

# Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 914!



## About

Cub Scout Pack 914 is chartered by Holy Cross Academy, a Catholic school located in St. Louis, MO. As a charter of Holy Cross Academy, Pack 914 operates the Cub Scout program following the teachings and policies of the Catholic Church.

Boys and girls in grades K-5 who live in the areas of the Holy Cross community are invited to join in the fun of scouting!



## A Brief History of the Pack

In June 2022, the Cub Scout programs that were originally chartered by Holy Cross parishes combined into a single unit, Pack 914. The original parish charters were Our Lady of Providence Pack 645 (active since the 1970s), St. John Paul II Pack 725 (formerly St. Dominic Savio, active since the mid-1950s), and St. Michael the Archangel Pack 336 (active since April 1945). The number 914 serves as a faith reminder for scouts in the Holy Cross community (9/14 = September 14 = The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross).

## Organization of the Cub Scout Program

The Boy Scouts of America is the **National Organization** that develops and supports various youth programs.

To effectively support local Scout programs, the national Boy Scouts of America provides a charter to a community board of volunteers to be responsible for providing the Scouting program to a defined geographical area. These geographical areas are called **Councils**.

To provide more localized support to scouting, councils create **Districts**. Districts are geographical areas of service.

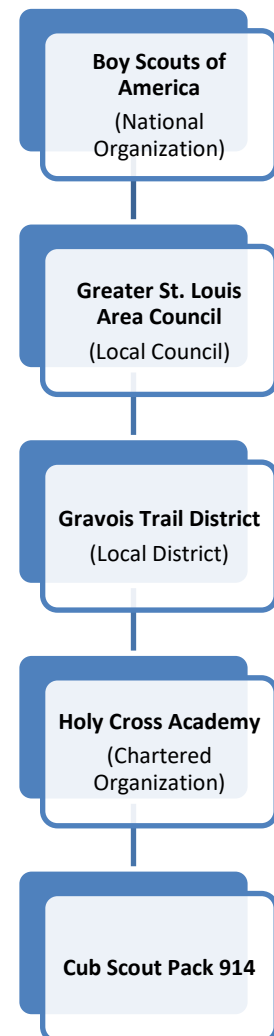
The **Chartered Organization** is the organization that partners with the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Scouting program. The **Chartered Organization Representative** is the person who approves all adult leaders and provides resources from the chartered organization.

Scouting is organized by grade level or age. The **Pack** is made up of several dens (so includes all K-5 scouts). The leader of the pack meeting is the **Cubmaster**. In addition to serving as the master of ceremonies, the Cubmaster provides support to Den Leaders.

The **Pack Committee** is made up of parents and leaders and works to support den leaders and the Cubmaster. The **Pack Committee Chair** is responsible for ensuring qualified adult volunteers are in place to provide the Cub Scout Program.

A **Den** is small group of Cub Scouts (6-8 scouts) who are the same gender and in the same grade. A **Den Leader** is an adult, usually a parent, who carries out the activities related to the adventures as they are presented in the Cub Scout handbook.

## Cub Scout Pack 914 Leadership



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We ♥ our volunteers! Parents and adults from the Holy Cross community share their time and talents to plan and carry out the Cub Scout program.

Each of these adults has completed training that is required by both the Archdiocese of St. Louis (Safe Environment Program) and the Boy Scouts of America (Youth Protection Training). In addition, both organizations require background checks for leaders, and they also ensure that leaders are up-to-date on training from year-to-year.

Interested in becoming a leader or volunteering on a committee? Please contact [stlpack914@gmail.com](mailto:stlpack914@gmail.com).

