

CUB SCOUT'S BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

A 70+ YEAR OLD TRADITION TO CELEBRATE OVER 90 YEARS OF SCOUTING

A blue and gold banquet is a birthday dinner for the Cub Scouting program, held during February. The anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America, which was organized in February 1910. The Cub Scouts was organized 20 years later in 1930.

In 1933 "Cub Leaders' Round Table" suggested Parent/Cub dinners. Soon thereafter, Pack 1 of Michigan City started a tradition of "pot-lucks" where the dads were to bring utensils made of wood; whittled by the Cub with his dad. In the 1930s father/son "bean dinners" and "Cub family dinners" began to become commonplace. Finally, in 1943 the name "Blue and Gold Banquet" first appeared in BSA literature, and became synonymous with "celebrating the birthday of Scouting."

Today, the Blue and Gold banquet is one of the highlights of the program year. It brings together our Pack's families for a dinner and an evening of fun. The meal is important, but even more important is the warm, congenial atmosphere created as families enjoy each other's company.

It is also where we will acknowledge our leaders and volunteers and award many of the boys their big awards for the year (i.e. Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo patches). And for our graduating Webelos II's, it is where we will award the Arrow of Light (Cub Scouting Highest Award). In addition to awards, there is special entertainment for the kids, as well.

This is a family event. People should feel free to bring grandparents, siblings, etc. It is not formal, although boys and leaders should be dressed in full Class A uniforms to show their pride in Scouting.

We hope everyone will join us for an afternoon of fun and festivities!