

Scouting Terms to Know

You are going to hear a lot of new terms in Scouts that you will hear; this page is to help understand some of those terms so you know what we are talking about.

- **Adventures**: These are activities that a scout must complete in order to advance to the next rank. Required Adventures must be completed. Elective Adventures are optional and there are multiple to choose from.
- **Arrow of Light**: Highest award that a Cub Scout can earn. This award may also be worn on their Scout uniform.
- **Arrow Scouts**: A group of Cub Scouts, in the Fifth Grade, who meet and work on Activities together. Ultimately, they are working to earn the Arrow of Light rank by February, at which time they will “Cross Over” into a Scouts BSA Troop. Arrow Scouts are sometimes called Webelo 2 Scouts.
- **Assistant Cubmaster**: An adult volunteer who assists the Cubmaster and other Den Leaders.
- **Bear Den**: A group of Cub Scouts, in Third Grade, who meet and work on Activities together.
- **Blue and Gold Banquet**: A dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout Packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and of Cub Scouting in 1930. For Pack 3048, it is also the time that our Arrow Scouts cross over into a Scouts BSA Troop.
- **Bobcat**: The first rank that a Cub Scout earns by showing that they know basic scout knowledge.
- **Boys' Life**: The magazine for all Scouts published by the Boy Scouts of America.
- **Buddy System**: A policy where Cub Scouts remain in groups of 2-3 so that they are never alone.
- **Bug Juice**: A fruit juice like Kool-Aid or lemonade that all scouts seem to love.
- **Cake Auction**: Fundraiser held at the January Pack meeting where Cub Scouts make and decorate cakes with their Parents or Guardians. The cakes are then auctioned off to help raise money for Pack 3048.
- **Camp Butler / Camp Manatoc**: These are the main Scouting Camps in Great Trail Council. It is located in the Peninsula / Boston Heights area. This is where most of our camping activities take place.
- **Camp Stambaugh**: This is the other Scouting Camp in Great Trail Council. It is located in Canfield.
- **Chartered Organization**: A Church, School or other Community Group that sponsors a Cub Scout Pack. For Pack 3048, our Chartered Organization is Wedgewood United Methodist Church.
- **Class A Uniform**: Official uniform worn by scouts or leaders consisting of Blue or Tan Shirt with appropriate patches placed on the uniform.
- **Class B Uniform**: A Tee-Shirt which is printed by your Scouting Pack to identify you as part of that unit.
- **Council**: An organization that oversees all Scouting units in an area. Pack 3048 is part of Great Trail Council which consists of Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties.
- **Cracker Barrel**: A scout term for a social gathering with snacks after a meeting or activity.
- **Cross-Over**: This is a ceremony held in which 5th Grade, Arrow Scouts, join a Scouts BSA Troop.
- **Cubmaster**: An adult volunteer who is responsible for Pack Activities, the monthly Pack Meeting(s) and all children, leaders, and parents from all dens.
- **Den**: A Den is a group of Cub Scouts of the same rank that meet together.
- **Den Chief**: An older scout assigned to a Cub Scout Den to assist the leaders.
- **Den Leader (Akela)**: An adult volunteer(s) that work with a specific Den to ensure that they complete all required activities to earn their rank; but more importantly, they are there to make sure that the scouts have fun and learn in a safe and healthy environment.

- **Den Meeting**: Held weekly with your own den either at the Chartered Organization or at a site.
- **District**: Each Council is divided into a number of Districts based on geographical region. Pack 3048 is part of The Signal Tree District which Akron, Mogadore, and Tallmadge.
- **Lion Den**: A group of Cub Scouts, in Kindergarten, who meet and work on Activities together.
- **Pack Committee**: A Group of Parents and Leaders who work together to make the Pack successful.
- **Pack**: A group of Dens that meet at the same Chartered Organization.
- **Pack Meeting**: Monthly meeting held to present awards and advancements to our Cub Scouts.
- **Pinewood Derby**: An activity for all Scouts and families where wooden race cars are built, with adult assistance, and raced down tracks for prizes and trophies.
- **Popcorn Colonel**: Person or persons in the Pack responsible for coordinating the popcorn sale.
- **Popcorn Sale**: Much like Girl Scouts of America has cookies, Boy Scouts of America has popcorn. It is a fund raising activity in the fall for both the Council and the Pack. One third of the proceeds go directly to the Pack. In Pack 3048, scouts earn prizes and free access to summer activities for selling certain amounts of popcorn.
- **Rank**: This either refers to a past award that a Cub Scout had earned or the current den they are in and award they are working toward.
- **Scout Shop**: A BSA-owned store, operated by the Great Trail Council that sells Scouting merchandise.
- **Scouts BSA Troop**: A Scouts BSA Troop is a group of Scouts, similar to a Cub Scout Pack. At Wedgewood UMC we have a male troop, Troop 48, and a female troop, Troop 7048.
- **Tiger Den**: A group of Cub Scouts, in First Grade, who meet and work on Activities together.
- **Webelos Scouts**: A group of Cub Scouts, in Fourth Grade, who meet and work on Activities together.
- **Wolf Den**: A group of Cub Scouts, in Second Grade, who meet and work on Activities together.
- **Youth Protection Training**: Each leader and parent who works with scouts must complete the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training. This training will help understand the basic policies to help us protect our Scouts. **ALL** adults who attend Day Camp or Webelos Resident Camp must take Youth Protection Training. **ALL** Lion and Tiger Cub Parents must receive Youth Protection Training. The Training is online and free.