

Pack 503 Cub Scout Rules September 2006

The Pack 503 Committee has drafted the following rules for acceptable conduct by Pack 503 cub scouts to follow when they participate in organized scouting activities. An important consideration of the scouting program is to train the boys to be respectful of the country and the flag; to be respectful of adults; to be respectful of other scouts; to be respectful of our natural world; and to grow to be responsible members of our community.

Leadership in the pack is the responsibility of all scout families. Some parents may volunteer for specific leadership roles in the pack and in the individual dens, however, overall it is the responsibility of the parents to oversee the behavior of their cub scout. It is important that cub scouts be praised when they exhibit appropriate behavior and corrected when they exhibit incorrect behavior. Parents may be asked to participate in den and pack activities in which their scout participates to directly oversee and manage the behavior of their scout.

Pack 503 Chartering Organization

Pack 503 is chartered by the Prairie Home and School Association as a member pack of the Boy Scouts of America program operating within the Thunderbird District of Three Fires Council. The Three Fires Council operates a very successful scouting program in DuPage, Kane, DeKalb and Kendall Counties for both cub scouts and boy scouts. Contact the Pack 503 Committee Chair or other Committee Members if you have any questions related to the organization or operation of Pack 503.

Safe Scouting

Scouting provides a safe zone for boys. No form of hazing; bully; or excessive physical horse play will be tolerated. For infractions of the safe zone rule or for other forms of behavioral problems a Pack 503 disciplinary policy has been drafted. This policy will be used by the Cub Master; Den Leaders and Pack Committee members to resolve issues related to scout behavior.

Disciplinary Policy

The following consequences will result from an inappropriate behavior:

1. *First Warning* – The scout will be isolated from the group; the scout may complete the scouting achievement under direct parent/adult supervision.
2. *Second Warning* – Scout and parent/adult partner must work together to review the purpose of scouting and to re-complete the requirements for the Bobcat Badge. The scout and the parent/adult meet with the Cub Master to discuss the scout's continued role in scouting. The scout will be required to recite the Cub Scout Promise; the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto for the Cub Master and to explain the meaning of each.
3. *Third Warning* – The scout and the parent/adult meet with the Cub Master; Den Leader and Committee Chairman to discuss the scout's continued role in scouting. The scout will recite the Cub Scout Promise; the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto for this group and to demonstrate that he understands the meaning of each and to commit that he will modify his behavior. Depending on the outcome of that meeting the scout may be asked to leave the Pack 503 scouting program. In the hope of finding a better fit for the scout's unique needs introductions will be made to other Cub Scout Packs in the area and the scout and the parent/adult will be provided with the opportunity to join one of these other Cub Scout Packs.

Pack Meetings

Pack 503 has one formal pack meeting a month during the school year and one less formal pack outing once a month. Cub Scouting is a year round commitment and Pack 503 organizes once a month activities during the summer months. Pack meetings operate under the direction of the Cub Master and Assistant Cub Master. The purpose of pack meetings is to gather all the cub scouts and their parents for the following purposes:

1. To provide announcements related to future Pack activities and future Boy Scouts of America events in either the Thunderbird District or the Three Fires Council.
2. To recognize cub scout achievements and advancements through the presentation of age appropriate recognition badges or awards.
3. To organize activities that could not be held at the individual den levels including: the annual Pinewood Derby; the annual Blue and Gold banquet and Arrow of Light Ceremony.
4. To celebrate cub scouting in a large group setting where cub scouts of all ages are provided with an opportunity to participate and interact with the other cub scouts.

Den Meetings

Cub Scouts are organized into age-appropriate dens of 5 – 10 scouts which meet at least once a month during the school year; den meetings operate under the direction of the Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader. The purpose of the den meetings is to provide a structured and safe environment where the cub scouts work toward completion of the age appropriate achievements (i.e. Tiger Cubs; Wolf Cubs; Bear Cubs; or Webelos Scouts). Den meetings are usually organized to occur on the same date and time and at the same location every month (e.g. Den Leaders home; Prairie school; other). In addition to the formal monthly den meeting the Den Leader may also organize a monthly den outing. At the discretion of the Den Leader parental involvement for certain den activities will be either voluntary or mandatory.

Camping Outing

Camping outings may be organized throughout the year to provide an opportunity for the cub scout and parent/adult partner to experience the joys of camping. Camp outings operate under the strict direction of the Camping Coordinator and Assistant Camping Coordinator. By participating in the camping outing the cub scout and parent/adult partner agree to assist with the operation of the camping event by signing up for specific responsibilities on a posted duty roster. In addition the following rules have been drafted to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants:

1. Each participant (adult, scout and sibling) must have a Class 1 medical form filled out and turned into to the Camp Leader at least one week prior to the campout date (the pack committee is considering collecting completed medical forms at the start of each scouting year and keeping for that scout throughout the year).
2. PARENTS/ADULT PARTNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR AT ALL TIME. Camping is organized as a Pack activity but remains primarily a Cub Scout and adult/parent camping event. Parents are responsible for keeping track of their children and for their children using good manners.
3. Parents are responsible for the discipline of their child (children) and themselves. Adult leaders will correct children when necessary. Discipline is to be fair and firm.
4. No playing "swords" with sticks or anything else that can be swung and hurt someone.
5. There are to be NO Game Boys, radios, or other electronic games brought on the campout. If the are, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the weekend.

6. No child can leave the main camp area without a parent/adult. Use the buddy system. Let the leader know where you are going and when you plan to return.
7. All participants (adults; scouts and siblings) are expected to assist with meals and cleanup and other camp duties/activities.
8. The campfire will be built and maintained by adults only. Cub scouts are not permitted to start the fire (except under leader supervision as part of a scout achievement), and are not permitted to add wood to the fire; these are adult responsibilities.
9. A nine foot exclusion zone will be maintained around any campfires. No scout is permitted to enter into the nine foot exclusion zone except under strict adult supervision during a cooking session (e.g. dinner preparation; cooking or marshmallows: etc.). Any stick that catches fire when used for cooking must not be removed from the campfire and must be placed in the campfire in a manner that minimizes the number of sparks that are generated.
10. Unless accompanied by parent/adult partner scouts should consider the river and other bodies of water to be off limits except for organized pack activities. Any scout caught down by the river; pond or lake will be sent home.
11. There is to be NO FOOD and NO FLAMES of any kind in tents. Critters are opportunistic. A fabric tent is no deterrent to a hungry raccoon. Food will be put away at night, secured in the trailer. Vehicle or cooler (with weight on top).
12. Only scouts who have earned their "Whittling Chip Card" and are carrying it on their person may carry pocketknives. They must have permission of the parent/adult partner. No card- no pocket knife.
13. A scout can lose the privilege of carrying his pocketknife by improper use of it. It will be confiscated and returned to the parent/adult at the end of the campout. (Adults may carry pocketknives. No fixed blade, Bowie sized).
14. Cub scouts are not permitted to bring or utilize unapproved forms of recreational devices or camping equipment including but not limited to: Axes and/or hatchets; Bows and Arrows, Air Rifles or Airsoft Guns of any form.
15. Fishing rods and hooks can only be utilized by scouts during approved fishing times and under strict parent/adult partner supervision.
16. Make sure we leave the campsite cleaner than when we came.
17. Let's have fun by participating and sharing what knowledge we may have.