

Join Cub Scout Pack 23



Learn More About the Cub Scout Experience in Southeast Oak Park

Be part of the adventure of Cub Scouting, right in your neighborhood. Join us for an information night to learn about Pack 23, the Cub Scout Pack of the Longfellow and Irving communities. Membership is open to all boys in 1st through 5th grade and you may start at any grade. See reverse side for answers to Frequently Asked questions.

Pack 23 Blast off!

<http://www.pack23oakpark.org>

**Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.
Longfellow School Lunch Room.**

On the corner of Highland and Jackson. Enter on Highland Ave.
Prospective parents meet the Pack leadership and current parents.



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Frequently Asked Questions About Pack 23



What is the time commitment?

About 2-3 activities per month through the school year. Pack meetings include all the boys (1.5 hours, 1 Monday night). Den meetings include all the boys at a grade level (about 1.5 hours, typically 2-3 times a month). And we sometimes have pack activities on the weekend, (duration depending on the activity).

What do you do at these meetings?

Pack meetings include a flag ceremony, awards to the boys for their achievements, and a scouting-oriented activity. We then break up, with the boys doing an activity together.

Den meetings are focused around fun advancement activities, such as building a birdhouse or learning fire safety.

Monthly activities can vary widely and include campouts, community service projects, swimming and cultural experiences.

Where are the meetings held?

Most are at Longfellow or Irving schools.

Does a parent/guardian have to stay at the meetings?

Parents or guardians are expected to attend the monthly Pack meetings to support their son's achievements and be familiar with Pack news and events. For the youngest boys, den meetings are a chance to work closely with your son. As the boys grow, less involvement is needed, but we find that the camaraderie with other mothers, fathers, and guardians is almost as rewarding as the benefits for the boys.

What is the financial commitment to join?

There is a \$100 registration fee and we require a basic uniform (\$50). The fee covers 8 months of activities, including membership dues, scout handbook, subscription to Boys Life magazine, awards, Pinewood Derby car kit, project materials, awards banquet, and most activities. Financial assistance is available if there is a need. We want every boy and family that is interested in Pack 23 to be able to participate.

Is there fundraising? We sell beautiful live flowers in the Spring for delivery in May.

What types of activities do you do?

We do at least two overnight camping trips and an overnight in a Chicago museum, easy hiking trips at Cantigny, a Pinewood Derby race, indoor swimming, model rocket building, community service activities, and learning first aid. Dens have done trips to the Cantigny museum, Yerkes Observatory and Legoland.

Does Pack 23 exclude adult leaders?

We have always been open to anyone being a leader. The Boy Scouts of America ended the ban on gay adult leaders in 2015, after ending the ban on gay scouts a year earlier. We welcome with open arms anyone wanting to participate and to volunteer.

Questions? Feel free to contact fellow parents:

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