Cub Scout Pack 914 Leadership	
<b>Institution Head</b>	Fr. Mike Esswein
<b>Chartered Organization Representative</b>	Ed Hogan
<b>Pack Committee Chair</b>	Patrick Connelly
<b>Committee Members</b>	Tony Druger, Kyle Grate, Cindy Polys, Kristin Klopotic (Treasurer)
<b>Cubmaster</b>	Sarah Cox
<b>Den Leaders (Boy Dens)</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kay Sisk, Sarah Cox
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	, Laura Thomas
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Jeff Willey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Kay Sisk
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Courtney Willey
Kindergarten	Kaye Esposito
<b>Den Leaders (Girl Dens)</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Karen Rossfeld
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Cara Kellmeyer
Kindergarten	Kaye Esposito

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There are several scouting rules that are important for all parents (not just leaders) to be aware of. We want your help! We ask that **all adults** (or at least those who most frequently attend scouting events) complete the BSA's online youth protection training.

There are two ways to complete the training.

1. Attend an in-person session. A representative from the scout council will present the information to our pack at a group parent meeting. Date and time TBD.
2. Complete an online session. Follow these steps...
  1. Go to <https://my.scouting.org>. Create an account.
  2. Complete the Youth Protection Training. 72 min (3 videos, 1 test). You can watch and come back at any time.
  3. Print or download a PDF of your certificate and submit to [stlpack914@gmail.com](mailto:stlpack914@gmail.com).

## What to Expect

The pack meets once a month. The monthly pack meeting brings together scouts from every den, their leaders, and families for an event that showcases all that the scouts have learned and done in their individual den meetings. The pack may also get together for special pack activities like service projects, hikes, campouts, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, and more.

Individual dens usually meet once a month. Each of the ranks in Cub Scouts has its own requirements that are age-appropriate. As a Cub Scout advances through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging, to match the new skills and abilities they have learned.

## Organization of Dens in Pack 914

At the pack level, all scouts come together for meetings and events. At the den level, boy dens and girl dens operate differently in Pack 914 depending on rank. For the Lion rank (Kindergarten), boys and girls meet together for den meetings. For the Tiger rank (1<sup>st</sup> grade), boys and girls meet together for half of the den meetings and separately for half of the den meetings. For the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos ranks (2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grades), boy and girl dens meet separately.

Scout Rank (Grade)	Description of Rank
<b>Bobcat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ First graders, and anyone beyond that grade who is new to Cub Scouting, completes the Bobcat Badge prior to working on their grade-specific badge of rank. Kindergartners, who are Lions, do not work on the Bobcat Badge.</li></ul>
<b>Lion</b> (Kindergarten)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Kindergartners work toward the Lion rank. The Lion rank is earned by completing five adventures. Outside of the requirements, Lion scouts can also complete any number of seven elective adventures of their den's or family's choosing.</li></ul>

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<b>Tiger</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First graders work toward the Tiger rank. The Tiger rank is earned by completing seven adventures (6 required and 1 elective).</li> </ul>
<b>Wolf</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Second graders work toward the Wolf rank. The Wolf rank is earned by completing seven adventures (6 required and 1 elective).</li> <li>▪ Wolf scouts in Pack 914 visit the Endangered Wolf Center to complete an adventure.</li> <li>▪ Wolf scouts in Pack 914 work to complete the <i>Light of Christ</i> religious emblem program. Scouts receive a medal and are recognized during a Scout Sunday mass.</li> </ul>
<b>Bear</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Third graders work toward the Bear rank. The Bear rank is earned by completing seven adventures (6 required and 1 elective).</li> <li>▪ Bear Scouts in Pack 914 visit the World Bird Sanctuary to complete an adventure.</li> </ul>
<b>Webelos I</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fourth graders work toward the Webelos rank. The Webelos rank is earned by completing six adventures (5 required and 1 elective).</li> <li>▪ Webelos scouts in Pack 914 work to complete the <i>Parvuli Dei</i> religious emblem program. Scouts receive a medal and are recognized during a Scout Sunday mass.</li> </ul>
<b>Webelos II</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fifth graders work toward the Arrow of Light rank. (If a fourth-grade scout has completed the Webelos rank, they may begin work on the Arrow of Light.) The Arrow of Light is earned by completing five adventures.</li> <li>▪ Arrow of Light scouts in Pack 914 plan a trip (e.g., state capitol).</li> </ul>

