

## What Cub Scouts Do?

We learn new skills!  
We try new Activities!  
We play Games!  
We go on trips!  
We play sports!  
We do Community Service!  
We explore nature!  
We go hiking!  
We enjoy the outdoors!  
We make cool stuff!  
We earn Awards for our Achievements!  
We make new friends!



The Pack is divided into smaller groups called Dens (by grade level). Dens meet at least 2 times during the month to work on activities, learn the ways of scouting, and to progress towards earning achievements and awards. They also work towards completing the rank requirements detailed in their rank handbook. The earned achievements and event participations are recognized at the monthly Pack meeting, with the boys receiving a belt-loop, pin, or patch.

We also support community activities such as Scouting for Food, Circus, World Bird Sanctuary, Blue's Hockey Games, Gateway Grizzly Game and Sleepover, as well as many other "Go and See Its".

## Parents:

As a parent, you can be assured that Boy Scouting

- Encourages good Citizenship
- Teaches useful skills and physical fitness
- Supports moral and ethical behavior
- Offers many opportunities for self-advancement and learning
- Provides outdoor experiences with an emphasis on safety

Parents/guardians are a big part of the program. All of the Pack leaders, as well as the den leaders are parents/guardians volunteering their time. Without their help, there wouldn't be a pack. Parents that are not in the leadership role are still welcome and strongly encouraged to volunteer whatever skills, resources, and time they have, to make the program fun for everyone in the Pack.

Parent(s) or Guardians **must** participate in all Tiger Cub activities and Pack Meetings. All parents are encouraged to participate in or lead Den and Pack activities.



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# Welcome to PACK 318

## *A Parent's Guide To Cub Scouting*



Chartered By the Monroe  
County YMCA

### Who Can Join?

Boys in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades (including boys graduating from Kindergarten during our Fired Up for Scouting recruitment). Older boys join Boy Scout Troops.



### How Much Does It Cost?

\$45/year, this covers their membership fees with the Boy Scouts of America, Boy's Life Magazine, Blue and Gold Banquet, and Graduation.

There will also be the cost of the uniform, which is approx \$50-\$60/scout. This is purchased once during their Cub Scouting years.

### Our Philosophy:

We understand that your child comes to us with unique experiences, interests and learning styles. Our goal is to truly know your child well and use this knowledge to guide, support and motivate him. We believe that a good scouting program requires continual professional development, personal reflection and collaboration. We value parent involvement at every level and encourage you to partner with us to give your child the most powerful and joyous scouting experience possible.

### Behavior Expectations:

We have high expectations for the scouts in our pack. We expect the scouts to achieve academically and athletically to their fullest potential. We expect scouting to contribute in a positive manner to your scout, therefore there are 12 Core Values for Character development and feel these values should extend into every aspect of the Cub Scouts life.

1. Citizenship
2. Compassion
3. Cooperation
4. Courage
5. Faith
6. Health and Fitness
7. Honesty
8. Perseverance
9. Positive Attitude
10. Resourcefulness
11. Respect
12. Responsibility



### Staying Up-to-Date:

We want to make sure you are informed of upcoming events. A monthly newsletter will be available at every pack meeting. We also have a Pack Blog and a pack website for your convenience. We recommend you bookmark these on your computer.

Blog: <http://pack318.blogspot.com>

Website:

<http://scouts.waterloo.il.us/ILpack318/318home.htm>

### About Us:

Cub Scout Pack 318 is a group of 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and professionally trained leaders from Monroe County, Illinois. It is one of many packs in the Kaskaskia District, which is a part of the larger Lewis and Clark District. Boy Scouts of America supports over 300 local councils in the United States. Pack 318 is chartered (locally sponsored) by the Monroe County YMCA, and was established in 2001.

### What We Do:

The boys and their families participate in various scouting activities that are consistent with the framework presented by the BSA. The Cub Scouts program is the pre-cursor to the Boy Scout program for boys 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up.

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