

Cub Scout Pack 400

2018-2019 Parent Handbook



Where Character Counts and
the Adventure begins!



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Hanford, California
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Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 400!

We are so glad you have chosen to be part of the world of Scouting. Cub Scouting is a fun and rewarding experience that will benefit not only your son or daughter, but also your entire family. The experiences and knowledge they will gain from Scouting will help them for the rest of their lives. Cub Scout **Pack 400** is chartered by the **First United Methodist Church**. We are part of the **Riverbend District** of the **Sequoia Council** of the Boy Scouts of America. Our program typically follows the school year (September – June) to achieve the goals, ideals, and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America.

This guide was written to help answer your questions about Cub Scouting and Pack 400. Our Pack leaders are looking forward to a great year of Cub Scouting, and we hope you are too!

Tom Carter, *Committee Chair*



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What is Cub Scouting?

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys (And now girls) through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys and girls who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 7, 8, 9, and 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.



The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are:

- *Character Development*
- *Spiritual Growth*
- *Good Citizenship*
- *Sportsmanship & Fitness*
- *Family Understanding*
- *Respectful Relationships*
- *Personal Achievement*
- *Friendly Service*
- *Fun & Adventure*
- *Preparation for Boy Scouts.*

The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as a family, join the program with your scout. You will help them along the way. The family is the basis of the Cub Scout program. Cub Scouts exists to support your family and help enrich your family activities. Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level with suggested activities that are age- appropriate for their developmental level. As the Scouts “advance” through these books by working on activities with their family, they will earn badges and other recognition which may be worn on their Cub Scout uniform.

Your scout’s success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

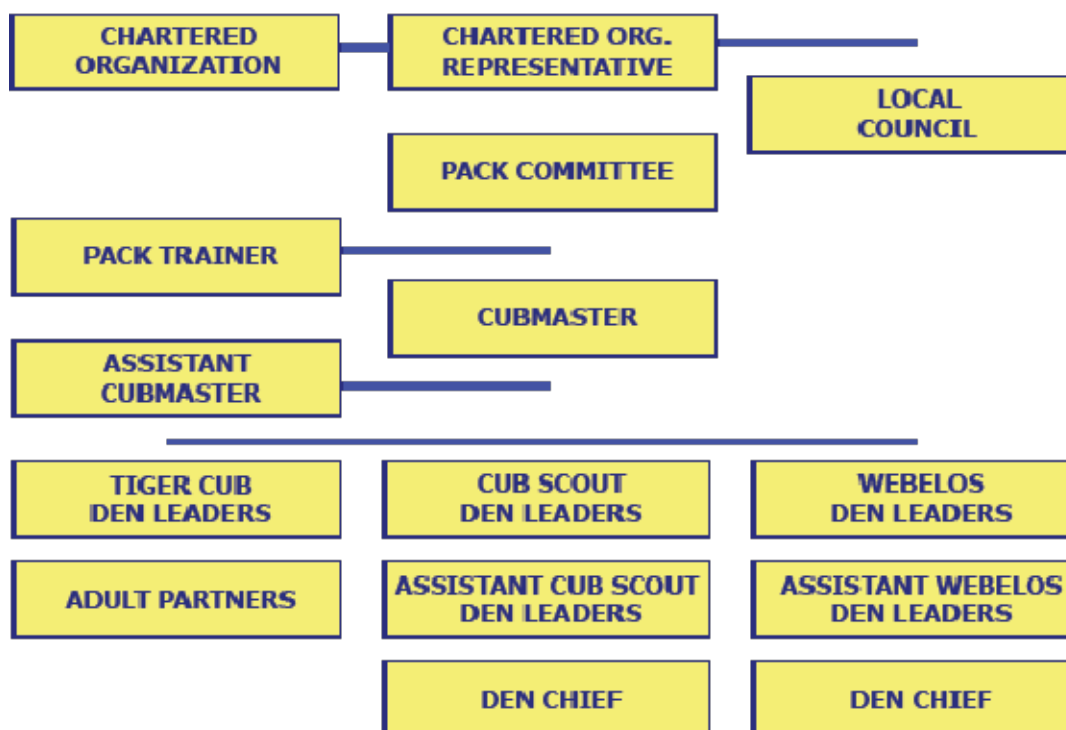
The Cub Scout program is further enhanced at two other levels. Your scout will be a part of a “den” – a small group of boys and girls in the same grade level who meet on a weekly basis. All our dens make up a “pack.” Once a month, all dens meet together at the pack meeting, a family event which gives Scouts an opportunity to be recognized for the badges they have earned and have fun!



