

Dear Kenter Parents,

We are starting a Cub Scout pack at Kenter Elementary! This pack will be open to boys in grades 1-5 starting in August 2017. We need at least **5 boys and 5 volunteer adult leaders** in order to start the pack, and we already have plenty of interest.

### **SIGNUPS**

If you are interested, please sign up your sons and yourselves as leaders THIS WEEK by filling out the 1 page application available in Dr. Moren's office. Leave the application with a check (to WLACC or Boy Scouts) or cash for \$14 in the mailbox labeled "Cub Scouts" in the parent center. You can always sign up later, but the sooner we get signups, the better we can plan for August.

### **QUESTIONS**

I know you have a lot of questions - I do too, as I am new to Cub Scouting. Here's what I know so far:

#### **WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING?**

1) Cub scouts meet once a week, learn new skills to earn belt loops and badges, do community service projects, and sometimes go on outings like field trips, hiking or camping (totally up to us as parents what we want to set up).

Here's some official info on activities:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/CubScouts/BeingACubScout/WhatIsCubScouting.aspx>

And official info on how the badges work:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/CubScouts/UniformsAndAwards/advancement.aspx>

#### **WHAT DO ADULT LEADERS DO?**

We need 5 active leaders, one to run each "den" (grade) meeting weekly. So you would commit 1 hour per week plus a little prep time. There is a folder provided by the Boy Scouts organization with detailed instructions for each meeting, so you don't have to come up with anything on your own! You can be a leader for a month or a year or whatever you can do. We could switch off so everyone takes a turn. We also need a few "behind the scenes" leaders to organize and coordinate - perfect for busy parents who can't commit to coming to weekly meeting but want to be involved!

#### **TIME COMMITMENT FOR KIDS**

1 hour per week meeting, probably after school. Occasional evenings for special events. Occasional weekends for special events, trips, camping or hiking - but this is all up to us as parents how we want to schedule it.

#### **COSTS**

Cost - \$2/month for membership (no that's not a typo!). Extra costs for field trips, camping trips, special events etc. are all up to us as parents. Uniforms are not mandatory but are around \$65 new. The leaders recommend buying them large so they are good for a few years, plus there are ways to get gently used uniforms from other groups.

#### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

If you sign your son up for cub scouts, think of it as a family thing. Younger and older siblings (boys and girls) are welcome at meetings and can join in the activities! We will need some parents or grandparents/babysitters/nannies to attend meetings too as helpers so we can have a good adult:child ratio. We can decide what we want that ratio to be. Also, your son will have things to do at home for cub scouts - not much, but a little. We can decide as a group what home activities are appropriate.

Got more questions or ready to volunteer so we can make this happen?

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