

WELCOME TO CUB SCOUT PACK 1776

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CUB SCOUTS!



Where Character Counts and
The Adventure Begins...

Introduction to Scouting

What is Scouting all about? Simply put Scouting is a movement designed to help young people grow and reach their best potential using tried and true methods. Scouting has often been called "A Game with a Purpose" because it uses activities and outdoor programs that are fun and challenging to create growth opportunities and memories that can last a lifetime. But we're getting ahead of ourselves. Perhaps the best place to start with the goals or aims of Scouting listed below.

AIMS OF SCOUTING

- To build moral strength and character
- To prepare boys for the responsibilities of Citizenship
- To encourage Fitness

Purposes of Cub Scouting

As a parent you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him.

Since 1930, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness in youth.

Boys, families, and leaders work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family oriented

Activities are intended for the whole family

You may work with your son on his advancement award requirements

Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

The Den

A Cub Scout Pack is divided into small groups of about eight boys called dens, who meet at least once a month under the direction of adult Den Leaders. The Den Leaders are trained parent volunteers.

The den allows boys to get to know each other better and engage in activities that would be difficult in a larger group. The den also provides leadership opportunities for the boys.

Den meeting activities are planned around the monthly theme and include games, handicrafts, hikes and other outdoor fun, practicing skits and stunts in preparation for the next Pack meeting and taking part in simple ceremonies and songs. Sometimes work on advancement requirements is included, but most of that work is accomplished by the boys with their parents. The Den Leaders may ask for special help occasionally from parents (helping with a meeting, sharing a special skill, or just providing a snack for the boys).

Dens are organized by rank. Ranks are organized by grade and age:

- Tiger Cub Dens
- Bear Dens
- Wolf Dens
- Webelos Dens

The Pack

The Pack is a group made up of several dens. The Pack includes not only the boys in those dens, but also their families, and their leaders. The Packs meets once a month with Cub Scouts, leaders, parents and other family members attending. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the boys, their parents, and their leaders.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors certain special projects. These include community projects (e.g., Scouting for Food Drive for the needy), outdoor activities (e.g., field trips, family campouts, etc.), fund raising activities, and fun competitions (e.g., Pinewood car Derby).

The Cub Scout Advancement Plan

Recognition is important to young boys. The Cub Scouting advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.

Bobcat. No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can advance to the rank of Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos. A boy must complete the Bobcat requirements, which include demonstrating his understanding of Scouting's core values.

Tiger Cub. The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.

Wolf. The Wolf program is for boys who have completed first grade. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass 12 achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. When the boy has earned his Wolf badge, he may work on electives for credit toward Arrow Points to be worn under the Bear badge.

Bear. The Bear rank is for boys who have completed second grade (or are age 9). There are 24 Bear achievements in four categories. The Cub Scout must complete 12 of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more difficult and challenging than those for Wolf rank. When the boy has earned his Bear badge, he may work on electives for credit toward Arrow Points to be worn under the Bear badge.

Webelos. Webelos, which stands for “**WE’ll BE LOyal Scouts**”, is a program for boys who have completed the third grade. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop. As he completes the requirements found in the Webelos Handbook, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements—all leading to the Arrow of Light Award.

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Special Scout Activities

Camping, Hiking & Biking
Danville 4th of July Parade
Scout Summer Camp
Halloween Party
Rain Gutter Regatta
Cub Olympics
Pinewood Derby
Cub Mobile/Soap Box Derby Races
Movie Nights
Annual Blue and Gold Dinner
Scouting for Food
Fun filled pack and den meetings with your friends
And many, many more....

Publications

The boys get a subscription to *Boys' Life* magazine & *Scouting* magazine . Both are published by the Boy Scouts of America. Also available are the age appropriate Cub Scout publications, including the *Tiger Cub Handbook*, *Wolf Cub Scout Book*, *Bear Cub Scout Book*, *Webelos Scout Book*.

