



## **Welcome to Pack 503: Chartered by Prairie Elementary Home/ School Association, Naperville Illinois**

### ***The Purpose of Cub Scouting:***

Cub Scouting is a year round family program for boys who are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (Usually 7 to 10 years of age). The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

***Pack 503: Go to our web site at [www.pack503.org](http://www.pack503.org)***

Pack 503, hosted by Prairie Elementary School, consists of individual dens made up of 5 to 10 boys each, a volunteer adult den leader and assistant den leader. The dens work together towards achieving the various ranks. The boys start as Tiger cubs and work to achieve the following badges or ranks:

- Year 1 Bobcat
- Year 2 Wolf
- Year 3 Bear
- Year 4 Webelos 1
- Year 5 Webelos 2 and Graduation with Arrow of Light Ceremony

The registration for the scouting year starts in April and Pack 503 activity starts the end of August and goes through May of the following year with some optional summer events.

Pack 503 meets monthly at Prairie for one hour to hand out awards/achievements earned during the month, update parents and cubs on the schedule for the next few months, do a pack activity around a theme such as recycling, pumpkin carving contest, space derby etc.

Each Den meets monthly to work on specific requirements towards reaching their various ranks. Some of the requirements that are needed to achieve the various ranks are done with a cub and his parents. The others are done with the den as a group. Their schedule will depend on each individual dens needs.

### ***Volunteers:***

The Pack runs with volunteers from each level of scouting. There are typically 13 areas of responsibility outside of the den leader and assistant den leader. They are:

- Committee Chairman
- Cub Master
- Assistant Cub Master
- Treasurer
- Chartered Organizing Rep
- Awards Chairman
- Events Coordinator
- Membership Chairman
- Training Chairman
- Camping Chairman
- Popcorn Kernel
- Newsletter Chairman
- Web Master

Each area of responsibility can be done with one person or a team depending on how much time is required. At the beginning of the scout year all parents are asked if they can commit time towards one of the above areas depending on where the needs are.

### ***Time and Costs***

Pack 503 has a very active schedule. Each month can have some mix of the following: a Pack meeting, a family activity, one or two den activities and a possible overnight. The Pack meetings are once a month for an hour at Prairie Elementary. The family activities can range from a bowling day to Kane County Cougars. The overnights can be a museum sleep over in Chicago to a camping trip in Wisconsin.

There are fixed costs and costs paid a-la-carte. The budget is determined at the start of each year and the fee schedule is the determined for the year. See attached for this year:

Fixed registration fee covers:

- District and national annual dues
- Insurance for each scout through the council
- Annual subscription to Boy's Life

Some of the other fixed costs are listed below: They can be covered by popcorn sales by the scout, a fee paid to Pack 503 at the start of the year or a combination of both.

- Monthly pack meetings at Prairie School from September through May
- Pinewood derby event including location, food, a car kit, winner trophies and participation trophies
- All badges for rank and activity achievements
- All segments for individual meeting activities
- Pack supplies
- Training equipment
- Order of Light plaques and ceremony for graduating Webelos II

Optional activity costs not covered above during the year and paid a-la-carte:

- Camping: Typically 3 times during the year. The fee is per person and covers food and fees to the park. A parent is required up to Webelos age.
- Museum Overnight. One Chicago Museum per year (Ex. Shedd, Science & Industry, Field Museum or Planetarium). Parking and badges not included. A parent is required.
- Summer Day Camp: 4 days during summer. Sponsored by the council.
- Summer Family Event: Ex. Medieval Times or Kane County Cougars baseball.
- Winter Family Event: Ex. Family bowling.

Thank you for your interest in Scouting. If you have any further questions or comments please contact our Committee Chair, Cub Master or any other parent/volunteer in the Pack. On our web site you can email the web master who can also get you to the right person to answer your questions.