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Pack Meetings

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WELCOME TO PACK 335

Parent Orientation Guide

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 335! This guide contains some Pack-specific information you may find useful to become more familiar with scouting and our pack.

Please fill out the last three pages and return.

Your Son, Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, self-reliance, dependability, and caring. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, we've 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. These values help your son make good ethical decisions throughout his lifetime and give him

today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him "Be Prepared" to shape his own future.

Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys age 7 to 12. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others and respect his leaders through group activities.
- Enhance mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to "Do His Best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise. A Cub Scout Den/Pack provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. He will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

Purpose and Mission

The purpose of Cub Scouting is to provide an effective educational program designed to train in the responsibilities of practicing citizenship, providing growth in moral strength and character, and to enhance the development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

Scouting and Pack History

Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by congress in June 1915. Cub Scouting began in 1930. Through chartered organizations, Cub Scouting provides a year-round, home centered, program that has helped to strengthen families. Pack 335 was chartered in 1956. Since Pack 355 started, hundreds of boys and parents have built countless pinewood derby cars, sailboats for the rain gutter regatta, helped bake tons of cookies and cakes and has sold tons of popcorn.

Pack 335 Contacts

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Other Resources

Golden Empire Council (916) 929-1417 www.gec-bsa.org

Training/Other BSA Info www.myscouting.org

River City Scout Shop

251 commerce Circle, Sacramento, California 95815 ~ (916)649-1800

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9:00am- 5:00pm

Wednesday - 9:00am - 6:30pm - Saturday - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Dens, Pack & Committee

Dens

A den is typically made up of 6-8 scouts. The Cubmaster, Committee Chair and Membership Chair work together to place new scouts into their appropriate rank and den.

Each den is led by a den leader and assistant den leader. The Scouting Program requires "2 deep leadership" at every scouting related activity. This means that at any activity, there should always be 2 registered adults with YPT training present at all times. All leaders complete an official application and undergo an official BSA (Boy Scouts of America) background investigation using their social security number. The program and the Pack want to assure all families that their boys are in good hands. All leaders also complete training.

Pack & Committee

A Cub Scout Pack is made up of several dens and a committee. Pack 335 currently has about 50 boys making up 8 dens. The Pack holds a monthly meeting where we have recognition ceremonies, skits, songs, and announcements of upcoming pack events.

The Pack Committee consists of family members and members of the pack's chartered organization. The Pack Committee oversees the operation of the Pack, and the wellbeing of each scout and their families. The committee manages things like recordkeeping, finance, leadership, and registration. The committee is also available to any scout or parent who may have guestions or concerns.

Charter Organization

The chartered organization is granted a charter by the Boy Scouts of America to use the Scouting program. This chartered organization can be a school, service club, religious group, or other group interested in youth. The chartered organization approves the leadership of the pack, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of that organization and the BSA. Pack 335 is chartered by American Legion, Legislative Post #861.

District

Packs in our area are organized into a district based on geographic boundaries determined by the local Council. At the district level, day camps, leader roundtables, and other events are planned. The district supports units through membership, finance, and program services. Pack 335 belongs to the Pony Express District.

Council

Districts are grouped into a council. A council is responsible for growing a successful scouting program in its locality. A council owns camp property and runs summer camps. It also offers fundraising programs, adult training, and service projects to support the pack and troop units. Pack 335 belongs to the Golden Empire Council.

Dues

Each Pack sets its own membership dues so there is enough money to cover the expected costs of providing a quality program. We have a fairly active Pack, and, as such, it requires a lot of money to pay for all our activities, patches, training, and crafts. Because of that, we ask that each family contribute toward the maintenance of our Pack so we can keep being active and giving our Scouts a fun and rewarding experience.

The Pack has an annual budget of approximately \$6000.00 for a Pack of 46 Scouts or approximately \$200.00 per Scout. Currently leaders pay for their own registration and admission to camp and other training activities. The difference between the Pack registration fee of \$56 and the cost per Scout (\$144.00) is made up through our fundraising efforts, primarily popcorn.

Charter Dues and Boys Life Magazine

Charter dues and Boy's Life Magazine are pro-rated and paid when you join scouting. Then, dues are \$27.00 annually and paid in November. Prorating is \$2.25 per month. Charter dues are given directly to Golden Empire Council.

