

# TIGER CUB LEADERS

We want you to become a Cub Scout Leader! You will find that it is easy, fun and rewarding. Our Pack 504 leadership is a friendly, relaxed group of volunteer parents. Be sure to read the "ABOUT" section of the Pack website for our philosophy and goals.

The purpose of this document is to supplement the Tiger Cub Handbook and give you an idea of what's involved in being a Den Leader, or an Akela.

## Tigers

Tigers are first grade boys and unless they had an older brother in Cub Scouts, both they and their parents are likely to be new to scouting. Tiger Dens are formed in August or early September when the school and Scouting year begin. Tigers graduate and become Wolves at the May Pack meeting.

Your first step as Tiger parents is to decide on a meeting date. Meeting once a month and scheduling a field trip once a month is adequate to complete the requirements for a Tiger Cub badge. Tiger Den Leaders and co-Den Leaders are chosen by the parents of the Den.

## Handbook

Every family must have a Tiger Cub Handbook. See "Scout Shops" in the "FACTS" section of the website for where to get one. The Handbook has all the information you need in order to follow the Tiger Cub program. It also serves as a log book where Achievements and Electives are recorded. All adult partners (Akelas) should read the Handbook and familiarize themselves with the Tiger Cub program.

## Den Leader/Co-Leaders

Responsibilities of the Leader include:

1. Running Den meetings
2. Selecting the location for Den meetings
3. Scheduling Den Activities for Achievements
4. Scheduling "Go Sees" for Achievements
5. Record Achievements and Electives completed by Scouts
6. Verifying the Tiger Cubs know the Bobcat requirements
7. Contacting Awards Chairperson when badge requirements are completed.

## Totem and Beads

As soon as possible, the Den Leader should contact the Pack Awards Chairperson (See "Pack Leadership" in website "FACTS" section) and request Totems for the Tiger Cubs. A Totem consists of a white plastic "paw" to which the Tiger Cubs attach beads earned by completing the three parts of the five achievements. The Den Leader presents the Totem and beads at Den meetings.

## Akela

Each Tiger Cub scout needs an Akela or partner to work together with him to complete the requirements for his badge. The Akela teaches and guides the scout through the Tiger Cub requirements and should accompany the scout to Den meetings and "Go Sees". The Akela signs the Tiger Cub Handbook as the achievements and electives are completed. A Scout can have more than one Akela (Mom, Dad, Grandparents, etc.)

## Achievements

All first grade boys are Tiger Cub scouts, but they must complete five Achievements to earn the Tiger Cub badge. Each Achievement consists of three parts: A Family Activity (FA), a Den Activity (DA) and a "Go See" (GS). The Scouts will be presented with a white bead for each Family Activity, an orange bead for each Den Activity, and a black bead for each Go See as they complete each part of each Achievement.

## Family Activities

The Handbook describes family activities to be completed by the scout and his Akela/family.

## Den Activities

The following activities can be completed in any order. We recommend that you complete the Achievement 5 leaf rubbing activity in September or October when leaves are easy to find.

1. Make a family scrapbook.
2. Pledge and Flag Ceremony – participate in flag ceremony during a Pack meeting.
3. Food Guide Pyramid
4. Play "Tell It Like it Isn't"
5. Leaf Rubbings – press leaves in phone book for best results.

## Go See

The Go Sees can also be completed in any order. We recommend completing Achievement 5's Go See (a hike) early in the fall.

1. Visit a library, historical society, old farm, historical building. Suggestions include Lisle Depot Museum, Kline Creek Farm (Winfield – DuPage Forest Preserve), Cantigny War museum.
2. Visit a police or fire station.
3. Attend an amateur or professional sporting event. The Pack organizes several events during the year.
4. Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper (Both the COD and North Central radio stations welcome Cub Scouts).
5. Take a hike (The Morton Arboretum's "Big Rock" trail works well).

## Electives

The handbook describes 50 electives the Tiger Cubs can complete to earn additional beads for their totem. The scout must complete 10 electives to earn 1 bead. The electives can be completed more than once, but we recommend the scouts do a variety of electives to earn their beads. Elective beads cannot be awarded until the scout earns his Tiger Cub badge, but they can complete the electives before the badge is earned.

## Uniforms

The Tiger Cub Scout needs the following items for their uniform:

1. Blue uniform shirt
2. Tiger Cub neckerchief
3. Slide for neckerchief (or you can make your own)
4. Purple "World Patch" above left pocket
5. Tiger Cub cap
6. Den # patch on right sleeve
7. Numbers 504 (our Pack numbers) on left sleeve
8. Three Fires Council patch on left sleeve
9. Red Brag vest (optional)
10. Belt

See "Uniforms" in the "FACTS" section of the Pack website for more information, including tips on sizing uniforms, emblem placement and attachment methods.

Also see "Costs and "Pack Recycling" in the FACTS section. The basic uniform remains the same throughout Cub Scouting. Only the cap, neckerchief and slide change for Wolf, Bear, and Webelos years.