

Scouting Program Opportunities

The scouting programs of the Boy Scouts of America offer excellent opportunities for adventure, family fun, friendship, responsibility and service, for both boys and girls.

Cub Scout Packs are for boys in the First through Fifth grades. The boys participate in cub dens based on their grade, and work with their parents and leaders to enjoy safe, wholesome activities. Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service. As the boys get older, they explore more outdoor adventures and prepare to become Boy Scouts. Cub Scout Pack 144 is sponsored by Christ the King Parish and School. CTK families have enjoyed scouting in Pack 144 for many years.

Boy Scouts is for any boy who is at least 11 years old or has completed Fifth grade. Boy Scouts belong to a Troop, and take part in monthly camping trips and outdoor adventures. The program's objectives are character development, citizenship, and personal fitness. Boys who advance through the program have the opportunity to earn the Eagle Scout rank, one of the highest achievements a young man can accomplish. There are several Troops in the Happy Valley/Milwaukie area. Troop 144 meets at St. John the Baptist Church in Milwaukie, and many CTK students have been scouts in Troop 144. Several CTK graduates performed their Eagle Scout project to benefit Christ the King School.

BSA also has coed programs for youth. Middle school youth can participate in Explorer Clubs. And youth age 14 and older can participate in Venturing Crews. There are clubs and crews active in our area.

To learn more about Scouting opportunities, come to our Scout Information and Join Night, Monday Sept. 18th, between 6:00PM and 8:00PM, in the new Parish Center. You can also contact Joe Keller at jwkeller144@comcast.net or 503-760-3454 for more information.