

WELCOME



PACK 618

Clemens Crossing Elementary School

Columbia, MD

www.pack618md.com

Cub Scouts

In Cub Scouting you'll have lots of fun, adventure, and activities with your den and pack. But there's more to it than that. Being a Cub Scout means you are a member of a worldwide youth movement that stands for certain values and beliefs. Cub Scouting is more than something to do. It's all about the boy you are and the person you will become.

Cub Scouting is fun - no matter what grade you are in, 1st through 5th, it can be a blast. Do you like to learn by doing? This is just the place. You can learn to tie knots, set up a tent, and shoot a bow and arrow (archery). Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire, sent a secret code to a buddy, built a birdhouse or hiked? Earn rewards for doing these things in Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts Belong to a Pack and Den

As a Cub Scout you will be part of a Pack. The pack is divided into smaller groups called dens. Each den has about six to eight boys. All of the Cub Scouts in your den are in the same grade and may even go to the same school.

The Cub Scout pack belongs to a church, a school, or some other group of people in your community or neighborhood. This group makes sure your pack has good adult leaders, a place to meet, and exciting things to do. The group gets help from the Boy Scouts of America, which is part of Scouting around the world.

Cub Scouts Do Things and Go Places

Have you:

Been to the local Police Station and talked to the policemen on duty?

Visited the Fire Station and sat in the drivers seat of the pumper truck?

Visited the local TV station and sat in the news anchors chair?

These are some of the places you might go with your den or pack!

You might also: Build a Pinewood Derby car and race it on the track, build a sailboat and race it in the raingutter regatta or build a space ship and race it to the stars in the pack space derby.

Cub Scouts Earn Awards

Each time you complete an accomplishment or learn a new skill you will be rewarded. Sometimes the reward is a bead or a patch. Some times it is a smile on your den leader's or parent's face to see you grow and learn.

Den Meetings

Dens normally meet two (2) times per month. In Den meetings, the boys work on achievements required to earn their rank badges. These meetings may be at CCES, a volunteer's home or out in the community depending on the achievement. Den meetings are run by a uniformed/trained Den Leader. The Den Leader determines the meeting schedule.

*Tiger scouts require their 'Parent Partner' to be present at ALL scouting events. Contact your Den Leader or Pack Leadership with questions.

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each program month (with exceptions for holidays and school availability). At Pack meetings, boys are recognized for their accomplishments and given the opportunity to show the Pack what they have been working on. Additionally, Dens can put on skits, yell their den cheer and sing songs.

Pack Activities / Events

Pack 618 participates in events like the following:

Fall and Spring Pack Campouts

Fall and Spring Pack Hikes

Webelos-O-Ree

Klondike Derby

Pinewood Derby

Blue and Gold Banquet

Scouting for Food

Service projects around the community

Rocket Launch / Raingutter Regatta / Space Derby (rotational)

Additionally, the National Pike District and the Baltimore Area Council host events in which the Pack participates.

Volunteer Opportunities

Pack 618 is in need of volunteers! All our leaders are volunteers and the Pack requires additional help to deliver a successful program for the scouts. We need help in numerous areas. If you can't commit to being a uniformed leader, perhaps you can help plan hikes, campouts, service projects, etc. We could also use help while on trips and campouts coordinating meals and activities. We all need to chip in and help make the Pack GO!

Pack 618 Costs

Dues for Pack 618 for the 2013-2014 Scout Year are \$200 per scout. Dues were broken up into two payments for boys joining or returning to the Pack in Aug/Sept. Our dues provide funding for many of our Pack events. Please visit our website for a complete Pack budget and financial breakdown.

We also offer a mechanism to offset dues through participation in the annual Cub Scout Popcorn Sale. Dues can be reduced or erased based on popcorn sales success. Visit our website for more information about dues reduction through popcorn sales.

Dues are adjusted every year based on our Pack Calendar and planned events. Dues for the 2014-2015 Scout Year will be set in Aug 2014.

Scout Handbook

Scouts are required to purchase a Handbook for their use in completing requirements for rank advancement. Each rank has a handbook designed specifically for their program level.