## Membership Dues

- \$80 membership fee per scout
  - As of August 2023, fee is collected annually for **existing** members in November; fee is collected annually for **new** members in the month they join
- \$25 one-time joining fee for **new** scouts
- *Optional for each family.* \$15 *Scout Life* magazine subscription

## Cub Scout Uniform

- Each scout should have the following uniform items:

## Lion Scouts

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- Class A Uniform Shirt (\$14.99)
- Uniform Belt (\$14.99)
- Navy Blue Shorts or Pants (can wear school uniform shorts or pants)
- Neckerchief (pack will supply, scouts return at the end of each scouting year)
- Neckerchief Slide (scouts will make their own)
- Class B Uniform Pack 914 T-Shirt (\$10-15 per shirt)

## Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos I Scouts



- Class A Uniform Shirt (\$30-40)
- Class A Uniform Patches: USA Flag Emblem (\$1.99), World Crest Scout Emblem (\$2.49), and Greater St. Louis Area Council Shoulder Patch (\$4.99)
- Cub Scout (navy blue) Uniform Belt (\$14.99)
- Navy Blue Shorts or Pants (can wear school uniform shorts or pants)
- Neckerchief (pack will supply, scouts return at the end of each year)
- Neckerchief Slide (scouts will make their own)
- Class B Uniform Pack 914 T-Shirt (\$10-15 per shirt)

## Webelos I / II Scouts

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- Class A Uniform Shirt (\$40-50)
- Class A Uniform Patches: USA Flag Emblem (\$1.99), World Crest Scout Emblem (\$2.49), and Greater St. Louis Area Council Shoulder Patch (\$4.99)
- Cub Scout (navy blue) Shoulder Loops (\$4.89 each)
- Scouts BSA (olive green) Shorts or Pants (\$30-60)
- Scouts BSA (olive green) Uniform Belt (\$19.99)
- Neckerchief (pack will supply, scouts return at the end of each scouting year)
- Neckerchief Slide (scouts will make their own)
- Webelos Rank Colors (pack will supply)
- Class B Uniform Pack 914 T-Shirt (\$10-15 per shirt)

## Where to Purchase Cub Scout Uniforms

There are two scout shop locations in St. Louis area:

BSA Outfitters (West County Service Center)  
Center)  
13347 Manchester Rd.  
Des Peres, MO 63131  
314-984-0014  
M-Th, 9am-7pm, F, 9am-6pm, Sa, 9am-4pm

St. Louis Scout Shop (McArthur Service  
Center)  
4568 West Pine Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
314-454-1652  
M-F, 9am-5pm

You can also purchase items through the BSA Scout Shop online at <https://www.scoutshop.org/>.

## Fundraisers

- Each scout family is encouraged to participate in one of the following sales-based fundraisers.
  1. BBQ @ Shrewsbury Fall Festival – October
  2. Popcorn Sales – August-November
  3. Pizza Sales – October/November
- Additional smaller-scale fundraising opportunities may occur during the scouting year, and pack leaders will inform families when volunteers are needed.
- The money raised through fundraisers pays for den activities, pack events, advancement items (belt loops, pins, rank patches, emblems), and den leader dues

## Get Connected!

- Boy Scouts of America

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- Website <https://www.scouting.org/>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/theboyscoutsofamerica/>
- Sign up for the BSA E-Newsletter *Scouting Wire* at <https://scoutingwire.org/newsletter/>
- Greater St. Louis Area Scout Council
  - Website <https://stlbsa.org>
  - Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stlbsa>
  - Sign up for the council's E-Newsletter *Digital Duffle Bag* at [contactus.stlbsa.org](https://contactus.stlbsa.org)
- Gravois Trail District
  - Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GravoisTrailDistrict>
  - Sign up for the district's E-Newsletter *Gravois Trail Newsletter* at <https://stlbsa.org/find-your-district/gravois-trail-district/>
- Cub Scout Pack 914
  - Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/678687976844822>