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**Cub Scouts Earn Engineering Activity Badges at
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., Headquarters**

*Pack 148 Cub Scouts from Everett Elementary School in Lake Forest, Illinois,
Tour WJE Lab Facilities and Conduct Scientific Experiments*

NORTHBROOK, IL (October 27, 2009) — Local Cub Scouts recently visited Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), headquarters to learn about the field of engineering and earn engineering activity badges as part of their Webelo Scout program that prepares them for their future endeavors.

WJE professional staff gave educational presentations about structural engineering and facilitated hands-on laboratory experiments for the Scouts. Pack members toured WJE's laboratory facilities, learned about concrete, and created cylinders using rapid setting cement. Afterwards, scouts had the opportunity to test the strength of their cylinders using a compression testing machine.

"It was really cool making the concrete cylinders," said Cub Scout member Andrew Walther. "We got to smash them, too, which was a lot of fun to watch!" he said.

Scouts also reviewed blueprints of major sport stadiums throughout the country, including Gillette Stadium, home to the National Football League's New England Patriots, and U.S. Cellular Field, home field of the Chicago White Sox of the American League. Scout members learned how drawings are used to depict structural systems, in-plan elevations, and section reviews.

About WJE

Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), is an interdisciplinary firm of architects, structural engineers, and materials scientists that specializes in the investigation, analysis, testing, and design of repairs for historic and contemporary structures. WJE focuses on delivering practical, innovative, and technically sound solutions across all areas of construction technology. Since the firm's founding more than fifty years ago, WJE specialists bring the collective experience gained from conducting more than seventy-five thousand investigations worldwide to every construction challenge. WJE combines state-of-the-art laboratory and testing facilities, nationwide offices, and knowledge sharing systems to provide solutions for the built world. For more information, please visit wje.com.

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