Pack Dues

At this time the only Pack dues we charge is \$7 for a pack T-shirt. However we do have Den Dues as listed below. Generally Pack dues help cover the cost of pack activities and outings such as Blue & Gold Dinner, Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, pack-earned beltloops and patches, camp programs and other supplies needed for pack activities/events. Generally these events are paid for at the event, see event quide for more information.

Den Dues

Den dues are typically set by leaders for their dens and are collected at each meeting. However this year we will be collecting Den Dues of \$18 per scout on behalf of the Den. Some Dens may add to this to cover additional activities rather than charge per activity.

Ranks & Advancement

On the advancement trail, a Cub Scout progresses from rank to rank, learning new skills as he goes. Each of the ranks and awards in Cub Scouting has its own requirements. As scouts advance through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging, to match the new skills and abilities they learn as they get older.

Bobcat Rank

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. To earn his Bobcat badge, a scout must complete the following requirements:

Learn and say the Cub Scout motto Learn and say the Cub Scout promise Learn and say the Law of the pack Show the Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake Show that you understand and believe that it is important to be honest and trustworthy.

Tiger Rank

The Tiger rank is for boys who have finished Kindergarten (or who are 7 years old). The Tiger program relies heavily on parent participation, and the leadership and planning is shared among the Den leader and parents. To earn the Tiger badge, a boy must participate in 15 various activities with their family, their den and on den outings called "Go see-its". When the scout has met all of the activities, he will earn his Tiger badge at the next pack meeting.

Wolf Rank

The Wolf rank is for boys who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must complete 12 achievements. His parent or den leader approves each achievement by signing his book. When the scout has met all of the requirements, he will earn his Wolf badge at the next pack meeting.

After he has earned the Wolf badge, a Wolf Cub Scout can work on the 23 Wolf electives until he finishes second grade. Elective projects show a scout new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes 10 elective projects, he earns a Gold Arrow Point to wear under the Wolf badge. For each 10 elective projects after that, he earns a Silver Arrow Point.

Bear Rank

The Bear rank is for boys who have finished second grade (or are 9 years old). There are 24 Bear achievements in four groups. A boy must complete 12 of the achievements to be a Bear Cub Scout. These requirements are harder and more challenging than those for the Wolf badge. When the scout has met all of the requirements, he will earn his Bear badge at the next pack meeting.

After he has earned the Bear badge, a Bear Cub Scout can work on the 25 Bear electives until he finishes third grade. When he completes 10 elective projects, he earns a Gold Arrow Point to wear under the Bear badge. For each 10 elective projects after that, he earns a Silver Arrow Point.

Webelos Rank

Webelos is a 2 year program for boys who have completed the 3_{rd} grade (or are 9-10 years old). Webelos Scouts work on requirements during their weekly den meetings. Once a boy learns a skill, he practices it at den meetings and at home on his own. His family helps him at home. Webelos Scouts bring the projects they do at home to the den meetings to show others and to have the Webelos den leader approve their projects.

When a boy has done the requirements for an activity badge, the Webelos den leader, rather than a parent, approves most of the activity badges. It takes three activity badges to earn the Webelos badge.

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light Award. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to become a Boy Scout. Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light Award have also completed all requirements for the Boy Scout badge.

Belt Loops & Pins

Cub Scouts of all ages, from Tiger Cubs to Webelos, can participate in the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program and earn a belt loop or pin for each activity. Activities can be done individually, in the Den, or as a Pack. (Archery and BB-Gun Shooting can only be earned

through a certified instructor, not at a den or pack level.) A scout participating on school teams, or other organized teams, may use those activities to fulfill requirements of this scouting program.

Activities are divided into two categories: Academics and Sports. Each category has many skills and activities from which Scouts may choose. The Cub Scout belt loop and pin program encourages a boy to do his best while learning skills and promoting good sportsmanship. Earning belt loops and pins is not a requirement to earn rank.

Other awards, badges, and patches

There are other badges and patches that can be earned usually through the Den or the Pack but some may be earned individually. Check resources online and check with your Den leader for more information and applicability.

Cub Scout Uniforms

We are a "waist up" pack, which means that we require all boys in the pack to have the Cub Scout shirt with patches, belt, rank specific hat, neckerchief, tie slide and book. You can purchase your scout's uniform, book and any other scout related items at the River City Scout Shop.