Pack 618 Required Uniform (Class A uniform)

Pack 618 requires the following uniform components:

Cub Scouts

Rank specific hat, neckerchief and slide

Cub Scout Belt

Blue uniform shirt (with the following patches)

- Baltimore Area Council patch

- Pack 618 numerals

- Unit Veteran bar (25 year)

- Den number patch

- Journey to Excellence patch (current year)

World Scouting crest

Webelos (optional uniform for 4th & 5th graders)

Rank specific hat, neckerchief and slide

Cub Scout Belt with Webelos emblem

Webelos 'colors'

Tan uniform shirt (with the following patches)

Baltimore Area Council patch

Pack 618 numerals

Den number patch or patrol emblem

World Scouting crest

** Contact Pack Leadership to obtain the 618 unit number patch (one patch vice three), the veteran bar and the Journey to Excellence patch. All other required uniform components are your responsibility.

We do recommend the red Cub Scout vest for displaying all the extra patches and badges that are earned during the years that do not go on the uniform directly. The red vest can be worn over the Class A uniform.

The Scout Shop

Scouting items (uniforms, handbooks and more) can be purchased at the following locations:

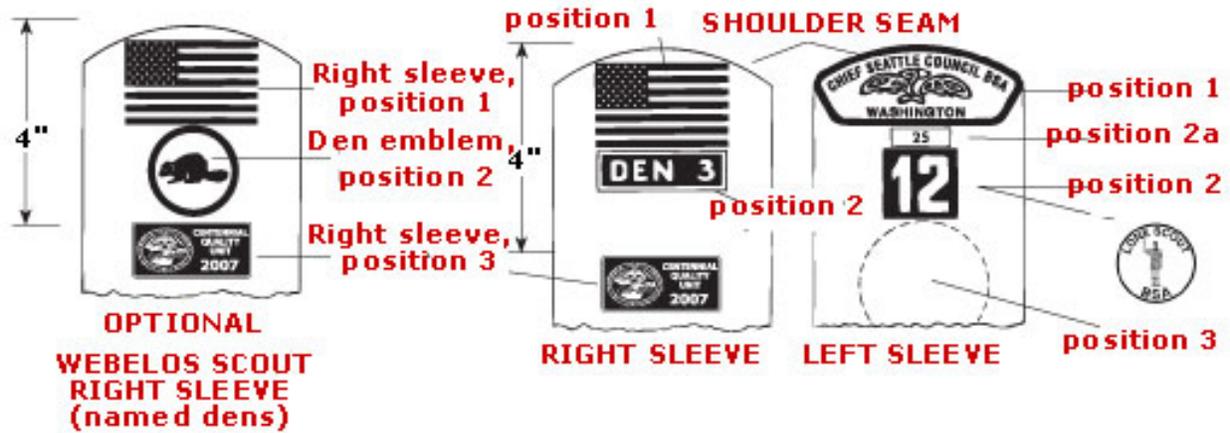
www.scoutstuff.org

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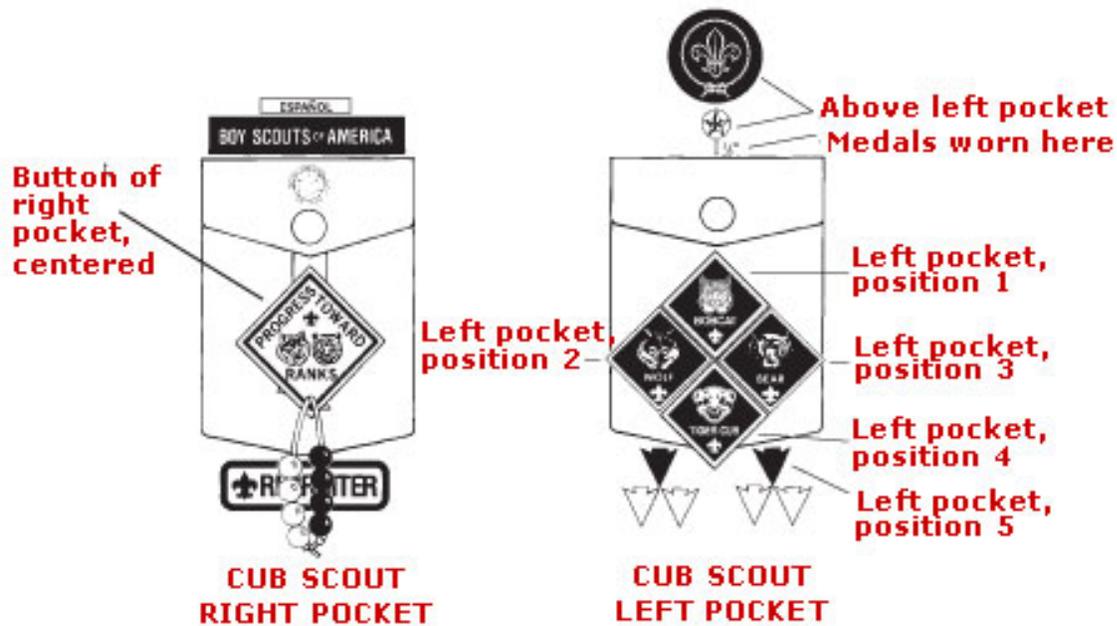
Dorsey Road Scout Shop
BWI Commerce Park
7502 Connelly Drive, Suite 120
Hanover, MD 21076
410-553-6913

