

Dear Parents,

We are reaching out to tell you about the Old Tappan Cub Scout program and the opportunity for your child to join in the fall of their 1st grade year. The program runs from September to May and meets once a month (due to covid-19) for 1 hour meetings at outside location, or a location picked by the leaders. We have a couple of special adventures planned that would take place outside of the school, more information to follow on those. Yearly dues are \$100 (this includes pinewood derby cars).We are not asking you to purchase a full uniform or handbook, but we ask that you purchase a t-shirt \$10.

During the meetings we do activities that are tailored to teach the boys invaluable life skills while increasing their self confidence and team building skills. Guests from the community (fireman, town officials, etc.) will frequently come to help with these activities. Upon completion of these activities the boys will earn badges that represent their understanding of various elements of the program. The boys will have the opportunity to earn around 10 badges, 6 are required to move up to the next scout rank and the others are fun elective type badges.

Safety and supervision is paramount with scouting as we will always have a minimum of 2 adults with the children at all times. Parents are welcome to attend the meetings throughout the year. We are thankful we had two parents, **Diane Alzapiedi and Christine Chang** step up to be leaders for the Tiger den. We are always looking to add to the leadership and will welcome more parents who would like to get involved. We will help you and answer any question you might have.

Due to Covid 19 we have changed our meeting schedule. We normally meet 2 times each month there is a Den meeting (just 1st grade boys) and a Pack meeting (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade together). We are working on a virtual option. Please email the leaders if that is something you are interested in, for the time being.

Feel free to email me or Diane for additional information about being your child joining the cub scout or to inquire about a leadership role, <u>DianeMiata@aol.com</u> or <u>KWeaver120@yahoo.com</u>,

Sincerely, Katie Weaver OT Pack 132 Cub Master