



Pack 131 Gazette

Fall 2023 Edition

Cub Scout Pack 131 – DeKalb Moose Lodge
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UPCOMING EVENTS

August, September & October

Pack Nights – 8/28, 9/18, 10/16
Pack Hikes – 8/20, 9/17, 10/15
Forge On! – 9/30
Cortland Parade – 10/8
Popcorn Sales
Cantigny Campout – 8/19
STEM Spectacular – 8/19
Family Campout – 9/22-24
District Campout – 10/14-15

November & December

Raingutter Regatta
Pack Movie Night
Feed My Starving Children
And More!!!
Cubcicle
Holiday Party
Community Service

Other Things We Do During The Year

Monthly Hikes, Den Meetings, Pack Nights
February: Klondike Derby, Blue & Gold Celebration
March: Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food
April: NIU Baseball, Service Project
May: Memorial Day Service Projects, Sycamore Speedway
June: Pack Picnic, Cub Scout Olympics
July: Family Swim Night, Bike Hike, Kish Fest Parade
August: Cubmobile & Bike Rodeo
And More: Webelos Resident Camp, Parades, Medieval Times, Fire/Police Station Visits, Campouts, Community Service, Sporting Events...and more!

YOUR LEADERS

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Pack 131 Dens

Arrow of Light – 5th Grade
Webelos – 4th Grade – Kay Chin
Bears – 3rd Grade
Wolves – 2nd Grade
Tigers – 1st Grade – George Jaros
Lions – Kindergarten

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 or her 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 one **Monday** every month at the **DeKalb Moose Lodge** (4th Monday in August). Each den meets about 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. The 2023 fee to register for a year of Scouting is **\$205** (plus a one-time BSA \$25 joining fee). This covers your registration with Boy Scouts of America and all the patches and awards your Scouts will earn over 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 night and see what we're all about. There are fun leadership opportunities for adults, too! For more information contact George Jaros at:

George@Jaros.com

Join 
Cub Scouts!

Pack 131 Budget Summary

Unlike many other Cub Scout packs, Pack 131 does not have monthly dues or Den fees. There is an annual fee of \$200 to register for a year of Scouting with Pack 131. The BSA charges an additional one-time \$25 joining fee for new Scouts. This covers your registration with Boy Scouts of America, a Three Fires Council Program Fee, and all the patches and awards your Scouts 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 may participate in other fundraising events, too.

Of the \$205 Pack 131 registration fee, a single year of Cub Scouts for a Scout breaks down like this:

Expense	Amount*	Scouts Served	Cost / Scout**	Notes (Amounts based on a Pack size of 30 Scouts)
BSA Registration	\$80	1	\$80	BSA Registration for a year.
TFC Program Fee	\$75	1	\$75	TFC Program Fee includes a number of annual activities at no additional charge for the whole family!
Pinewood Derby Car & Award	\$12	1	\$12	
Raingutter Regatta Boat or Space Derby Rocket & Award	\$12	1	\$12	
Rank Advancement Loops, Pins, & Patches	\$20	1	\$20	There are 7 required activities that earn Loops or Pins, plus a rank patch, and several other patches. Elective Loops/Pins are also provided by the Pack.
Other Patches and Awards	\$20	1	\$20	Throughout the year Scouts may earn additional patches for outings and activities.
Blue & Gold Banquet (entertainment & food)	\$450	30	\$15	This is our major celebratory event each year. We cater the meal and have an entertainer, decorations, games, and more.
Main Pack Event Costs (Pinewood Derby, Space Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Pack Campout & Picnic, etc.)	\$750	30	\$25	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.)	\$44	1	\$44	There are an average of 18 Den Meetings, and 9 Pack Nights, as well as other activities throughout the year where your Scout will build projects, complete crafts, and make memories.
15 Leaders (\$80 for BSA/TFC dues, training, leadership guide books, etc.)	\$1200	30	\$40	We are required to have a leader for each of the 7 Dens with Scouts in it, plus a Cubmaster, Treasurer, Committee Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative. BSA and TFC dues for volunteers are typically paid by the Pack.
Totals			\$343.00	A year of Scouting costs Pack 131 about \$138 per Scout beyond the dues we collect.

* 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. These estimates are for a Pack size of 30 Scouts. **If we have fewer than 30 Scouts then the cost per Scout goes up.** 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. In order to break even we need all Scouts to sell about \$500 worth of popcorn. If we fall short we may 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 2023 and beyond! - George Jaros, Pack 131 Cubmaster