For every 100 youth who join Scouting, records indicate:

- Rarely will one be brought before the juvenile court system.
- 4 will become Eagle Scouts.
- 12 will have their first contact with a church and 1 will enter the clergy.
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life.
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the Scouting program.
- 1 will use their Scouting skills to save their own life.
- 1 will use Scouting skills to save the life of another person.

Pack Organization



The Chartered Organization

Every Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, and Venturing Crew belongs to an organization with interests similar to those of the BSA. This organization, which might be a church, school, community organization, or group of interested citizens, receives a charter from the BSA to use the Scouting program. This chartered organization provides a suitable meeting place, adult leadership, supervision, and opportunities for a healthy Scouting life for the boys & girls under its care. **Pack 400 is chartered by the First United Methodist Church.** Our Charter Organization Representative is Pastor Pablo Rovere.

The Pack Committee

The Pack Committee is a group of adult volunteers who plan the Pack program and individual activities as well as managing such things as record keeping, finances, leadership recruitment, and registration. Our Pack Committee currently consists of several members – Committee Chair, Treasurer, Secretary /Public Relations. The committee meets monthly to ensure that all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts receive a quality program.



The Pack

The Pack is a group made up of several dens: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. Pack 400 has at least one den for each grade level. The Pack includes not only the boys and girls in those dens, but also their families, and their leaders. The Pack meets once a month with the 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 scouts, their parents, and their leaders. The Pack meetings are led by the Cubmaster.

The Den

A Cub Scout Pack is divided into small groups of about eight to ten boys & girls called dens, who meet weekly under the direction of adult Den Leaders. The Den Leaders are trained parent volunteers. The den allows scouts 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 scouts as they help to teach each other.

Den meeting activities include games, handicrafts, service projects, hikes and other outdoor fun. The Den may practice skits in preparation for the next Pack meeting or take part in simple ceremonies and songs. Most Den meetings include work on advancement requirements, but some of that work is done at home by the scouts with their parents. The Webelos Dens are the exception. Most of the Webelos advancement activities are done with the Den. The Den Leaders may ask for occasional help from parents such as assisting with a meeting, sharing a special skill, or just providing a snack for the scouts.

How Packs Fit into BSA

Each Pack is a member of a district, a geographic area of the BSA local council that helps support the pack in providing a successful and high-quality program. An employee of the local council, a unit-serving executive (district executive), is assigned to assist the packs in your district. Your district also has a volunteer team called the Commissioner Staff. They are a "service team" that checks on the program "health" of your pack, and they are a communication link between your pack and the local council. A commissioner is assigned specifically to assist your unit. **Pack 400 is part of the Riverbend District in the Sequoia Council of BSA.** Our District Executive is **Michael Foster**, our district commissioner is **John Wright** and our district chairperson is **Mark Millet**.



Advancement & Awards

Bobcat

All boys & girls joining Cub Scouts (grades 1-5) earn the Bobcat badge first. They learn the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, each Scout works on requirements based on his grade level. A Scout may earn belt loops and other awards before earning their Bobcat, but he or she will not be presented those awards until he or she has become a Bobcat.



Tiger Cub

The Tiger Cub program is for first grade (or age 7) boys & girls and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with their adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of activities just right for a scout in the first grade. Tiger Cubs can work on electives until they join a Wolf Den.



Wolf

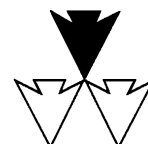


A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After they earn the Wolf badge, a scout may work on electives in different interest areas until old enough to begin work on the Bear rank. For every 10 electives a scout completes, they earn an Arrow Point. A scout may earn as many Arrow Points as he or she chooses.

Bear



A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After they earn the Bear badge, a scout may work on electives in different interest areas until old enough to begin work on the Webelos rank. As with the Wolf badge, for every 10 electives a scout completes, they earn an Arrow Point. A scout may earn as many Arrow Points as he or she desires.



Webelos 1

This program is for scouts who have completed third grade (or are 10 years old). As a Webelos Scout completes the 5 required adventures and two elective adventures found in the Webelos Scout Book, they will earn the Webelos badge, attend Pack and Den meetings, and become familiar with the Scouts BSA joining requirements.



Webelos 2 (Arrow of Light)

Hard work will lead to the highest award a boy or girl can earn as a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light Award. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the Webelos program. A Webelos 2 will complete 5 required adventures and three elective adventures.

