

Cub Scout Parent Handbook

Who are We...

Pack 93



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Purposes of Cub Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America began Cub Scouting as a program for younger boys more than 80 years ago. The purposes of Cub Scouting state that Parents, Leaders and Organizations work together to achieve the following:

- Influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth;
- Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship;
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body;
- Improve understanding within the family;
- Strengthen the ability to get along with and to respect others;
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills;
- Show how to be helpful and to do one's best;
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do;
- Prepare Cubs to move into Scouts, USA troops.

SCOUT OATH	SCOUT LAW
<p>On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.</p>	<p>A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.</p>



Cub Scouts Pack 93

Hi, and welcome to Cub Scouts Pack 93! Whether you and your scout are new members or returning members of Pack 93, we want this year of your child's Scouting experience to be a quality one. Here's hoping the information and guidelines presented to you in the next few pages will help you get off to a good start. We have created this handbook in order to help your family get the most of our Scouting experience. We have an active pack, and concentrate our efforts on delivering a program focusing on fun, respect, and family that influences the growth of our Cub Scouts into fine young citizens.

As with any program, you will get out of the program what you put into the program. We know a lot of information exists to absorb, both for the families of new Cub Scouts and for families who are experienced with Cub Scouting. So, the basic information you need has been compiled into this handbook. Please keep this packet as a handy reference for future information needs.

To begin with, your child is a member of Pack 93, which is in the Nolachuckey District, belonging to the Sequoyah Council. The Pack is made up of Dens, which is a single gender group of boys or girls usually in the same grade as that of your child. Collectively, we are Cub Scouts, and are members of the National organization, the Boy Scouts of America.

All Packs have a Chartered Organization which acts as a 'sponsor', and ours is the Trinity UM Church, located at 524 Tusculum Blvd, Greeneville, TN 37743.

You can find helpful information and stay up to date on Pack happenings by liking us on facebook and joining our facebook group, visiting our website, or following us on Twitter: www.facebook.com/CubScoutPack93, www.pack93.info, www.twitter.com/pack93 .

Questions or concerns about pack operations or procedures should be presented to the pack committee. Please contact the Committee Chair or a Committee Member if you have questions. Your den leader can help you with questions about advancement and awards, uniforms, and your role in your Scouting experience. If he or she doesn't know the answer, they know the proper resources to consult to help you. The Pack 93 Leadership is with you and your child every step of the way through Cub Scouting.

We are glad you chose to join our pack and we look forward to watching your Cub Scout grow and develop as an individual, as a family member, and as a citizen in the community. Now let's have some fun!!

Cub Scout Program

Cub Scouting is a family and home centered program that encourages ethical and decision-making skills. At each level, the program is tailored to the specific age group. Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for every member. You can help by encouraging perfect attendance, assisting with your child's advancement, attending meetings, and assisting with transportation.

Lions (Kindergarten – 5, 6-year olds) These scouts participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding. As a Lion Cub adult partner, you will also participate in all meetings and activities with your son or daughter.

Tigers (first grade – 6, 7-year olds): These scouts also participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding. As a Tiger Cub adult partner, you will also participate in all meetings and activities with your son or daughter.

Cub Scouts (second and third grade - 8, 9 year olds): Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Webelos (fourth and fifth grade – 10 and 11 year olds): Webelos Scouts participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become members of Scouts BSA.

Scouts BSA (11 through 17 years of age) is designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. (Boys/Girls also may become Scouts BSA members if they have earned the Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade.)

Meetings

DEN MEETINGS –

WHEN: TUESDAY EVENINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY). Dens do not meet weekly while schools are out for summer break.

WHERE: TRINITY UM CHURCH (UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE BY YOUR DEN LEADER). Each den will also go on several outings during the year. Den Leaders will advise on where and when.