CUB AND WEBELOS SCOUTS: Class "A" requirements for all Pack Meetings and other Scout functions

Shirt: Blue for all Cubs and tan for Webelos. Required to have all Council, District, Unit and Den Patches sewn on in accordance with the latest Uniform Insignia Guidelines. Shirts must be worn completely buttoned and tucked into pants. NOTE: The change from blue shirt to tan at the Webelos level is a Den Leader and Den Parent decision for advancing Cubs. The Pack encourages the change as part of the transition towards Boy Scouts. Neckerchief: Proper color and worn under or over the collar secured with an appropriate tie slide. *All members of same Den must wear Neckerchiefs in same manner and with same slide for uniform inspections.*

Pants: Dark with Belt Loops. Blue jeans, navy blue cords, black pants, etc. all in good condition, must be worn at the waist, no "boggles". Dark colored Short pants may be worn during hot weather months. National BSA Policy does not permit camouflage colored pants.

Belt: Official Cub Scout blue-web belt required with proper belt buckle for rank. Green Boy Scout belt is not permitted.

Hat: Proper style for current Rank. Must be worn bill forward. Hat may be worn in doors for official Scout functions, unless otherwise directed to "uncover". Hat should never be worn in a House of Worship.

Shoes: Closed toe shoes appropriate for the activity.

CLASS "B" Requirements: may be worn when designated as "uniform of the day" by Pack or District.

Pack T-shirt, camp T-shirt and/or Den T-shirt.

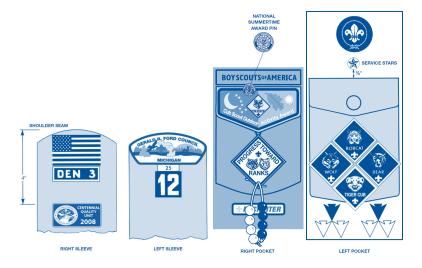
Pants, belt and hat: Same as Class A Uniform, unless others designated.

TIGER UNIFORM

The Tiger uniform follows Cub Scout uniform.

Insignia and Patch Placement

Please refer to the guide at the end as to where to place patches/badges and how to correctly wear the Cub Scout uniform.



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Meetings

Den Meetings

Each den meets between 2-4 times monthly and may have occasional den outings. The time and place of meetings is decided by the den leader. Your scout's rank will determine if parents need to be present for meetings. Tigers must have at least one parent per scout present at all meetings. Wolves and Bears parents may decide if they would like to stay or not. Webelos parents are encouraged to let their scout attend their meeting on their own. Den meetings of the same rank are encouraged and often have some meetings together.

Pack Meetings

The entire family is encouraged to attend the Pack meetings in support of their scout's advancement. The meeting includes opening and closing ceremonies, recognition of the boys who have earned awards, presentation of skits, songs, stunts and other activities assigned to dens by the Cubmaster. Upcoming events and fundraisers are also announced at this meeting. The Pack meeting is planned and lead by the Cubmaster with the help of other adult leaders.

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are normally held the 1st Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Locations may vary. During this meeting, committee members will discuss budget, upcoming activities, advancement updates, etc. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about upcoming pack activities.

Outings

Den Outings

Dens are encouraged to hold outings once a month. The outings are planned and coordinated by the den leader. Outings encourage community awareness and also help the scouts complete certain Achievement requirements. Den outings are not mandatory, but are encouraged.

Pack Outings

Pack outings and events are coordinated by the pack and are held throughout the year. Certain activities can earn the boys patches or belt loops. Pack outings also help the scouts complete certain Achievement requirements. Pack outings are not mandatory, but are encouraged.

Attendance

All Cub Scouts and their parents are encouraged to support their Den and Pack through active participation in Den and Pack activities. The entire family is welcome at Pack meetings. Many outings are also intended for family involvement. Attendance to Den meetings is important since many Achievements are designed for the Den to work on together as a whole.

Conduct

A Cub Scout is expected to behave himself at all meetings and outings. Disruptive behavior, fighting, and use of bad language are some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated at Den meetings, Pack meetings or outings. On those rare occasions when discipline is necessary, the following action will be taken:

Verbal Reprimand: The Den leader or Assistant will take the boy out of the activity and talk with him about what he has done wrong. The boy will then rejoin the activity.