In the spring of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, they graduate from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Scouts BSA.



Academics and Sports Program

Cub Scouts of any rank can also earn recognition through the *Cub Scout Sports and Academic Program*. Belt loops are awarded for trying various sports and completing extra work in assorted academic subjects. Pins are awarded for more advanced participation and work. The requirements for belt loops and pins are available on the BSA website. Our Pack requires Scouts to submit a “worksheet” to their den leader to receive credit for earning a belt loop or pin. There are several sources of worksheets on the internet. Please visit our Pack website for links to the appropriate pages.



Religious Emblems

Cub Scouts are encouraged to earn the Religious Emblem for their faith.



We can suggest resources for Scouts of all faiths. Scouts completing the requirements will earn a purple square knot to wear on their uniform.

Special Cub Scout Events

The Raingutter Regatta



The Raingutter Regatta is a racing event for Cub Scouts using balsa wood sailboats the boys build from a kit. Within the basic design rules, Scouts are free to build and decorate their sailboats as they choose. The boats are raced in a standard 10-foot rain gutter placed on a table and filled with water. The boats are propelled by each Scout blowing on his sail. The first boat to reach the end of the gutter is the winner. The overall winner is determined by a double-elimination tournament.

The Pinewood Derby



The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable programs in Cub Scouts. The Scout, with help from a parent, builds a wooden race car from a kit. Parents and siblings are welcome to build their own cars as well. Pack 400 has a special event to build the cars. The Pinewood Derby is held on a Saturday afternoon. It is a festive event for the whole Pack. The gravity-powered cars are raced down a large race track with computerized timing. Trophies are awarded for racing and design winners. There are separate divisions for each Den level, siblings and “outlaw” parents.

The Blue and Gold Banquet

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.

Camping

There are lots of opportunities for family camping in Cub Scouting! Our Pack attends the Sequoia Council Events at Camp Chawanakee. We also have campouts of our own. The Pack has hosted campouts at locations such as Camp Wortman, Pine Flat Lake, Millerton Lake, and Cambria.



Our Cub Scouts can experience the total fun of a week long Day Camp adventure, Day Camp is conducted by our District locally. And lastly but certainly not least is the Webelos Adventure Campout. Webelos participate in even more camping events as they prepare to become Scouts BSA. The campout is run by the Scouts BSA to prepare the Webelos for their bridging over to Scouting BSA. Here the Webelos are introduced to Scout BSA skills, merit badges, campfire activities and high adventures.

The Uniform

The Scout uniform helps to achieve the objectives of Scouting. The uniform by itself cannot make a good Scout or a good Pack, but its use is known to improve both the Scout and the Pack because it is a visible symbol of Scouting and unity. Each scout is eventually expected to have and wear the uniform appropriate for their den, **within reasonable** amount of time after joining the Pack. **Remember the scouts' attendance and fun is more important than having the uniform right away!**

Tigers

- Blue cub scout shirt with appropriate insignia and patches
- denim or dark blue pants/shorts
- Cub Scout neckerchief (Tiger =orange)
- Neckerchief slide (Tiger =orange)
- tennis shoes or hiking boots w/ socks (official socks not required)
- Tiger hat
- (optional) Cub Scout web belt (there are awards that go on the belt)



Wolves & Bears

- Blue Cub Scout shirt with appropriate insignia and patches.
- Cub Scout neckerchief (Wolf = yellow/red; Bear = light blue)
- Neckerchief slide (Wolf = yellow/red; Bear = light blue)
- denim or dark blue pants/shorts
- tennis shoes or hiking boots w/ socks (official socks not required)
- Wolf or Bear Cub Scout Hat
- (optional) Cub Scout web belt (there are awards that go on the belt)



Webelos

- Blue Cub Scout or tan Boy Scout shirt (check with den leader)
- plaid Webelos neckerchief
- Webelos neckerchief slide
- denim, dark blue, or olive green pants/shorts
- tennis shoes or hiking boots w/ socks (official socks not required)
- Webelos Scout Hat
- (optional) Cub Scout or Boy Scout web belt



Pack Shirts

Pack 400 will be ordering pack shirts in the fall. The shirts make our Pack highly visible on outings, which is especially helpful when we are out and about in a crowd. Although not required, all Scouts, leaders, and family members are encouraged to buy a Pack shirt.

Why We Wear the Uniform

The Boy 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 & mental fitness.