WHO: The den leader is responsible for these meetings and materials. Parents are encouraged to volunteer their help with den meetings and participate. To satisfy BSA Youth Protection requirements, at least two adults are required to be present at all times (usually fulfilled by a den leader and assistant den leader). Please remember Cub Scouting is a family activity.

****A Lion or Tiger Cub parent/adult partner MUST ATTEND ALL MEETINGS with their Lion or Tiger Scout. A “one scout to one partner” ratio must be maintained. Adult partners should ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE in den meetings. (NOTE: active participation does NOT typically include reading and returning email on a phone or tablet while the den leaders take care of the scouts – wink, wink.) Hop in there and participate – you will have fun too.****

WHY: Lots of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that your child's Den Leader is a *volunteer* putting forth his or her time and effort to help your scout 'do his/her best' to earn

badges, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offers. Please assist them in the following ways.

- Please have your scout to den meetings on time. Your den leaders have lots of activities planned within a short period of time and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects.
- Please pick up scout from den meetings on time. Your den leader has places to go and kids that they have to put to bed, too. Better yet, ask your den leader if they could use an extra pair of hands that night and stay. Not only will your help be appreciated, but also you can see what your scout is working on.
- ALL Lion and Tiger Cubs must have an Adult Partner with them at all meetings, trips, etc. Enjoy the time together!
- Meetings will occasionally change due to field trips or special den activities throughout the school year.
- No School for the county = No Scouts when the weather is bad. We follow the Greene County Schools schedule for acclimate weather unless notified by your leadership.
- Scout nights are just that, please do not bring children other than siblings unless it is a special circumstance that have been approved by Cub Master(s) or Committee Chair, or a child who is interested in joining.
- Be an active parent. *Everybody* has some special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Talent Survey Sheet and return it to your leader. In addition to the scouts learning new skills from *you*, I promise that you will have a good time helping *them*.

PACK MEETINGS (ALL SCOUT DENS TOGETHER) -

WHEN: *LAST* TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

WHERE: TRINITY UM CHURCH

WHO: The Cubmaster is responsible for hosting this meeting. Parents, Cub Scouts, Leaders, and families are encouraged to attend as a means of showing support and recognition of the hard work performed by the scouts.

WHY: The pack meeting is the climax of the previous month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the scouts, their parents, and their leaders. In addition to its regular meetings, the pack sponsors certain special projects. These may include community projects (Scouting for Food), outdoor activities (e.g., field trips, family campouts, etc.), fundraising activities, and fun competitions like the Pinewood Derby. Each pack is led by a Cubmaster. Whereas at weekly Den meetings the scouts might do activities towards earning rank badges and awards, the monthly Pack meeting is *where* these awards are presented. It is an **important** part of the program, as it allows the scouts to receive their recognition in front of the group as a whole, inspires the younger scouts to strive towards achieving future ranks, and brings everybody together for the big night!

At Pack meetings, the Cubmaster will 'do their best' to make sure that each Den has a chance to display that special craft they made, song they learned, skit they've rehearsed, or interesting place they visited. In addition, there might be a drawing, advancement ceremony, or other themed event planned for the evening.

Please observe the following guidelines in regards to Pack meetings.

- Please accompany your scout to the Pack meeting. Pack meetings are a *family* event - brothers, sisters, grandparents, but most of all, **YOU!** We require you there not only to help keep order at the meeting (things *can* get a bit rowdy), but also because in Scouting many awards are presented to the parent who then presents it to the Scout. Cub Scouts is a family program.
- Please arrive to Pack meetings on time. Plan on arriving at least ten minutes early to receive a ticket for a drawing, confer with your scout's Den leader about upcoming things, chat with friends, etc., as the meeting needs to begin on time. If your scout is helping out as a member of a flag ceremony, or assisting with other Pack meeting activities, it is imperative to have him/her there on time. Thank you.
- If your scout has a uniform, the Pack meeting is *definitely* the place to wear it. Field Uniforms (Class A) - Shirts tucked in - looking sharp!
- All attendees should show proper respect for the Scouts, Leaders and others involved in the pack gathering, by not talking during award ceremonies, skits or other performances and presentations.
- All attendees should participate in games, songs, audience participation activities, and all the fun that the pack gathering involves.
Most of all, we hope to make Pack meetings entertaining, enriching, and FUN!!!

