



Pack 131 Gazette

Fall 2018 Edition

Cub Scout Pack 131 – DeKalb Elk Lodge

www.pack131dekalb.org

www.Pack131DeKalb.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

Jonamac Orchard – 8th
Pack Family
Campout – 14th - 16th
NIU Football – 15th
Pack Night – 17th

October

Cortland Parade – 14th
Halloween Party
Popcorn Sales
Service Project

November & December

Raingutter Regatta
Pack Movie Night
Feed My Starving
Children

Cubcicle
Holiday Party
Community Service

And More!!!

Other Things We Do During The Year

Monthly Hikes
Den Meetings & Pack Nights
Klondike Derby – February
Blue & Gold Celebration - February
Pinewood Derby – March
Scouting for Food – March
NIU Baseball - April
Cub-O-Ree – May
Service: Memorial Day Flags for Veterans
Pack Picnic – June
Cub Scout Olympics – June
Family Swim Night – July
Cubmobile & Bike Rodeo - August
Webelos Resident Camp
Parades / Medieval Times / Sycamore Speedway
Campouts / Community Service

YOUR LEADERS

Cubmaster	George Jaros	815-793-7183
	george@jaros.com	
Arrow of Light Leader	Kristie DeMayo	815-970-2909
	kjdemayo@yahoo.com	
Webelos Den Leader	Julie Zaborac	815-787-7355
	Physicsu235@comcast.net	
Bear Den Leader	Sean Mays	815-751-3883
	seanmays@frontier.com	
Wolf Den Leader	Carrie Larsen	815-754-4363
	Ca_larsen@yahoo.com	
Tiger Den Leader	Open	
Committee Chair	Tim Cook	815-754-0089
	Lttc504@aol.com	

Come Join Us This Year!

Cub Scouts is for BOYS and GIRLS to have lots of fun, learn new things and make new friends. But Cub Scouts is much more than that; it is Fun With A Purpose. Everything they will do in Cub Scouts – camping, ceremonies, earning awards, sports, games and crafts will be done with a specific purpose in mind. Scouts will be learning honor, responsibility, respect, leadership and other skills that will prepare him for life. Your kids will thank you for it – we'll teach them how.



When Do We Meet?

Our Pack Meetings are at **6:30pm** on the **3rd Monday** of every month at the **DeKalb Elk Lodge** (4th Monday in August). Each den meets twice a month on whatever day best fits the parents' schedules.

What Do We Do?

What don't we do! In addition to our pack and den meetings, we generally have at least two fun pack activities every month. These include sporting events, camp outs, community service, pinewood derby races, and much more!

What Does It Cost?

We do not have monthly dues. There is a one-time fee of **\$75** to register for a year of Scouting. This covers your registration with Boy Scouts of America and all the patches and awards your boys will earn throughout the year, as well as a pinewood derby car, raingutter regatta boat or space derby rocket, and more!

How Do I Join?

The best way to join is to visit us at an activity or pack meeting and see what we're all about. There are fun leadership opportunities for adults, too! For more information contact George at:

George@Jaros.com

Pack 131 Budget Summary

Unlike many other Cub Scout packs, Pack 131 does not have monthly dues or Den fees. There is a one-time fee of \$75 to register for a year of Scouting. This covers your registration with Boy Scouts of America and all the patches and awards your boys will earn throughout the year, as well as a pinewood derby car, raingutter regatta boat or space derby rocket, and more! Additional funding for our pack is earned through our primary fundraiser, popcorn sales. Occasionally we will participate in other fundraising events, too.

Of the \$75 Pack 131 registration fee, a single year of Cub Scouts for a Scout breaks down like this:

Expense	Amount*	Scouts Served	Cost / Scout**	Remaining from \$75	Notes
BSA Registration	\$36	1	\$36	\$39	BSA Registration is \$24 a year, plus \$1 insurance.
Scout Handbook	\$13	1	\$13	\$26	Each Scout receives a handbook at the beginning of each year's rank (Webelos books are more expensive than other ranks, but they last two years).
Pinewood Derby Car	\$5	1	\$5	\$21	
Raingutter Regatta Boat or Space Derby Rocket	\$5	1	\$5	\$16	
Rank Advancement Loops, Pins, & Patches	\$13	1	\$13	\$3	There are 7 required activities that earn Loops or Pins, plus a rank patch. Elective Loops/Pins are also provided by the Pack.
Other Patches and Awards	\$18	1	\$18	-\$15	Throughout the year boys will earn additional patches for outings and activities.
Blue & Gold Banquet (entertainment & food)	\$540	About 30	\$18	-\$33	This is our major celebratory event each year. We cater the meal and have an entertainer.
Main Pack Event Costs (Pinewood Derby, Space Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Pack Campout & Picnic, etc.)	\$600	About 30	\$20	-\$53	Throughout the year we host a number of other events where the pack will provide some food, like hotdogs or pizza, and other supplies.
Activity Supplies. (for Den Meetings, Pack Nights & other activities.)	\$40	1	\$40	-\$93	There are an average of 18 Den Meetings, and 9 Pack Nights, as well as other activities throughout the year.
Leadership Expenses (training, registration, leadership guide books, etc.)	\$210	About 30	\$7	-\$100	Each leader has a leadership guidebook that helps them plan meetings. There are also some training events that the pack will offer full or partial reimbursement for. These training events help our pack's volunteer leaders become the best leaders for our Scouts. The pack also covers the volunteer leaders' BSA registration fees.
Totals Cost Per Scout, Per Year:			\$175		<i>Pack 131 financial information is available at all pack meetings.</i>

* Expense Amounts are estimates. ** Cost per Scout is rounded to the nearest dollar.

As you can see, based solely on these estimates we operate in the red. This is why Popcorn Sales and other fundraisers are so important to keep our pack running effectively. Our pack earns 30% of all popcorn sold. Of that we put 10% of each Scout's popcorn sales into a Scout Account (1/3 of our pack's earnings), which Scouts can apply to any Pack event fees throughout their entire Scouting career with Pack 131. This means the pack earns only 20% of all popcorn sales.

In order to break even we need all Scouts to sell an average of about \$500 worth of popcorn. This means we need to have a pack goal of about \$15,000 in popcorn sales! If we fall short we have to make cuts in the amount of entertainment and food we supply at events, training and supply reimbursements we provide, and more. We will continue to offer pack events, however there may be ticket fees to cover some additional costs (e.g. the family campout may have a fee).

If each Scout is able to sell more than \$500 worth of popcorn Pack 131 will be in a strong financial position and we will be able to cover or offset the cost of more pack events (like Medieval Times or sporting events), acquire new equipment for our pack (like camping gear, new Raingutter Regatta equipment, etc.), and provide additional leadership training opportunities to our adult volunteers (which can include YOU!). With the help of all Scouts, parents, and leaders, I'm confident that we'll be able to fund a great Scouting program for 2018 and beyond! - George Jaros, Pack 131 Cubmaster