The fact that youth and adult members of Scouting wear a uniform does not mean that we are all alike. We come from different ethnic and racial backgrounds. We have our own religious beliefs and political views. We are each individuals with our own family traditions and loyalties. So the uniform is not intended to hide our individuality. But 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, girls, and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.



Wearing the Uniform

Cub Scout uniforms build pride, loyalty and self-respect. Scouts are expected to wear their uniform to all Pack and Den events including Den meetings, Pack meetings, outings and other activities. Scouts are also expected to wear uniforms for ceremonies such as flag retirements. The uniform should be worn proudly and properly: clean, neat, shirt buttoned, and shirt tails tucked. Pack leaders may specify alternative uniforms for campouts and other activities where the official uniform is not appropriate.

What Do I Need to Get?

(Prices from BSA scoutstuff.org, 8/30/2018)

All Dens:

- Handbook: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos (\$12.99) Spiral (18.99)



- Sequoia Council Shoulder Patch (\$3.50)
- World Crest (\$1.99) shown at right
- Neckerchief: Wolf, Bear (\$8.99) or Webelos (\$9.99)
- Neckerchief slide: Wolf, Bear or Webelos (\$5.99)



Tiger, Wolf, & Bear Dens:

- Cub Scout Blue Uniform Short Sleeve Shirt (\$24.99)
- Red/White Pack Numerals: '4', '0' and '0' (\$1.49 each)



Webelos Dens: (check with Den Leader)

- Khaki Scouts BSA Uniform Shirt (\$29.99 - \$39.99, depending on fabric & size)
- Blue Shoulder Loops (\$3.99 a pair)

Hats (all dens)

- Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos (\$14.99)

OPTIONAL:

- Cub Scout Web Belt (\$9.99 size S/M, \$9.99 size M/L, or \$9.99 size XL)
Please talk to someone at the Scout Shop if you are getting a new buckle for an old belt.
- Cub Scout Blue Uniform Pants (\$24.99) or Webelos Olive Uniform Pants (\$34.99 - \$49.99, depending on fabric & size)

Where to Get the Uniform:

You can purchase uniforms and Scout supplies from Fresno Scout Shop or the Visalia Trading Post. You can also order online from www.scoutstuff.org.

Fresno Scout Shop
6005 N. Tamera Ave.
Fresno, Ca 93711-3911
559.436.1339
OR
Visalia Trading Post
230 NW 3rd Ave
Visalia, CA 93291-3628
559.732.3424

Where Do the Patches Go?

The Pack Leaders and staff at the Scout Shop will be able to answer any questions you might have on where to put what badge. The Cub Scout Handbooks have guides for badge placement. There are also “Uniform Inspection Sheets” that show proper badge placement. You can find links to those documents at this link. Look at the bottom of the page for the pdf files. <http://www.seqbsa.org/Scout%20Shop.htm>

How to Wear the Neckerchief



1. Fold the long edge over several small flat folds to about 6 inches from the tip of the neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck and is more efficient than rolling or twirling.
2. Place around the neck over turned-under collar of uniform shirt. Or, wear under shirt collar if desired.
3. Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly. Let neckerchief ends hang loose.
4. The portion of the neckerchief showing below the back of the neck should measure no more than 6 inches.
5. A neckerchief slide should be worn with the neckerchief. Be careful to bend in the metal “tabs” on the back of the slide to firmly hold it in place.

BSA Medical Forms

In an effort to provide better care to those who may become ill or injured, the Boy Scouts of America requires all Scouts and registered leaders to complete a medical form annually. Medical information required includes a current health history, a list of medications, and copies of insurance cards. The form also includes the parental informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, as well as a talent release statement. Pack 400 leaders make every effort to protect the privacy of unit members by protecting their medical information.

Adults and siblings attending Pack campouts will be asked to submit a medical form.

A copy of the BSA medical form is available on the internet at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Pack 400 on the Web

Pack 400 maintains a website at www.hanfordpack400.org. Our website includes important information such as forms and links to Cub Scout resources on the web. It also includes an event calendar, newsletter, and event signups.

Our Pack also has a Facebook page which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/hanfordpack400 Facebook users are encouraged to “like” our page to help you stay up-to-date with Pack 400 events and activities.



Photos of activities may be posted on these forums. We will never post any names or other information that would endanger our scouts. Families are welcome to post pictures to the sites, but we ask that no tags are used to identify any of the people in the photos.

Pack 400 asks each family to sign a talent release form allowing pictures of their Scout to be included on the Pack 400 website, brochures, and other promotional materials. Families are also asked to fill out a talent release form for any siblings who may also appear in photos of pack activities.