PACK COMMITTEE MEETINGS –

WHEN: THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30PM

WHERE: The Richard House 299 Harold Cemetery Rd Greeneville - Unless otherwise announced

WHO: The committee chair is responsible for organizing and hosting this meeting. Parents are welcome to attend meetings to learn about and assist with pack business.

WHY: The pack committee consists of parents and leaders and serves as the steering group. The committee discusses organization matters of all types, plans future events, and exchanges ideas on various aspects of the pack. The Pack is run by the registered BSA Adult Leaders of the Pack who make up the Pack Committee, which includes a Committee Chair, Cubmasters, Secretary, Treasurer, Event coordinators, Awards coordinators, Den leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and others. All parents of a Cub Scout in Pack 93 are welcomed and encouraged to become a Committee Member. Pack leadership positions may be held by women or men. The committee consists of at least three people and is responsible for:

- Carrying out the policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
- Setting the pack policies in accordance with BSA and the chartered organization
- Coordinating the pack program
- Assisting with the annual pack charter renewal
- Providing the finances and fundraising coordination for the pack
- Accounting and maintaining the pack property
- Ensuring quality adult leadership by making sure leadership is recruited and trained.
- Committee meetings are open to all parents to attend and make recommendations.
However, only committee members are allowed to vote on issues.

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS:

WHEN: Once a month; typically the first Thursday of the month, from 7:15 - 8:30pm

WHERE: Reformation Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

WHO: The District Chairperson is responsible for hosting this meeting. Parents may attend to learn about Scouting events/activities, plans, and information that might benefit our Pack.

WHY: All of the Packs in the District exchange information/announcements that affect the whole district.

Activities & Events

Cub Scouting means "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the scouts doing things. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Below are some of the highlights of our favorite activities. Family members are always welcome and encouraged to attend all activities and events with your scout.

Hiking & Camping & Special Outings

We participate in hikes, overnight family camping, day camps, and special outings. During family camps we focus on having fun and usually have opportunities for scouts to work on achievements. Day camps are sponsored by the District and provide a week long agenda of age-appropriate programs packed with theme-oriented action that brings Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and WEBELOS Scouts into a world of imagination during the evening (not overnight). Webelos Scouts may also camp with their den or with local Scouts BSA troops. Camping programs combine fun and excitement with doing one's best, getting along with others, and developing an appreciation for ecology and the world of the outdoors.

Some of the special outings we have done in the past few years include trips to Huntsville, Alabama for Space Camp, Sleeping with the Sharks at Ripley's Aquarium, Lock-ins at the Oaks Retreat Center, Sleeping in a cave at The Lost SEA, Overnight at Wonderworks, and much, much more!

Community Service Projects

Each year we participate in several activities to give back to our community. In November we take part in "Scouting For Food", a Food Drive to benefit our local food bank. We also host a Veteran's Day Dinner, collect toys for Toy Drives, Christmas Carol at local nursing homes, serve a luncheon for Trinity Church, and more...

Pinewood Derby & Blue and Gold Banquet

A couple of our favorite activities of the year are always the Pinewood Derby race and our Blue and Gold Banquet. The Pinewood Derby is where Cub Scouts, with the help of parents, build their own model cars from wood, and race them down a wood track. We will have a workshop in December to help the scouts design and build their cars.

The Blue and Gold Banquet is a special Birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. A ceremony is performed for promoting scouts who have earned their rank and awarding achievements earned, a parent/scout cake decorating auction, along with a Friends of Scouting promotion is usually done at this meeting.

- Most events are planned months ahead of time. The activities committee plans events that are agreed upon by the committee. The deadlines for sign up and payment (if any) vary by event. The events will be on the calendar and details will be released as soon as we know them. Lion and Tiger parents must attend all events with their cub.

