



Cub Scout Pack 24 Bronx, NY

Family Information 2014-2015

Welcome to Pack 24 (and for our returning families, welcome back)! We are thrilled that your boy and you are members of our Pack! We say “your boy and you” because the Cub Scout program is designed to be enjoyed by boys with their parent(s) or adult guardian(s). The following is some basic information to help you get oriented (or re-acquainted) with our Pack.

1. **Where we meet:** Pack 24 meets at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, located at 4765 Henry Hudson Parkway, Bronx, NY 10471. Please enter through the large red door on the lower level, right hand side of the Church.

2. **When we meet:** Pack 24 meets every Thursday that public school is in session, from September through June. Tigers and Wolves (1st and 2nd graders) meet from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. Bears and Webelos (3rd thru 5th graders) meet from 7:10 to 8:00 p.m. Monthly Pack Nights for the entire Pack are held on the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to our regular meetings, Pack 24 participates in several outings and other Scouting events throughout the year. These include day trips, swims, service projects, and overnight campsouts. Please refer to the Pack Google Calendar for a list of currently scheduled events.

3. **What to wear:** All Cub Scouts are expected to wear to each meeting the official Cub Scout uniform, consisting of an official shirt (short or long-sleeved), belt, hat, neckerchief and neckerchief slide. Official Cub Scout pants are also recommended. All of these items are available at the Hawthorne Scout Shop, 41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532, or at www.scoutstuff.org. You will also need to purchase the following insignia for the uniform: Bronx Council patch; Pack “24” numerals (red); and the World Crest. These insignia may be purchased at the above Scout Shops.

In addition to the above “Class A” uniform, all Scouts should also purchase a Pack 24 T-Shirt which, when worn with the hat, forms the “Class B” uniform, which will be worn to certain outings and other events. Pack 24 T-Shirts are \$10 each and available from Cubmaster Tom Breslin.

4. **What to Bring:** In addition to his Class A uniform, each Scout should bring his Scout Handbook to each meeting. These may be purchased at the Scout Shop and on-line stores listed above. Den leaders may ask Scouts to bring other items to particular den meetings to work on activities.

5. Family Involvement: As explained in the “Parent Guide” at the front of each Cub Scout Handbook, Cub Scouting is designed to be a family activity. While many advancement activities are worked on at our weekly meetings, some must be completed at home. It is expected that a parent or adult guardian will take an active role in their boy’s Cub Scouting experience.

An adult partner must accompany all Cub Scouts to the meeting at all times. The last meeting of most months is our “Pack Night” at which advancement badges and other awards are presented, and which Scouts’ entire families and friends are invited to attend.

A great way to be involved in your child’s Scouting experience is to join Pack 24 yourself as an adult leader or volunteer. We have numerous positions to fill, including Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders who take an active role in our weekly meetings, and Pack Committee members that play a less visible but equally important “behind the scenes” role. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Cubmaster Tom Breslin at (347) 234-6170, or at Pack24Bronx@gmail.com. More leaders mean more fun and a better program for our boys!

6. Youth Protection Training is required for **ALL** adults, leaders, parents, siblings, nannies and grandparents. There are no exceptions. The following steps are needed to complete the training:

- 1) Go the website www.myscouting.org
- 2) Create an account - Choose the “I am not a member” option. Complete the listed steps.
- 3) After creating an account, enter your user name, and select “forgot password”.
The system will send your email account a temporary password because you are not yet a BSA member.
- 4) Reenter the system with your temporary password.
- 5) Select “E-Learning” under the Training tab
- 6) Select “Cub Scouts” and take the Youth Protection Training. When you have finished print certificates and hand it into the den leader.

7. Fees/Dues. Each boy pays a registration fee of \$36 per year, which includes a subscription to Boys’ Life, the monthly magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, yearly dues of \$180 are paid (Monthly dues are available if needed) These funds are used to purchase badges the Scouts earn and other Pack supplies, and to offset the cost of our outings. Special events and activities throughout the year also carry a nominal charge (typically \$5-\$10).

8. New Registrations. If you know someone interested in joining Pack 24, they should contact one of our leaders, or fill out an official BSA Registration Form, and return it to Cubmaster Tom Breslin along with a check for \$27 made out to “Pack 24.” Forms and checks can be mailed to Pack 24, c/o Tom Breslin, 5450 Netherland Ave, Apt E21, Bronx, NY 10471.

9. More Information: For more information about Pack 24, please contact Cubmaster Tom Breslin at (347) 234-6170, Pack24Bronx@gmail.com.