Time Out: The boy will again be taken out of the activity and spoken to but he will not be allowed to rejoin the group or complete the particular project or activity. He can rejoin when they move on to the next activity.

Call the Parent: If the boy does not correct the behavior, his parents will be asked to take him home. If the parent is present, they will be asked to leave with their son immediately. If a parent is not present, their son will call them.

If, at any time during the Scout year, a parent feels there is a problem within the den, the following steps should be taken:

If possible, discuss the problem with the person(s) involved. If it is another person in the Den, contact the Den Leader first. If the problem is with the Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader, meet with that person if at all possible.

If the problem is not resolved, or if you are not comfortable talking with the Den Leader or Assistant(s), contact the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, or Pack Committee Chair. Whenever possible, a meeting of all parties involved will be held in order to resolve the issue.

Fundraisers

Fundraising is a vital resource to support our pack financially and helps provide a successful scouting experience. Fundraisers can also be a resourceful way for families to earn money to pay for additional expenses like camp fees, pack dues and belt loops.

The average cost to the Pack per Scout is \$200 per year. We do not want to pass on the total cost directly to the Scouts and their families, so your continued participation in our fundraisers is essential in keeping the cost of scouting to a reasonable level. Funds that are raised to support the Pack and the Scouts pay for activities, registration, insurance, awards, training, and more.

Fundraisers are not a requirement to participate in scouting, but it is certainly beneficial. If all of our boys chip in just a little, we can make a big difference in the quality of our program and the activities we can offer!

The various fundraisers we participate in are:

*Annual Popcorn Sales (once a year)

A percentage of the funds earned go directly to the scout's individual scout account and a portion goes to the pack:

Popcorn – 25% goes to the scout account

Camp cards – 100% goes to the scout account – camp only

Scout Accounts

Scout accounts are in place for Scouts that have participated in fundraising. The money set aside in your child's account helps alleviate the cost incurred by families and can be used to help pay for pack dues and camp fees. You do not have to set up the account. It will automatically be done for you.

Events

Below is a list of events that are common throughout the year and costs that are associated. This is only a list of the special pack outings and does not include regular Den or Pack meetings or Outings. The amounts are approximate based on previous years.

- Camp Lassen Summer 3 day 2 night Summer Overnight Camp \$50 deposit due in spring, \$195 scout, \$165 adult – includes crafts, camp shirt and Pack camp shirt
- Scout Expo Fall \$25 early, \$30 reg, \$35 early webalo (overnight), \$40 reg
- USS Hornet or Pampanito Summer/Fall Overnight on aircraft carrier or submarine -\$40 each
- Movie Night Fall and Spring \$6 each, \$10 drop off
- Scout Night UC Davis Basketball January \$5 each
- Blue and Gold Dinner February \$5 each
- Twilight Camp Summer \$55 early, \$70 reg, \$10 adult includes crafts and shirt

Family Responsibilities

Cub Scouting gives families an opportunity to spend quality time together. It is the leader's role to provide interest, skill and time in developing a good program. The family provides help and support for the Den and Pack. Families can help in many different ways, which may vary from family to family, depending upon family structures and other family responsibilities. Some of the examples of family involvement include:

- *Working with their Cub Scout on achievements and electives
- *Attending the Pack meetings with their Cub Scout
- *Helping at occasional den meetings on a specific project or an activity
- *Providing refreshments
- *Providing transportation
- *Assisting with the Den outings

See the volunteer form and Talent survey at the end.

Youth Protection Training

Each parent and/or guardian needs to complete Youth Protection Training. Our Youth Protection Training is designed to make parents aware of BSA's (Boy Scouts of America) guidelines to protect our boys. We ask all parents to complete this online training course. It will only take a couple of minutes of your time. All parents/guardians participating with your scout, will need to take this course as well. Youth Protection training needs to be completed every 2 years. Please go to www.myscouting.org and create a profile. Once you have completed a profile, click on E-Learning and you can then find the Youth Protection link. Once completed, you will be able to print out a certificate of completion. Please email the certification to Darin Jones, Membership Chair, at darint iones@comcast.net or you can give it to your new den leader to turn in.

Medical Forms

Medical forms will be required for some activities and camps, in advance of the event. Forms are required for all participants and can be obtained online from the scout website.

