

Parent's Guide to

PACK 737

and the

World of Cub Scouting



“Because too much fun is never enough!”

Cub Scout Pack 737

INFORMATION SHEET

Pack 737 was originally chartered in 1967 and is sponsored by Saint Mary's Catholic Church. We serve the youth community of both Saint Mary's and Pinchbeck Elementary. We are one of the biggest and most active packs in the entire Richmond area with an extensive monthly schedule of activities. We are very family oriented with parents and siblings welcome at most Pack events.

Our average membership is 110 scouts.

The Pack is organized by Dens with each Den containing about six to ten scouts at same grade level. Each den meeting is setup and run by the Den leader usually twice a month as determined by the parents and the Den leader.

Once a month (usually on the fourth Monday) the entire pack meets to share their accomplishments of the past month and to honor Scouts who have completed their achievements. The pack meeting is held in the gym at Saint Mary's School from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

Pack 737 is a consistent winner of the Quality Unit Award.

Some examples of our pack activities:

- Cardinal District Fall Family Campout
- Pinewood Derby
- Scout Sunday
- Blue and Gold Banquet - celebrates Scouting's anniversary in February
- Pack 737 Spring Family Campout
- Sporting Events
- Summer Events
 - End of School Celebration at Putt-A-Way
 - Cardinal District Day Camp
 - Cub Scout and Webelos Adventure Camp
 - End of Summer Picnic

Service Projects:

- Scouting for Food
- Cake Bake to benefit Freedom House for the homeless
- Henrico Christmas Mother Program
- Caritas
- Keep Henrico Beautiful
- Recycling Program
- "Beaver Days" at the Adventure Camp

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September 2003

Dear Cub Scout Parents:

We welcome you and your son to Cub Scout Pack 737. For those families that are new to the Pack, we are glad you are her and look forward to getting to know you better.

Scouting, especially Cub Scouting, is a program that involves the scout AND his family. Our scouts will not obtain all of the benefits of Scouting without their family's support and participation in our pack activities. Our pack leaders (all volunteers) are all Cub Scout parents. There are no outsiders involved in our program.

Due to the excellent adult leaders and many other parents helping when called upon, we had a very successful year in 2002-2003. We want to keep that success going, and it will only happen if each parent participates. We need your involvement in leadership roles in on committees that plan special activities.

The dues to join Pack 737 are:

Tiger Cubs (1st grade scouts) = \$40.00

(Your dues are used for: All BSA fees and insurance, a one-year subscription to Boys Life magazine, pack fees, operating expenses, Christmas Mother gifts, CARITAS, Pinewood Derby cars, and advancement awards)

Cub Scouts & Webelos (scouts in grades 2-5) = \$60.00 [\$55 if paid by Sep 22nd]

(The dues cover the same items as above with a larger portion going towards the many advancement awards)

Other possible expenses: uniform shirt, belt, cap, and patches; Cub Scout book for the appropriate rank; camping fees for adults and siblings; optional camp t-shirts; den dues to help defray the cost of crafts, etc.

NOTES:

- Our budget is always available for your review
- If your financial situation may prevent you from joining, please contact Steve Hutchinson (288-0828) to make special arrangements

We can't say it enough - if you don't participate, the Scouting program for your son will be less than it could be. Please remember that Scouting is a family program and we ask you to contact your Den Leader or a pack committee member to sign up as a leader, committee member, or special event chairperson.

We look forward to working with you to provide a quality Scouting experience for our sons.

Jim Brown
Cubmaster

Steve Hutchinson
Pack Committee Chair

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We are glad you are interested in joining the families of Pack 737. If you have any questions before our next pack meeting please give one of us a call. The next pack meeting (when all of the dens meet together) will be in the gymnasium of St. Mary's School at 7:00pm on Monday, September 22nd. Hopefully, we will have answered most of your questions at 'Back to School Night.'

Steve Hutchinson	Pack Committee Chair	288-0828
Jim Brown	Cubmaster	740-6699
Daniel Graff	Asst Cubmaster & Tiger Coach	740-5295
Bob Degenhardt	Pack Secretary	562-2211



The screenshot shows the website for Cub Scout Pack 737. At the top, it says "Cub Scout Pack 737" and "Cardinal District, Robert E. Lee Council, Richmond, Virginia". On the left is a navigation menu with buttons for "About Us", "Calendar", "Dens", "Activities", "Albums", "Newsletter", "Documents", "Contacts", and "Links". The main content area is divided into "Recent Events" and "Latest News". Under "Recent Events", there is a photo of a picnic and text about a "End of Summer Picnic" held at Deep Run Park on August 24th. Under "Latest News", there is a "FUN" graphic and text about a "Back to School Night" on Wednesday, September 22nd at St. Mary's Elementary School. There is also a "Glory Days" graphic and text about a "National Summer Pack Award" and a "King of the Hill" event.