- ☐ Scouts can use their Scout account to pay for trips.
- ☐ No Refunds (unless approved by cub master(s) and Committee Chairman). If you register for an event and food has been purchased, or fees paid, and you do not show up for the event, you do still pay the fees. We do not normally cancel campouts, etc. due to rain or cold.

Parent Responsibilities

The Cub Scouting program is designed to include parents. The purpose is to increase communication in your family, and to give your Scout the valuable experience of spending one-on-one time with you. As parents, you are an Akela (Ah-kay-la) - the good leader, and share this responsibility with his den leader. As your scout progresses from Lion Cub to Scouts BSA, your involvement in his/her Scouting career evolves just as he/she does.

You may participate at any level of effort that you wish to enjoy scouting with your child. While Den Leaders are the volunteer adults who do the majority of the work and who have the most fun, there are numerous other roles in the Pack. Den leaders plan and organize den meetings, keep track of the scouts' advancements, and are required to attend committee meetings. Registered adult leaders have gone through background checks and have taken BSA Youth Protection Training. The Cub Scout's safety is the first priority of all BSA registered leaders.

Parents play an important role in the pack. While no parent ever feels he or she is patient enough to be a den leader or organized enough to be the Treasurer, there is a role for every parent in pack activities. Your scout will appreciate the fact that you care enough about him/her and their Scouting experience to become involved in a committee, or pack position. Since all the leaders of Pack 93 are volunteers and have many other obligations, it takes everyone to help out at one time or another. We understand parents have other obligations and may feel they are too busy to take on any additional duties, but we depend on parents to help provide the good program we have. All parents/adults should take Youth Protection Training which is available anytime online at <http://www.myscouting.org>. This will make the den leaders' job easier when it comes time for you to help. Please remember, Cub Scouting is a family activity, and den/pack meetings are a great place for family involvement.

When joining Pack 93, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their scout in the following ways;

- ☐ See that he/she has the proper uniform and handbook;
- ☐ Assist in attending weekly Den meeting and monthly Pack meetings;
- ☐ Work with him/her to complete achievements for rank award;
- ☐ Return information forms and permission slips as asked;
- ☐ Support his/her Den Leader as a resource person or substitute as asked;
- ☐ Agree to serve in some leadership capacity as called upon;
- ☐ Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership with regard to Pack or Den programming.
- ☐ For safety purposes, parents/ guardians are expected to drop off and pick up their scout with the den leader, not in the parking lot.

- Please remember we are dealing with young boys/girls, and everyone should dress appropriately.

Quick Start Checklist for Parents/Adult Partners

We know there is a lot of information to try to take in all at once, so we have created a high-level Quick Start checklist to get you started.

Complete?	Checklist Items
	Complete & Turn-in Medical Forms, Information Forms, & Parent Surveys
	Sign up for Pack 93 Group Text Service (Text @csp93 to 81010)
	Get Handbook for your scout's rank (review)
	Get "Activity" uniform (Pack T-shirt)
	Read the Parent Guide at the beginning of the Scout Handbook and complete exercises with scout
	Work with your Scout to sign off adventures in the Scout Handbook
	Attend Den Meetings with your scout (required for Kindergarten and 1 st graders)
	Work with Den Leader to ensure your scout's adventures are properly recorded
	Attend monthly Pack Meetings with your scout
	Help your Cub Scout sell some popcorn, turn in money or leftover popcorn by deadline

Uniforms

Scouts in uniform are more conscious of their role in Cub Scouting, and feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing one. A uniform provides a proper place for the display of badges earned and a way to 'show the world' that he or she has been rewarded for their achievements.

In addition, Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, visible image in the community that helps to strengthen the important ties between the public and the Scouting organization.