The Basics

Apart from the fun and excitement of Cub Scout activities, there are a number of ideals expressed in the day-to-day life of the young boy and his leaders.

Cub Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best

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The **Cub Scout sign** identifies the youth as a Cub Scout and is used when giving the Cub Scout Promise or the Law of the Pack. The **Cub Scout salute** is used when saluting the flag of the United States. The handshake is used as a token of friendship and identity.

How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What Do You Receive In Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization. Wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Pack Volunteer Opportunities

DEN LEADER

Leads the Den at monthly Den & Pack meetings.
Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meetings.
Gets great ideas by attending monthly District Roundtable

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee.
Serves as the master of ceremonies at the monthly pack meeting.
Attends the District monthly roundtable.
Attends the monthly pack committee meetings.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER

Assists the Cubmaster as needed. Fills in for the Cubmaster when necessary.
Attends the District monthly roundtable.
Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meetings.

PACK COMMITTEE

The Pack Committee members (positions listed below) are a group of adult volunteers who plan the Pack program and individual activities as well as managing such things as record keeping, finance, leadership recruitment, and registration. The Pack Committee meets monthly and meetings are open to any interested parent.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Presides at all Pack Committee meetings.
Prepares the agenda for the committee meeting
Helps recruit adult leaders.
Attends the monthly pack meeting

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Maintains advancement records for the Pack.
Orders and obtains all badges and insignia.
Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meetings.

SECRETARY / TREASURER

Keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack bank account, financial records, etc.
Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meetings.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Maintain accurate records of all youth and leaders in the pack. Makes sure everyone is registered with the BSA.
Conduct recruitment efforts to add new boys.
Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meetings.

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PARENT HELPERS

Each year the pack will undertake many short-term projects. Parents are needed for activities such as Popcorn Chair; Pinewood Derbies, Blue and Gold Banquet, Cub Day Camp, etc. These jobs are usually of short duration and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

Uniform and Handbooks

Why Do We Wear Uniforms?

The Cub Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. There are many reasons for this. One reason stands out above all the rest. We wear the uniform because it is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles to which we are committed-character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.

It is a way we give each other strength and support. It is a bond that ties us together in spite of our differences. It is a way of making visible our commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and to helping other people.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform, we are openly identifying ourselves with those values where everyone can see us. We stand together, not alone, in encouraging others to live by those same principles. Boys and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.

Uniform details:

All scouts are expected to wear the official uniform at all scouting events, unless otherwise directed. We follow the waist-up uniforming. Refer to your scout handbook for uniform details and patch placement.

New Scouts will need to buy the following items:

- Cub Scout shirt
- Cub Scout belt - no uniform pants needed
- Cub Scout Cap (Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- Cub Scout Neckerchief (Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- Cub Scout slide (Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- World Scout Crest Emblem
- Mt Diablo/Silverado Council Shoulder Patch,
- "1776" Pack numerals & Den number patch
- Cub Scout Handbook (Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)

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Scouting uniforms & Handbooks can be purchased at:

Mount Diablo Silverado Council Shop
800 Ellinswood Way, Pleasant Hill
Telephone: 925-674-6100

McCaulou's in Danville
589 San Ramon Valley Blvd,
Town & Country Shopp in Danville
<http://www.mccaulous.com/>
(925) 837-0261

East Bay Scout Shop
1001 Davis Street, San Leandro
Telephone: 510-633-2005

Scout Stuff Online
<http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply/>

Class B- Casual uniforms

Pack 1776 Class B Tee shirts are our casual uniform and are especially encouraged for siblings and parents. Scouts may wear this casual uniform at campouts, outings, and scout events where the official uniform could be damaged or soiled. These products are available for sale at selected Pack events typically at the beginning of the school year.

Pack 1776 Registration Cost

\$100 per year, includes one year subscription to Boy's Life & a Pack 1776 Class B Tee shirt