

# CUB SCOUTS – PACK 26 – FACT SHEET

[www.Pack26Canton.org](http://www.Pack26Canton.org)

**Pack 26 is a Cub scout Pack and is part of the Old Colony Council of the Great Ponds District of the Boy Scouts of America**

## Fee

The fee for a year of Cub Scouts in our pack is \$75, which we collect in September. This covers the cost of awards for your Cub Scout such as pins, belt loops, patches, etc. as well as Pack programming costs. The fee will be \$70 for current scouts; there is a sibling discount of \$10 per child.

## Pack 26 History

Many years ago there was a Pack 26 and perhaps some of you who lived here as children might remember it. Our last Cubmaster, Patti Williamson, remembers that her mom was a den leader in Pack 26. At some point the pack stopped operating due to slumping membership nationwide. In 1996, our pack restarted with about 10 boys – when Pack 77 in Canton grew too large. Currently we have about 40 kids in our pack. We are proud to say that we have a strong pack with leaders (parents) committed to making scouting fun and educational. We look forward to your involvement as well.

## Parent Involvement

Pack 26 relies on parental involvement. Generally, the boys whose parents are involved get more out of scouting.

We really need help at all levels for all activities: Pack Meetings, Fundraising, Planning, Camping, Major Events and Civic Volunteering. It can be ongoing, a one-time effort – or anything in-between. Every bit helps!

Perhaps you may feel a bit hesitant about volunteering. Well, join the club! We all felt that way when we first volunteered. None of us have the corner on how to be the perfect leader. But as Moms and Dads in the Pack with a vested interest in making Cub Scouts worth it for the boys, we endeavor to work together, help each other out with ideas and bring what we do have to the table in order to make the organization the best we can. (And we have a great time as parents doing this for the boys while getting to know each other at the same time.)

For Den Leaders and Committee Members, there are training classes, training manuals, and den meeting guidelines and suggestions. The Boy Scouts of America apparently publishes the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest amount after the US Government and you can find plenty of help online too. Training sessions (usually an evening or perhaps part of a Saturday) are offered throughout the year (starting in October). We have leaders or former leaders who are willing to help new leaders and to back up those of you choosing to coordinate events.

## Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are once a month usually on a Friday night and are held at the United Church of Christ starting at 7 pm till approximately 8:30 pm. There are also usually 1 or 2 pack events per month that everyone is welcome to attend; for example, a sporting event, a camping trip, a cleanup at the church, a hike, parades, visit to police station, etc. Awards that the scouts have earned up to that point are handed out at pack meetings and families are welcome; Scouts are not dropped off. We usually have a game, craft, or entertainment at these meetings as well as light refreshment; Dens take turns providing the refreshments.

## Den Meetings

Dens of boys consist of a small group of same age boys. They meet 2-3 times a month and work on Achievements in the **Handbook** for their rank (Tigers, Wolves, Bears, or Webelos). Tigers may meet less often and attend **every** meeting with a parent. One of these parents will be the Tiger Leader. The other ranks have 2 parents who will be the Leader and Assistant Leader. Leaders will plan activities for the meetings; however the other parents should contribute ideas for outings & activities, and help their share with these. Parents do not necessarily need to stay at these meetings (you may be asked to help with particular activities requiring adult help, for example: wood working, pocket knife handling, etc. or asked to stay if the group is particularly rambunctious) **It will be helpful to look through the book to know what to expect.** Generally in den meetings is where most of the achievements are worked on, though some activities **will need to be done at home.**

**DEN 1** – Tiger – First Grade

**DEN 5** – Wolf – Second Grade

**DEN 4** – Bear – Third Grade

**DEN 3** – Webelos I – Fourth Grade

**DEN 2** – Webelos II – Fifth Grade

## United Church of Christ

The church has generously offered to let us hold our meetings there and we do our best to leave it in the same or better condition as we find it. We help them in the spring with their annual yard clean up and in February there is a Scout Sunday service (at UCC and at St. Gerard's) at which they recognize the Cub Scouts. All are welcome to attend even if you aren't a member of their church (only a few in the pack are). We do a bake sale in the hall after that service.

The church asks that we don't roam the halls and other rooms or play on the CCK playground in the back yard at any time that we are on the premises. We prefer that children stay out of the kitchen, not climb trees outside or play **outside unattended**, and stay off the stage (except during Talent Show!).

## Uniform and Handbook

The uniform recommended in our pack is the:

- **Shirt:**
  - Tigers, Wolves, Bears: dark blue; short or long- sleeve shirt
  - Webelos: Tan shirt; ; short or long- sleeve shirt
- **Patches:**
  - Old Colony Council patch
  - Pack 26 patch
  - Den # patch
  - **DEN 5** – Tiger – First Grade
  - **DEN 4** – Wolf – Second Grade
  - **DEN 3** – Bear – Third Grade
  - **DEN 2** – Webelos I– Fourth Grade
  - **DEN 1** – Webelos II – Fifth Grade
  - World Crest patch.
- **Scarf for your rank:** orange Tiger, yellow Wolf, light blue Bear, plaid Webelos
- **Scarf “slide”:** a brass scarf thing-a-ma-bob (many have them, but they are frequently lost – so it’s optional). The scarf is knotted otherwise.
- **Hat:** a different hat for each rank
- **Belt:** optional, but the belt loops they earn slide on it
- **Handbook:** for your son’s rank: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos

### These supplies can be purchased at:

- **Brenner’s Children’s Shop:** 694 Washington, Norwood; 781-762-2276
- **New England Scout Shop (at BSA Camp Sayre):** 411 Unquity Road, Milton; 617-361-0315
- **New England Scout Shop:** 490 Union Avenue, Framingham; 508-935-2923.
  - Both New England Scout Shops have the following hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9:30-6:00, Thurs 9:30-8:00, Sat 9:30-3:00.
- **Local Council Office:** 2438 Washington St.; 781-828-8360 (Blue water tower on 138 near Bradley Estate). Has handbooks and some supplies, though *not uniforms*.
- **Online at the BSA Official Website:** <http://www.scoutstuff.org/BSASupply/>

## Pack 26 Leaders

### Cubmaster

**Kevin Morrison**  
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### Den Leaders

#### Den 1 - Tigers

To Be Determined

#### Den 5- Wolves

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#### Den 4 - Bears

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#### Den 3 - Webelos I

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#### Den 2 - Webelos II

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### Treasurer

**Beth Magann**  
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### Committee Chair

**Bernie Mendillo**  
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### Events & Publicity Chair

**Chas Luca**  
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### Websites

- **BSA – Boy Scouts of America:** <http://www.scouting.org/>
- **BSA Online Store:** <http://www.scouting.org/>
- **Old Colony Council:** <http://www.oldcolonycouncil.org/>
- **Camp Sayre:** [http://www.pack722wakefield.com/html/camp\\_sayre.html](http://www.pack722wakefield.com/html/camp_sayre.html)

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