Where to Buy

- Uniforms, patches and accessories are available at the Johnson City Scout Shop located at 129 Boone Ridge Drive in Johnson City. Their phone number is 423-952-6965, and they will be happy to assist you. For a *real* treat, take a drive down and visit the wonderful Scout Shop. In addition to uniforms, they carry everything you see in the Scout Catalog and then some. Enjoy the time spent there! Your scout will love it! You can also frequently find Class A uniforms on ebay or at yard sales/thrift stores.
- Also, the Pack might have some 'experienced' uniforms for sale. Please see the Pack Secretary for details.
- Activity uniform t-shirts can be purchased before or after Den or Pack meetings. Please wear at least the Activity uniform to every meeting or activity.
- Pack 93 requires that all scouts have at least an Activity uniform (Pack t-shirt). Field uniforms are HIGHLY recommended but not required.

- For more information on the Field uniform, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Parents/Awards/Parents.aspx>

Rules

To be sure everyone is safe, we have established a core set of rules that each scout, sibling, and parent must follow. Some are based upon BSA regulations for scout safety, others are meant to ensure respect to our Chartered Organization for the use of their facilities, and the rest are simply common sense and good manners that we expect from our your scouts.

- All Scouts must be escorted to and from the Den's meeting place (room). There will be no dropping off or picking up in front of the building. This is a safety rule and will be closely enforced. Also, please be prompt when bringing and picking up your scout from the meeting.
- No Running in the church.
- We expect appropriate behavior and reverence in the church sanctuary.
- Scout families need to respect the classrooms and church facilities.
- No electronic games/devices at scouting events. The purpose of the program is to encourage the scouts to interact with others; games/devices are counterproductive to that goal.
- Respect the meeting place and follow the "Leave No Trace" guidelines.
- Scouts should not use the equipment (toys/schools supplies, etc) or other items in the meeting place unless authorized by the Den leader.
- Every scout will work with the other scouts in their Den to leave the meeting place as clean as, or cleaner than, how it started.
- Scouts must implement the Buddy System at all times. Scouts must remain in their meeting place for the duration of the meeting. The only reason a scout should leave the room is for an "emergency" trip to the restroom - and that should be with a buddy.
- Do not send a scout back in to get something while you wait in the car.
- Do not leave the scout unattended in the car while you run back in to get something.
- Do not send your child to the restroom - that doesn't count for being a buddy.
- Do not stop to talk and allow your child to walk down the hall and out to the car.
- Do not leave your scout when only one adult is present.
- Cub Scout siblings are welcome at many Pack 93 functions, but parents are responsible for the conduct of their non-Cub Scout children at all times. Parents may be asked to remove disruptive children from meetings or events if warranted.
- No Cub Scout or adult in attendance at a Pack 93 function is permitted to use alcohol or illegal drugs. Any Cub Scout or adult in violation of this rule will be suspended for 30 days, pending an expulsion review by the pack committee. Adult tobacco use is required to be at a minimum of 100 yards from the Cub Scouting program and should be outside the view of the Cub Scouts.
- No Firearms are allowed at any Scouting function or activity.

Discipline Process

Cub Scouting and membership in a pack is a privilege not a right. Pack discipline is meant to ensure the safety and best interest of all our Cub Scouts. Discipline at pack and den events is at

the discretion of the Cub Scout leaders in accordance with the following guidelines. Failure to obey a rule or instruction given by the leader will result in the following action:

- *First warning:* a verbal instruction
- *Second warning:* A time-out or removal from an activity. In the case of dangerous behavior, a Cub Scout leader may choose to proceed directly to this warning.
- *Third warning:* Parents will be asked to remove a Cub Scout from the remainder of the activity.
- In the case of repetitive behavior problems, Cub Scout leaders may ask parents to participate more directly with their Cub Scout in den or pack functions.
- Cub Scout leaders have the right to exclude any Cub Scout from their den for reasons of continuing misconduct. The situation will be reviewed by the pack committee and the Cub Scout's parents. In extreme cases, the Cub Scout may be dismissed from the pack.