If ever you find a picture you would like removed from any of these sites, please contact one of the Pack leaders and we will do our best to get it removed as quickly as possible.

Finances

What does it cost to be a Cub Scout? That is a difficult question to answer because there are so many optional activities with costs that vary from one year to the next. Plus first-year Scouts will need a uniform shirt, neckerchief and insignia, while returning Scouts may only need a new handbook. The following outlines the fees and expenses your Scout is likely to incur this year:

Dues:

Dues cover the Scouts BSA membership, Pack t-shirt (class B uniform), and awards such as badges, pins, and belt loops. Dues do not cover Class A uniforms, Den Books, and additional activity costs. The Due structure is as follows-

- **New Scouts:** \$75.00 to pay for remainder of 2018 and for calendar year 2019 (December to December, payable to Pack at signup). BSA charges \$2.75 /month for membership. Annually this comes out to a BSA charge of \$33. The remaining difference goes towards a Pack t-shirt for each scout, and various awards throughout the year.
- **Returning Scouts:** \$65.00 to pay for the 2019 calendar year (December to December, payable to Pack by October 1st for Recharter) with the annual charges of \$33 for BSA. The remaining difference goes towards a Pack t-shirt and various awards throughout the year.

Boys Life Magazine:

An optional subscription to Boys Life Magazine (the official magazine for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts) is \$16.00 for new scouts (Covers the remainder of 2018 and all of 2019) and \$12.00 for returning scouts (all of 2019). Payment for subscription is due with payment of new scout or renewal dues.

Den Books:

All scouts are encouraged to have a Den Book, average cost is \$15.00

Uniform:

- Class A Uniforms include Shirt, Hat, Neckerchief and Slide and Badges, Pack 400 does not require uniform pants, shorts, or socks. Typical cost for a full uniform will be around \$60.00. Class A uniforms are used for most of our gatherings and public events.
- Class B Uniform: Any Pack 400 T shirt or official cub scout T Shirt, sweatshirt etc. Class B uniforms are used for more casual events and included with application and renewal fees.

There are other expenses that are not covered by Pack funds and are the responsibility of the Scout and his or her family. These include handbooks, uniforms, campouts, and other outings. Used uniforms can often be found on E-bay and at local second-hand stores.

The cost of campouts, for Scouts choosing to participate, varies depending on location and food.

Fundraising

Our Pack participates in one major fundraiser each year, the Sequoia Council Popcorn sale. We will be selling Trails End Gourmet popcorn, which is a Boy Scouts of America approved fundraiser. The fundraiser starts in August and continues through the end of December. Profits from this sale provide the bulk of our Pack Operating expenses as well as help support the Sequoia Council.

Each Scout is asked to participate in this fundraiser.



In an effort to help scouts reach higher sales goals, several opportunities for Pack organized Popcorn "Show-n-Sells" will be available beginning in September. The Pack coordinates dates and times with local retailers and signups will be available online. Sales credit is split among the scouts participating. With our popcorn fundraiser we have been able to cover almost all the costs of pack activities over the past few years leaving minimal out of pocket expenses for families.

How You Can Help

Your help is essential to the life of our Pack and the success of your Scout! There are many ways to be involved. We ask that all parents/guardians please:

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Volunteers

You can also help by volunteering as a member of the Pack leadership team or as a parent helper. Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. All of the leaders in our Pack are parents and are not paid. In fact, registered leaders in our Pack pay their own annual BSA dues. 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 scout and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. You can help as a leader or on the Pack Committee. Pack leadership is open to both men and women.

Parent helpers are needed for Den meetings, Pack meetings, and special events such as the Blue & Gold Banquet and the Pinewood Derby. We also need helpers that have power tools, are good with computers, sports, outdoor activities, or crafts. Please talk to your Den Leader about any help he or she may need for Den activities. Requests for parent helpers will be presented at Pack meetings, via email and newsletters, and through communication from your Den Leader.

Training

The Boy Scouts of America provides excellent training programs that help volunteers with Scout activities and are also useful in everyday life. All Leaders are required to complete an online **Youth Protection Training** course prior to submitting their application to BSA. We also ask all parents to complete the **Youth Protection** course. Go to **www.myscouting.org** and create a login. This will give you access to the Youth Protection course. Please submit your training certificate to your Scout's den leader upon completion so that we may document it for the Pack records.