Example Volunteer Positions

☐ Den Leader	☐ USS Hornet / USS Pampanito
☐ Assistant Den Leader	Organizing Committee
□ Committee Chair	□ Community Service Coordinator
☐ Treasurer	□ Community Project
□ Scout Account Treasurer	☐ Memorial Day
□ Treasurer Assistant for Collections	□ Santa Parade
□ Secretary	□ T-shirt committee
☐ Pack Trainer	☐ Meeting Timekeeper
☐ Cubmaster	□ Uniform inspection
☐ Assistant Cubmaster	□ Pack Meeting Photographer
☐ Awards & Advancements	□ Slide show coordinator
☐ Assistant Shopper	□ Pinewood Derby Committee
□ Packmaster	□ Build Days
□ Registrar Membership & Recruitment	□ Event Day
□ Volunteer coordinator	☐ Food for Event
□ Communications Coordinator	□ Track Master
(includes webmaster)	□ Rain Gutter Regatta / Space Derby
☐ Fundraising Coordinator	□ Blue & Gold Dinner Committee
□ Popcorn Kernel	□ Welcoming
□ Campcard Coordinator	□ Event Decorations
□ General Activity" Committee	□ Event Food
☐ Medical Forms Coordinator	□ Event Activity
□ Picnics, parades, scouting for food,	□ Den Craft
creek week, etc.	□ Bridging Ceremony Committee
□ Camp Coordinator	☐ Site Coordinator
☐ Resident Camp (Mt. Lassen)	 Script and Props
Committee	☐ Fire
□ Day Camp	☐ Food
☐ Scout Expo	

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FAMILY TALENT SURVEY SHEET

Each parent or adult family member should fill out a separate sheet and turn it in at this meeting.

Pack	Chartered Organization	Date	
have a fine group of	families who have indicated a willing	ned to you, Cub Scouting is for parents as well as boys. We igness to help, according to their abilities. We invite you to ogram can be developed for your boy and his friends.	
	in the operation of our pack. Althou	ack leaders and committee members know you have some gh your help may not be on a full-time basis, whatever you	
In making this surve the following as com		ncover ways you can enjoy giving assistance. Please answer	
1. My hobbies are:			
2. I can play and/or	teach these sports:		
3. My job, business,	or profession would be of interest t	o Cub Scouts:	
Tiger Cub den	leader, assistant Cubmaster, We	committee member, \sqcup Cub Scout den leader or assistant, belos den leader or assistant, Cubmaster, Pack trainer.	
5. My Scouting expe	erience: Cub Scout	Boy Scout Girl Scout	
Explorer		Rank attained	
Adult leader			
6. I can help in these	e areas:		
General Activities		Special Program Assistance	
□ Carpentry □ Swimming □ Games □ Nature □ Sports □ Outdoor activities □ Crafts □ Music/songs □ Bookkeeping	□ Computer Skills □ Drawing/art □ Radio/electricity □ Dramatics/skits □ Cooking/banquets □ Sewing □ Transportation □ Other	∐ I have an SUV or □ van or □ truck. □ I have a workshop. □ I have family camping gear. □ I can make contacts for special trips and activities. □ I have access to a cottage or camping property or a boat. □ I can help Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout skills. □ I can, or know others who can, help with our Cub Scout Academics and Sports program. □ I can give other help.	
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PACK PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Dear Adult Scouting Partner

Thank you so much for taking your time to demonstrate you commitment to your son, your pack, and to the Cub Scouts Parent Promise.

Listed previously is a list of volunteer needs the pack has for the upcoming year.

Please select which areas you would like to help with. We would like everyone to sign up for at least one position, in most cases there will be two people per position. This should amount to about 8 hours per quarter.

If while reviewing the document you come across one that you think someone would be perfect for feel free to nominate them.

I have received the Welcome Packet for Pack 335 for the Pack year 2012-2013 and agree to abide by them.

I agree to be an active member of the Pack Program staff, realizing that if each parent/guardian takes on a small part of the program responsibility, the Program can be that much more fun for all.

Cub Scout Pa	arent/Guardian Signature	Date
CUB SCOUT	NAME:	
DEN/RANK:		
PARENT VOL	LUNTEER POSITION:	
*	**********Please fill out a talent form as we	ll – at the end ********

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