Don't forget to also checkout our website at:

<http://www.pack737.com>

for more information and to sign up for our pack email notification list

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 737

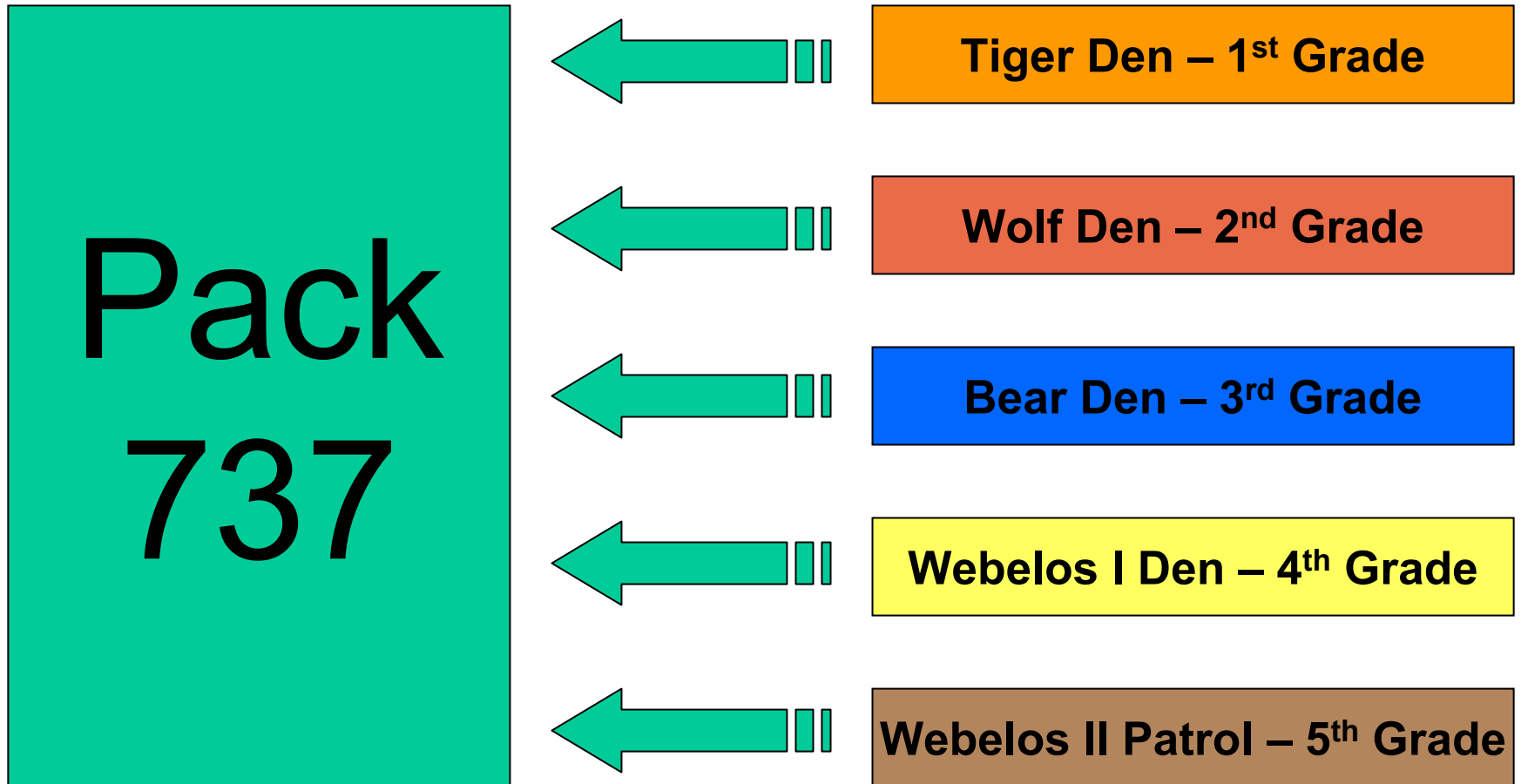
Basic information on
Cub Scouting and our Pack