Most of our Pack leaders have also completed training for their leadership position as well as additional training courses in outdoor skills and safety. We are proud of the effort our leaders put forth to complete BSA training.



WHY I AM A LEADER

I am not a Cub Scout Leader for the easy hours, high pay,
parents' gratitude, power or prestige.

I am a leader because I want the world, for your son or daughter and mine,
to be a world they can shape and help shape; a world of love and laughter,
where they can show compassion.

I want to help them to learn to finish anything they start and do it well and
to guide them to know his worth with a deeper understanding themselves.

I want to help shape men and women who have strength of
character and are sensitive to the needs of others.

I want them to be the best they can be.

I am giving of my time and myself. I reap rewards far beyond what I give.

I receive for my children and future generations a better world.

I am a Cub Scout Leader because I care.



Expectations

Cub Scouts are expected to participate regularly in Den and Pack activities. They are also expected to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the **Scout Law**; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



SCOUT LAW

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent

Pack Meetings

Pack Meetings are designed to be FUN! Scouts and parents are expected to attend Pack meetings.

Scouts will be an active part of Pack meetings. Scouts will conduct and participate in flag ceremonies such as presenting and retiring the colors, perform skits with their den, and participate in other Scout ceremonies. At Pack meetings, scouts are expected to sit together as a Den and conduct themselves appropriately. Parents are encouraged to sit with other parents and get to know the families in our Pack.

Siblings “Scout Buddies”

We do our best to make Pack 400 a family-friendly Pack. Siblings are welcome at most Cub Scout Pack events with a parent/guardian. There may be some exceptions if the safety of younger siblings is of concern. Otherwise the whole family is welcome. We do ask you to remember that the goal of Scout meetings is to help the Scout learn and grow.

Siblings are usually welcome at Den activities as well, as long as a parent/guardian is also present. Den Leaders plan crafts and activities to suit the Den members present. Please bring things for your other children to enjoy. We will do our best to include them in our activities where appropriate. If you have any questions, please speak to your Den Leader.

*“We never fail when we try to do our duty,
we always fail when we neglect to do it.”*

--Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Campout Rules

1. Each Cub Scout must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the duration of the campout. ALL exceptions to the rule require completion of a **“Consent Form for Cub Scout to Attend Campout without Parent/Guardian”** and approval of the Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chairman prior to the campout.
2. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children and their children’s behavior at all times. Camping is organized as a Pack activity but remains primarily a Cub Scout and parent/guardian camping event. Parents are responsible for keeping track of their children and for their children using good manners.
3. No youth may stay in a tent with an adult other than their parent or legal guardian.
4. Each participant must have a BSA Medical Form Parts A and B on file with the Pack.
5. Use the Buddy system at all times! No Scout should leave the camping area, even to go to the restroom, without at least one “buddy” or parent/guardian.
6. No running among the tents, cooking areas, or campfire areas. There should be plenty of room to run and play away from the hazards of the main campsite.
7. No playing “swords” with sticks or anything else that can be swung and hurts someone.
8. No phones, tablets, portable video games, iPods, radios, televisions, or other electronic devices are to be brought on the campout.
9. No alcohol or drugs can be possessed or consumed during a campout.
10. No smoking is allowed within the campsite or presence of Scouts. Adults wishing to smoke must leave the campsite area and be out of view.
11. Only Scouts in the Bear Den and above who have earned and are carrying their “Whittling Chip Card” may carry a pocketknife. (This includes multi-tools with a knife blade.) The Scout must also have permission from their parent/guardian. Adults may carry pocket knives.
12. A Scout can lose the privilege of carrying a pocketknife. Pack leaders or parents who observe a Scout using their knife in a dangerous or irresponsible way are authorized to confiscate a knife promptly and return it to the Scouts parents. Quiet hours are from 10PM to 6AM, unless campground rules require otherwise.
13. Please respect the private spaces of others. No child is permitted to enter another family’s tent without first getting permission from that family’s parents or adult guardians.
14. Please respect other people’s property. Use extreme caution when walking around tents so as not to trip on guy lines. Ask permission before borrowing chairs or other equipment.
15. All campfires will be built and maintained by adults only. Cub Scouts are not permitted to start the fire or add wood to a fire except under direct leader supervision and instruction.
16. No pets are allowed.
17. A Pack Camp Roster will be maintained at the Pack Campsite Headquarters. Upon arrival at camp, each family must sign in, and when departing camp, each family must sign out. If you leave camp and return during the campout, please sign out when you leave, and sign back in when you return.

