



Cub Scout Pack 241 – 2017/2018 Information Sheet

On behalf of Pack 241 and our 40+ Cub Scouts, WECLOME! To help you and your family get ready for an amazing year, here's a quick checklist and tentative schedule to help you get started.

What is Scouting in Pack 241: The Cub Scouts is a program for boys in Kindergarten to 5th grade. It gives your son the opportunity to disconnect from the digital world, get outside, make new friends and focus on core values such as being respectful, helpful and kind. In Pack 241, all parents and siblings are invited to participate in activities from Pack Meetings to Camp Outs and Hikes. This is an opportunity for parents, brothers and sisters to engage in fun scouting experiences together as opposed to other activities where family members do not have the option of getting involved.

We are also a flexible Pack. Only attend the activities and events that you have time for. Unlike other activities, you decide your level of involvement. We only ask that you reply to our sign up emails with your plans so we plan events accordingly.

People You Should Know

- **Cubmaster:** Paul Wechsler, leads our pack meetings (son Ben is a WEBELOS II)
- **Pack Committee Chairperson:** Paul Wechsler, manages stuff (Ben is a WEBELOS II)
- **Treasurer:** Rob Saunders (Chris is a Bear & Matt is a Tiger)
- **Advancement Mgr:** Steve Glynn (Evan is a Bear)
- **Ornament Mgr:** Paul Wechsler (Ben is a WEBELOS II)
- **Asst. Ornament Mgr:** **Open ... The Pack needs support, we will train you**
- **Camping Mgr:** Clint Williams ... (Cameron is a Wolf)
- **Asst. Camping Mgr:** Mike Daigle ... (Will is a Wolf)
- **Pinewood Derby Mgr:** Steve Glynn (Evan is a Bear)
- **Rocket Mgr:** Clint Williams ... (Cameron is a Wolf)

Den Leaders

- **Lion Den Leader:** **Open ... The Pack needs support, we will train you**
- **Tiger Den Leader:** **Open ... The Pack needs support, we will train you**
- **Wolf Den Leader:** Mike Daigle (Will is a Wolf)
- **Bear Den Leader:** Ben Hall (David & Jackson)
- **Webelos I Den Leader:** **Open ... The Pack needs support, we will train you**
- **Webelos II Den Leader:** Paul Wechsler (Ben)

Meetings, Events & Safety:

We encourage Scouts to attend the meetings and activities that they can. However we are all busy, so no worries if you miss a meeting or activity. ***Any involvement in Scouting is a great experience.***

- **Pack Meetings:** The entire pack meets ~once a month, for a special event and to highlight Scout Achievements.
- **Pack Events:** Between September and June we hold various Pack hiking & camping events. You can attend as you wish. For example, some families participate in just the cookout during camping events. Yes, siblings are invited.
- **Den Meetings:** Dens meet ~once a month for a special event where Scouts complete tasks that will earn them Achievements. Your Den Leader will work with you and other Den members to schedule timely meetings/ themes. No worries if you miss a Den meeting, simply use the Scout book to work with your Scout at home to complete the missed achievement ... they are all very easy to do.
- **Uniforms:** Scouts should wear their full Scouting uniform to all Pack/ Den meetings, all events and all Ornament selling activities. Pack 241 Cub Scout Yellow Shirts (supplied to you) can be used for hiking/camping events
- **Safety:** The BSA is very serious about Scout safety. Scouts (and siblings) must wear appropriate gear during hikes. In addition no individual Adult is allowed to be alone with any Scout/ Sibling; other than their own. Visit any of the sites listed below for more details about Scout Safety.

Who Manages Pack 241: 100% driven by parents. The more parents who get involved = the more fun for everyone. If adults in your family are willing to volunteer a little time (yes, moms can be Den Leaders) please consider becoming an assistant to any of the positions listed above (Ornament Fundraising, Food Manager, Advancement, Pinewood Derby, Camping, Goodwill Events, Rocket Launch & Website Manager).

Who Pays For Scouting: Annual membership dues are used to register each child with the BSA and the remaining funds cover some of our activities. To fund our remaining Pack events, Pack 241 sells Glastonbury themed holiday ornaments. For the past 26 years, Pack 241 designs a new ornament that features a Glastonbury location or event. Last spring our Scouts selected the 2017 ornament that features *The Glastonbury Trolley 1892*. We begin selling our ornaments at the Apple Harvest Festival in October and end with various weekends at Stop & Shop/ Katz Hardware. The ornaments are very popular and are requested which makes our fund raising a lot easier. We ask all Scouts to volunteer their time at each event. It's a great life lesson to get out and earn money to fund our activities.