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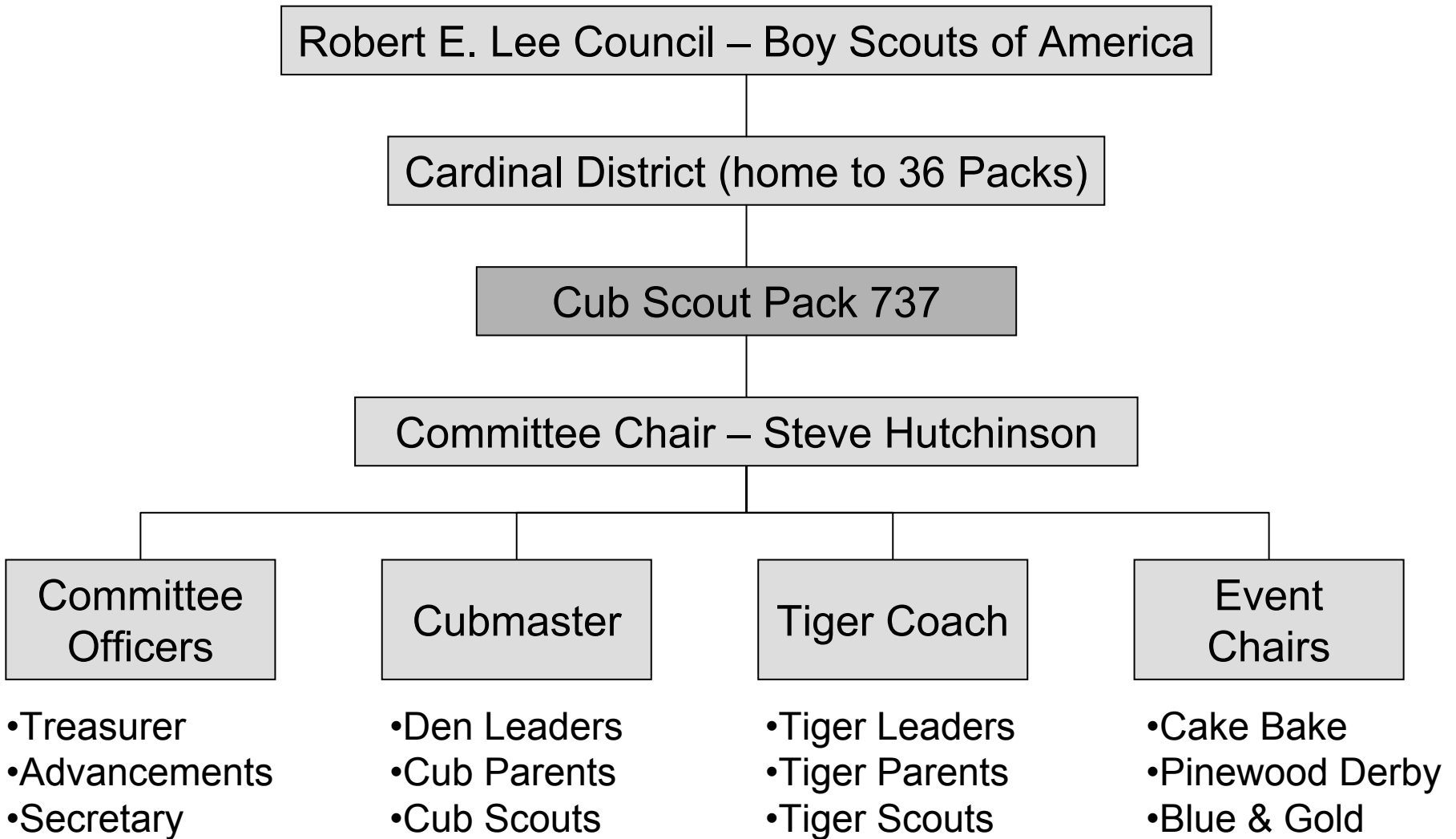
Your son will join a “den” of peers from the same grade level – they will be referred to as the rank they wish to achieve that year (not necessarily what they are now).



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Like any organization, we have a hierarchy that allows us to operate smoothly



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To facilitate the program, we hold meetings at three different levels – you will be most involved in den meetings

Den Meetings

- Frequency, date, and time decided by the den
 - Usually about 6-10 boys and some parents
- (1 hour)

Focus on advancement & fun

Focus on recognition, fun, and information

Pack Meetings

- Usually the 4th Monday of the month
 - 7:00pm at St. Mary's Gym
 - All Cubs and families invited
- (1 hour)

Focus on planning and strategy

Committee Meetings

- 2nd Monday of the month
 - 7:00pm at St. Mary's Offices
 - Leaders, committee members, and any parent who wishes to help
- (1 hour)



The Cub Scout motto is “Do Your Best” and our awards program is designed to make every boy feel like a winner!!!



Achievements (required)

Required activities to earn the next rank – some pursued at the den and some with the family

Belt Loops (elective)

Offered for both Sports and Academics – usually involves trying something new – easy to earn

Special Awards (elective)

Some boys will choose to pursue the Wildlife Conservation patch or a Religious award

Pins (elective)

Offered for both Sports and Academics – involves digging into a new hobby or sport – harder to earn



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Our pack keeps many of the traditions that you may have experienced as a boy – these special days are cornerstones of our pack program



Family Camping

Offered in Oct & Apr



Pinewood Derby

Carve and decorate your own car and race it in January



Arrow of Light Ceremony

Honors our second-year Webelos as they graduate into Boy Scouts

Held in late April

Blue & Gold Banquet

Celebrate the anniversary of Cub Scouting in February with dinner and entertainment



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Our organization is funded by annual dues and one major fundraiser

Dues are only:

\$40 for Tigers

&

\$60 for all other Scouts
(\$55 if paid by 9/22)

BSA Fees & Insurance
Training for Leaders
1-year subscription to Boy's Life
Pack fees & operating expenses
Charities like CARITAS & Christmas Mother
Pinewood Derby Cars
All Advancement Awards

* Full budget available for review

Cubs sell popcorn!
Neighbors, friends, colleagues at work
2 public sales



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Sounds great! How do I keep track of all this stuff?!?

Pack 737 Information:
Go to
<http://www.pack737.com>

**Email notification service:
Available from Pack Secretary
Write:
the4degs@comcast.net**

Tons of information including Leader Guides, program ideas, etc. are available at the Scout Shop near Malvern and Broad or online at:

<http://scoutstuff.org>



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