Annual Blue and Gold Banquet
- Annual Pinewood Derby

The popcorn fundraiser also pays for the awards that Scouts earn throughout the year. Families are responsible for purchasing a uniform, which is explained later in this packet.

In addition to Pack 91 activities, the Gateway Area Council conducts several events throughout the year. We attend some of these events as a pack, while families are on their own to register for and attend others. The cost for these Council events is usually paid by each family. Gateway Area Council Events include the following:

- Cub Scout and Webelos Summer Resident Camp (3 days)
- Cub Scout Summer Day Camp (5 days)
- Spook-O-Ree
- Polar Day Camp
- Cub Hibernation lock-in at the Children's Museum
- Spring Camporee

If the cost of any program or event is a hardship for your family, please contact the Pack 91 Cubmaster.

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About Cub Scouting:

Who can participate?

Cub Scouting is for the whole family and all youth Grades K – 5 are welcome! It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts boys and girls in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

Cub Scouts join a Cub Scout pack and are assigned to a den, usually a group of six to eight youth – Lions (kindergarteners), Tiger Cubs (first-graders), Wolf Cub Scouts (second-graders), Bear Cub Scouts (third-graders), and Webelo Scouts (fourth- and fifth-graders). Dens meet regularly to accomplish advancements and awards.

Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather for a pack meeting under the direction of a Cubmaster and pack committee. The committee includes parents of kids in the pack and members of the chartered organization.

(Note: parent/guardian is required for Lions & Tigers at any event)

What is the mission of Scouting?

The mission of Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Scouts BSA

What types of activities will Cub Scouts do?

Cub Scouting means "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the kids doing things.

Activities are used to achieve the four aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, personal fitness, and leadership.

Many of the activities happen during the den meetings and the monthly pack meetings, so attendance at these events is important.

The Gateway Area Council also hosts summer camps, camporees, day camps, and other special events. Some are attended with the Pack and others may be attended as an individual or with the family.

Based on different topics such as hiking, camping, nature, science, citizenship, first aid, sports, and more, adventures are earned as a Cub Scout advances toward their badge of rank.

Once an adventure is completed, a Cub Scout receives recognition in the form of an adventure belt loop or adventure pin.

What are ranks and advancement in Cub Scouts?

Cub Scout activities are centered around earning badges that are specific to each school grade level. This badge represents a rank.

Advancement refers to the progress a Cub Scout makes toward their badge of rank. All of the activities for each rank are in the Cub Scout handbooks.