Fund Raising

Each year the scouts of Pack 93 participate in fundraising activities. We sell *Campmaster Popcorn* in the Fall and *Expo Coupon Books* in the Spring. Prizes are awarded to top sellers and top selling dens. Funds raised from these two activities go to defray Pack program expenses. Additional fundraisers will be held if deemed necessary to help with special outings or pack needs. All scouts are encouraged to participate but Parents may choose otherwise. We always want to respect the wishes of the parents without making the scout feel bad for not participating. Please don't hesitate to let us know what you want.

Scout Accounts Guidelines

All scouts who participate in fundraisers will receive a portion of their sales into their scout accounts.

- Scout accounts may be used for purchasing scout uniforms, scout camps, den and pack trips, scout books, derby cars or spaceships, regatta boats, and other scout items pre-approved by the cubmasters and committee.
- If your scout who misses 3 meetings in a row, your scout account reverts back to the pack, and is no longer usable. Any extenuating circumstances (sports, illness, etc.) must be approved by the cubmasters, den leader and pack committee chair.
- AOL scouts must use their funds before crossing over to Boy scouts. The scout accounts are not transferable to the troop you cross over to.
- Scout accounts are NOT transferable in the case of moves or transfers to other packs, etc.; you must be an active member with Pack 93.
- Scout accounts are Not refundable.

Financial Hardship / Scholarships

- Should fees or any costs become a problem for your family, please contact the Cub master, Den Leader or the Pack Committee Chairman. Scholarships are available and all requests will remain confidential. All scholarship applications must be approved by the cubmaster(s), committee chair, and their den leader.

Rank and Advancement

The Cub Scout advancement plan outlined in the Cub Scout Handbooks provides fun and challenging activities for the scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with scouts on advancement projects. The Cub Scout Handbooks will guide you through the requirements and electives available for the Cub Scouts to progress through the year. Many times, some of the Cub Scouts' requirements will be completed through school or other programs. This should NOT be hard work, is NOT a competition, and should encourage the scouts to "**Do Your Best.**" Advancement toward ranks should be a natural progression as the scouts grow and experience life and emphasize learning by doing. For the program to work properly and effectively, help him/her, but please let your child do the work – don't do it for them. The requirements are designed to be appropriately challenging based on a scout's age. By completing the requirements, Cub Scouts learn they are not entitled to advancement simply by becoming a member of a unit; they must complete the work themselves. Receiving an award, patch, or trophy for something unearned is not only unfair to the scouts who did the work, but also reduces the value of Cub Scouting for the scout to which the recognition was given unjustly.

ALL NEW SCOUTS (EXCEPT LIONS): Start by earning the rank of Bobcat
Kindergarteners: Lion Cubs
First Graders: Tiger Cubs
Second Graders: Wolf Cubs
Third Graders: Bear Cubs
Fourth Graders: WeBeLoS I
Fifth Graders: WeBeLoS II – Arrow of Light

The Language of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting has a language all its own. If you are not familiar with it, below are definitions of many terms you will encounter as you get more and more involved in the program.

Adventures - To earn the rank badge, Cub Scouts must complete Adventures found in their Handbook. The Adventures cover these areas: God, Country, Family and Self.

Arrow of Light - This is the highest award a scout can earn in Cub Scouting - also the ONLY (non-religious) award from Cub Scouts which can be worn on a Scouts BSA Uniform. Earning this rank prepares a AOL Scout to become a Scouts BSA.

Bear Cub – The Bear rank is for scouts who have finished second grade (or are 9 years old). To earn the Bear rank a Cub Scout must complete the six required adventures and one elective adventure. Tasks are completed at home, at Cub Scout meetings, at day camp, or at family campouts. His/her parent or guardian approves each achievement by signing his book. After he/she has earned the Bear badge, a Bear Cub Scout can work on the Bear Electives until he/she finishes third grade (or turns 10 years old).