Terms You Will Hear:

- **Cub Scouts:** Cub Scouts are for boys between K & 5th grade ... Boy Scouts are for grades 6 & up
- **Council:** We are in the **Connecticut Rivers Council** ... Know this to for your patch pick up at the store
- **District:** We are in the **Hockanum River District** ... Know this to for your patch pick up at the store
- **Pack:** Districts are separated into Packs. We are Buttonball **Pack 241**
- **Den:** Packs are separated into grade specific Dens...
 - Lions (Kindergarten)
 - Tigers (1st Grade)
 - Wolves (2nd Grade)
 - Bears (3rd Grade)
 - Webelos I (4th Grade)
 - Webelos II (5th Grade)
- **Advancements:** During each Den meeting Scouts who have completed tasks in their individual Dens will be awarded Achievements such as Beads or Pins. The more tasks completed = more achievements. Minimum Achievements are needed to graduate to the next Den. See the attached Den specific achievement list



Scouting Materials To Get You Started: You can purchase the following at the Stores listed on the next page

- **Scout short-sleeve shirt** ... we suggest you purchase a short sleeve shirt and wear any long sleeve shirt underneath your Scout shirt during colder weather rather than buying both shirts
- **Scout Shirt Patches:** Council Shoulder Patch (**Connecticut Rivers**), Unit Numerals (**Pack 241**), and **World Crest Emblem**
- **Scout cap, neckerchief & neckerchief slide** : Based on your Cub Scout Rank (**Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos**)
- **Scout belt and buckle**
- **Pants/ Shorts:** Tigers/ Wolves/ Bears can wear jeans/ shorts. W1/W2 should wear W1/W2 pants
- **Class B T-Shirt:** Pack 241 T-Shirt (yellow shirts) are supplied to each Scout when they register for the first time
- **Handbook:** Den Specific (Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos) ... you can also find electronic copies online for free

Sample Dress Code by Den (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)



Achievements

To progress to the next grade level in Scouts, Scouts complete achievements. Tigers, Wolves & Bears earn patches and belt loops as they complete achievements. W1/W2 earn pins that should be worn on their shoulders. Achievement details are available in the Scout book or you can view them electronically at <https://cubscouts.org/learning-library/>

Great Resources To Learn More:

- **Pack 241 Website for Information & to Register for Events:** <http://www.pack241.org>
- **Boy Scouts of America Website:** <https://cubscouts.org/>
- **Connecticut Rivers Council Website:** <http://www.ctrivers.org/>
- **Scouting Orientation Guide:** <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34581.pdf>
- **Local Retailers for Scouting Gear** (shirts, caps, belts, buckle, neckerchief, handbooks, Pinewood Derby materials).

Folks at either Scout Shop can assist you with getting all the proper gear for your Scout.

East Hartford Scout Shop

60 Darlin Street
East Hartford, CT 06108
(860) 291-0286
Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sun Close

Amatos Toy and Hobby

283 Main St.
New Britain, CT 06051
(860) 347-1893
Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sat 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m

Succession Planning

Parents, please help ensure Pack 241 and all events continue. Pack 241 what it is today and our current volunteers. Many of our current volunteers will be leaving at the end of this year. If you are a Tiger, Wolf or Bear parent, please consider assisting in any of the following areas as an assistant to ensure Pack 241 continues next year... Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chair, Treasurer, Den Leader, Ornament Fundraising, Advancements, Camping, Pinewood Derby, Rocket Events, Goodwill Events, Food Events, Website maintenance

Note: Dates and Times are subject to change based on availability and weather. Rock Climbing, Snow Tubing, Hockey Game & Battleship Cove Activities are dependent on our fundraising results.

Pack 241 2017 - 2018 Schedule

Date	Activity	Special
No School - 9/4 Labor Day - Mon		
9/19 - Tues	Pack Meeting BBL 6:30pm	Special Guest - BBL
No School - 9/21 Rosh Hashanah - Thurs		
9/23 - Sat	Rocket Launch 3:30pm	RD 9/24 - GHS
9/24 Yom Kippur - Friday		
10/1 - Sun	Pack Hike	Cotton Hollow
10/7 & 8 Sat / Sun	Mt. Monadnock	Webelos Only
No School - 10/9 Columbus Day - Mon		
10/14 & 10/15	Fundraising	Apple Festival
10/21 - Sat	Camp out JBWilliams	P. Carving/ GC/ Duck
No School - 11/7 Election Day - Tues		
11/10 - Fri	Pack Meeting BBL	Scout Skills
11/18 & 11/19	Fundraising	Stop & Shop
No School - 11/23 & 11/24 Thanksgiving - Thurs/ Fri		
12/2 S&S G. Blvd	Fundraising Back up	Stop & Shop
12/8 - Fri	Pack Meeting BBL	Holiday Crafts
12/9 Katz	Fundraising Back up	Katz Hardware
No School - 12/23 - 1/1 Holiday Recess - Sat to Mon		
1/6 - Sat	Pack Meeting	Rock Climbing
No School - 1/15 MLK - Mon Lego Facility Tour		
1/21 - Sun	Wolfpack Game	5:30pm
2/2 - Fri	Pack Meeting BBL	Game Night
2/11 - Sun	Snow Tubing	Powder Ridge
No School - 2/19 & 2/20 - Winter Recess - Mon/Tues		
2/26 - Mon	Pine Wood Derby	*Weigh in Mon
3/2 - Fri		*Set up Fri
3/3 - Sat		BBL
3/23 - Fri	Pack Meeting BBL	Gym Night
No School - 3/30 - Good Friday		
No School - 4/9 - 4/13 - Spring Recess		
April 21 or 28	Camp-in	Battleship Cove
5/5 - Sat	B&G Camp out Cross-over	Hurd State Park
5/11- Fri	B&G Rain Date	BBL - Scout Skills
Mother's Day May 13		
No School - 5/28 Memorial Day - Mon		
6/1 - Sat	Camp Ingersol	Portland
6/8 - Fri Tentative Last Day of School		
Father's Day June 17		