



# Pack 779



## WHO WE ARE

Cub Scout Pack 779 meets in Fork, Maryland. We belong to the Dulaney District in the Baltimore Area Council. We are proudly sponsored by the Fork United Methodist Church.

## WHAT WE DO

Pack 779 embraces the Cub Scout Motto and Promise "to do my Best", "to do my Duty" and "to help other people". We believe in helping our Scouts to do their best in all aspects of life. We provide a place for your son to belong and feel special; develop new social and mental skills; cultivate a system of values that will help him make decisions throughout his lifetime; promote a concern and caring for other people along with opportunities to help others; and an environment that will heighten his self-confidence and self-esteem. We believe that scouting is an extension of the family and we encourage active participation by the whole family. Cub Scout Pack 779 provides all of this and more ... all while having FUN!

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# PACK 779 FAQ's

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DEN AND A PACK?

All Cub Scouts are divided into dens according to their grade. For example, first graders are known as "Tiger Cubs", second graders are "Wolves", third graders are "Bears" and fourth and fifth graders are "Webelos" .... these dens together make up the Pack. Each Den will have one or two Den Leaders and up to 8-10 boys.

## WHAT IS A PACK MEETING?

This is a monthly meeting where Advancements and Awards are presented to the Cub Scout. Parents MUST be present at all these meetings. The Pack Meeting is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Fork United Methodist Church located at 12800 Fork Road, Fork, Maryland (due to the holidays, the November & December Pack Meetings may be moved to the 3rd Wednesday of the month -- check our annual calendar for dates).

## WHAT IS ADVANCEMENT?

Advancement is the process by which a boy progresses from badge to badge, learning new skills as he goes. As a boy advances through the ranks, requirements are progressively more challenging, matching the increased skills and abilities of a boy as he grows older. Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve Scouting aims — character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Everything a Cub Scout does to advance is designed to achieve these aims and aid in his personal



growth. The advancement program is part of the fun of Cub Scouting. It is an excellent opportunity for families to get to know their sons better, and both family members and boys will get much satisfaction from it.

## **HOW IS THE PACK FUNDED?**

The Pack is funded through the registration fees and through fundraising. Our main fundraiser is Popcorn, which we sell every fall! We know that families are overwhelmed with all the fundraising from their child's school, so we try to keep ours to a minimum!

## **HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST?**

Pack 779 has an annual registration fee (\$35 for Tigers - \$55 for Wolf, Bear & Webelos). Your registration fee includes your registration to the Boy Scouts of America, a subscription to Boy's Life magazine, the patches, belt loops and awards your son will earn that year and a Pinewood Derby car kit. Through fundraising, we try to make enough money for the Pack to pay for outings and trips; but occasionally there will be a nominal fee for certain activities. The only other cost is the Cub Scout uniform and handbook.

## **DOES MY SON NEED TO WEAR A UNIFORM?**

Yes, the Pack requires the Scouts to be in uniform at all Den and Pack functions. We believe that the Cub Scout uniform is important for several reasons ... the Scout uniform gives each Scout a sense of belonging and helps to show the Scout's achievements and activity. It also identifies each youth and adult member as a member of the Boys Scouts of America.

We know that a full uniform can be costly, so Pack 779 only requires a "waist up" uniform. Parents will only need to purchase a shirt/patches, hat, belt, neckerchief and slide. We recommend that you buy the shirt a bit larger than your son typically wears ... as a Tiger, it will be big on him, but when he's a Bear, it'll fit nicely. This prevents you from having to buy a new shirt each year!

The uniform consists of:

- Scout Shirt (short or long-sleeve) (Blue Scout Shirt for Tigers, Wolf & Bear and Tan Scout Shirt for Webelos)
- Insignia Patches that need to be sewn onto Scout Shirt:
  - Baltimore Area Council Shoulder Patch
  - World Crest Emblem
  - Unit Numerals: 7 7 9
  - Cub Scout Hat for appropriate level
  - Neckerchief and Slide
  - Scout Belt
  - Any type of BLUE or jean pants or shorts (no sweatpants, please)



You can purchase Scout Uniforms at the following locations:

- Baltimore Scout Shop located at 800 Wyman Park Dr., Baltimore, MD 21211
- Scout Shop located at 7502 Connelley Drive, Suite 120, Hanover, MD 21076
- Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation Trading Post, located at Camp Saffran, 1929 Susquehanna Hall Road, Whiteford, MD 21160
- Online at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

## **WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS THE PARENT OF A SCOUT?**

Cub Scouting is a family program ... what this means is that you, the parent, will guide your son through the scouting program. A parent needs to attend the Den Meetings with their Scout. Parents will also help work with their son on advancement projects and activities and other fun things like the Pinewood Derby. The Pack is made up of volunteers, so you will be asked to help out from time to time. Some things you may be asked to do are to bring a dish to a gathering, bring a snack to a meeting, run a station, or help with crafts at an event, etc.

## **WHERE DO YOU GET LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS?**

Pack 779 is run entirely on volunteers who want to be involved in their son's growth and achievements. We are not paid to do this .. we WANT to be here! The Pack is only as strong as their leaders and committee members, so we highly encourage parents to volunteer. You have to be there with your son anyway, so why not help out?

## **I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LEADER!**

GREAT! Becoming a Den Leader is a perfect way to really get involved with scouting and a great way to encourage and bond with your son. Think of the difference you are making by volunteering. There are many resources available for Den Leaders (Help Books, Leader Manuals, Training sessions, etc.). There is also a monthly meeting called Roundtable, where all the leaders in the area get together and share ideas. Becoming a Den Leader is not hard at all, especially with cooperation of other parents and the other leaders!

## **MY QUESTION WAS NOT ANSWERED HERE ... WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CUB SCOUTS AND THE PACK?**

You can contact Pack 779 Committee Chair

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