

Cub Scout Pack No. 1 back in action in Wauneta

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Sixteen boys are taking part in the reinstated Cub Scout Pack No.1 in Wauneta. Members include, from back left, Webelos Den Leader Justin Rahn, Assistant Den Leader Gage Crowell, Cole Hamilton, Hoyte Holmes, Trey McCrumb, Camden DeWester, Seth Knotts, Josh Starnes, Kolter Rahn, Michael Duvel, Bear Den Leader Ryan Starnes, Cub Master/Wolf Den Leader Ryan McCrumb, front from left, Tiger Den Leader Lyle Goddard, Sabation Harris, Aden Acton, Isaiah Roe, Cody Holmes, Jacksen Littrel, Sean Manley, and Gabriel McCrumb. Not pictured: Allen Ramirez and Deakon Smith. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Young boys in Wauneta have the opportunity to join Scouts once again after a short break. Two men, Ryan McCrumb and Ryan Starnes, began the progress of reinstating Scouts and held the first Scout meeting for the new generation of Scouts in January 2014.

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McCrumb said he decided to endeavor into the world of a Cub Scout Den Leader when his son, Trey's sister joined Girl Scouts. Trey wanted to join Scouts, too. Starnes had a similar story for taking on leadership of the pack, "Josh wanted to join, too."

Right now there are 16 boys in first through fifth grades participating in Scouts, all at the Cub Scout level. Another three boys are thinking of joining.

McCrumb serves as the Cub Master and the Den Leader for the five Wolves (second graders). Starnes serves the group as the Bears Den Leader for the five third graders. Joining them in leading the Scouts are Lyle Goddard with the two first graders as the Tiger Den Leader and Justin Rahn serves as the Den Leader for the four Webelos who are in the fourth and fifth grades. Gage Crowell, a long-time Boy Scout who is almost at the Eagle Scout level, serves as the Assistant Den Leader and helps with all groups.

Scouting works to teach boys skills and values "consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. The Boy Scouts of America has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910," explains the Cub Scout website at www.cubscouts.org. The site goes on to explain Scouting encourages boys to "do their best" and be helpful to others.

The Wauneta boys are busy making plans for their Pack. McCrumb and Starnes said the boys will have camp outs this summer and they plan to hold a pinewood derby in the future as well. The boys are also working on several achievement projects where they will earn badges and help out in the community.

The Pack has already held one fundraiser, a cake raffle at the Feb. 6 Wauneta-Palisade basketball game. Upcoming fundraisers include a joint fundraiser, a Chili Supper, with the Girl Scouts on March 22 and popcorn sales in the fall.

When asked how Scouts is going so far, the two young men who helped spur the reinstatement of Wauneta Scouts said it simply. Trey McCrumb said, "It's good. And, I like spending time with my dad, too." Josh Starnes' comments on his Scouting experience so far were similar, "It's fun

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