Bobcat - Every child who joins Cub Scouts (except the Kindergarteners) must first earn the Bobcat badge. Doing this, he/she learns the basic tenets of Cub Scouting: the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout sign, the Cub Scout handshake, the Cub Scout motto, and the Cub Scout salute. After receiving the Bobcat Badge, the scouts work on requirements based on their grade level.

Scouts, BSA - A Scouts BSA scout is between the ages of 11 and 18 and belongs to a Troop. He/She advances through these ranks: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and then Eagle.

Boy Scouts of America - The Boy Scouts of America is a nationally chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Explorer Units, and Varsity Units.

Committee - This is the group of adult volunteers who "run" the Pack. Any interested adult is welcome to attend Committee meetings.

Council - The Council is an organization of professional Scouters that oversee all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and other units in an area. Pack 93 is part of the Sequoyah Council.

Cub or Cub Scout - A Cub Scout is any member of Boy Scouts in Kindergarten through fifth grade (or age 5 - 11).

Cubmaster - The Cubmaster is the chief adult volunteer leader. The Cubmaster runs the Pack meetings, and advises all other leaders.

Den - The Den is a group of Cub Scouts who meet at regular intervals. Ideally, a den consists of boys or girls who are all working toward the same rank.

Den Leader - The adult volunteer who is in charge of planning and running den meetings is the Den Leader.

Den Meeting - Individual Den Meetings are held for each rank level of Cub Scouts. These usually occur weekly on Tuesday nights.

District - Each Council is divided into a number of Districts. Pack 93 is part of the Nolachucky District. Wesley Miller is our District Executive, and oversees the activities of all Units in the District. Our District consists of Greene, Hawkins, and Hancock Counties.

Handbook - Each level of Scouting has its own Handbook. The Handbook is **ESSENTIAL** for your Scout, as it spells out the requirements for advancement, as well as providing a place to record completion of the same.

Lions - The Lion Cub program is a one-year program designed for Kindergarten-age children. Each scout participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. The Lion program helps introduce families to scouting.

Pack - The whole group - all our dens and families together is called a Pack. The Pack usually meets once every month. Normally the first Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Rank Badges - The Rank Badges, in order, are: Lion, Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light.

Sponsor - Each Unit must have a sponsoring organization, such as a church, service club, etc. Pack 93 is sponsored by the Trinity UM Church.

Tigers— The Tiger Cub program is a one-year program designed for first-grade (ages 6 to 7) boys or girls. The program and the ideas are geared to their level. Each scout participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. There are six Tiger Cub adventure areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his/her adult partner, completes the required adventures and one elective adventure to earn the Tiger Cub badge. Tiger Cub dens have den meetings and participation in the monthly Pack meeting.

Tiger Partner - The adult partner of a Tiger Cub, usually a family member, is the Tiger Partner.

Webelos - Webelos stands for **WE'll BE LOyal Scouts**. A scout starts their Webelos program between their third and fourth grade year. Webelos Scouts are Cub Scouts preparing to be members of Scouts, BSA troops. The Webelos Scouts learn about Scouts BSA and may participate in Scouts BSA meetings and activities. When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he/she transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos Leader. The scouts work on requirements to earn the Webelos badge. Webelos Scouts take more responsibility for the running of their den. The emphasis shifts from home-centered activities to group-centered activities similar to those they will encounter in Boy Scouting. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month Webelos program. Every scout deserves an opportunity to be a Scouts BSA member.

Wolf Cub – The Wolf rank is for boys/girls who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf rank a Cub Scout must complete the six required adventures and one elective adventure. Tasks are completed at home, at Cub Scout meetings, at day camp or at family campouts. His/Her parent or guardian approves each achievement by signing their book. After he/she has earned the Wolf badge, a Wolf Cub Scout can work on the Wolf electives until they finish second grade (or turn 9 years old).

Unit - Each individually chartered Pack, Troop, Post or Lodge is a Unit.