Uniform insignia placement is below for your reference.

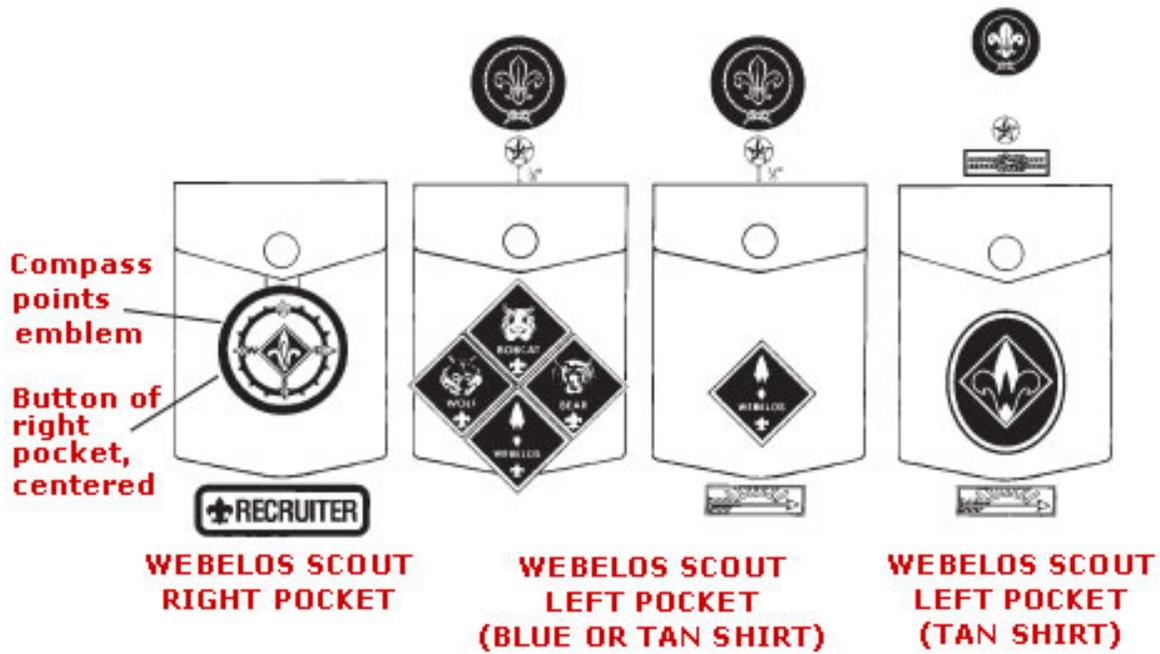
Cub & Webelos Scout insignia placement on uniform sleeves:



Cub Scout insignia placement on shirt pockets:



Webelos Scout insignia placement on shirt pockets (blue or tan uniform shirt):



** The middle two pocket images (directly above) are for the blue uniform shirt only, the diamond rank badges should not be on the tan uniform shirt.