

# Parent Handbook Cub Scout Pack



**Tuscarora Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
Clayton, North Carolina**

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## **Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 124!**

Welcome to Cub Scouting, part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). We at Pack 124 have a very active Pack, and pride ourselves on having a program that focuses on the 12 core values of Cub Scouting with fun, respect, and family that influences the growth of the scouts into fine young citizens.

As with any program, you will get out of the program what you put into it. We know there is a lot of information to absorb, so we have compiled the basic information you will need into this handbook. Our new website will help to provide you with up-to-the-minute information regarding events, points of contact, and just about any other scouting information you might need.

We are glad you chose to join our Pack and look forward to watching your young scout grow and develop as an individual, as a family member, and as a citizen and leader in the community.

**Now let's have some fun!**

Website: <http://www.pack124.org>



# PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTS



Cub Scout Pack 124 serves boys who are in kindergarten through fifth grade (or 5 through 10 years of age). Cub Scouts, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the 10 purposes of Cub Scouts:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievements
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Scouts BSA



# What are Cub Scouts?



For more than 100 years the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has provided high quality, fun and educational programs designed to help young people build moral strength and character, develop fitness, and become active, responsible citizens.

Cub Scouts emphasizes a year-round, home-centered program at the local level that helps to strengthen the family. Cub Scouts - including Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos - is the largest of BSA's programs. The other programs are Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring.



## Your Child's Safety: Our Top Priority



Boy Scouts of America's number one priority is the safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity. For this reason, we work closely with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units. We take great pride in the quality of our adult leadership and in our application review process. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check and is required to take Youth Protection Training courses every two years.

As a major youth-serving organization, the Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation. In addition to helping families address the problem of child abuse, BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting continues to be safe for all participants. BSA is a national leader among youth-serving agencies in addressing the potential threat that child abuse poses to young people.

**For more information visit  
[www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection](http://www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection)**



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As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable and caring. Scouting has these same goals. For more than 100 years, we have been helping children be prepared for life through fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness in youth.

However, children do not join Scouting to build character. They join because it is filled with fun adventures!

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The Cub Scout Pack is a group of kindergarten through fifth graders. Led by the volunteer Cubmaster, the Pack meets once a month. There are games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of awards earned that month. The Pack also runs many special programs, such as Pinewood Derbies, hikes and weekend campouts.



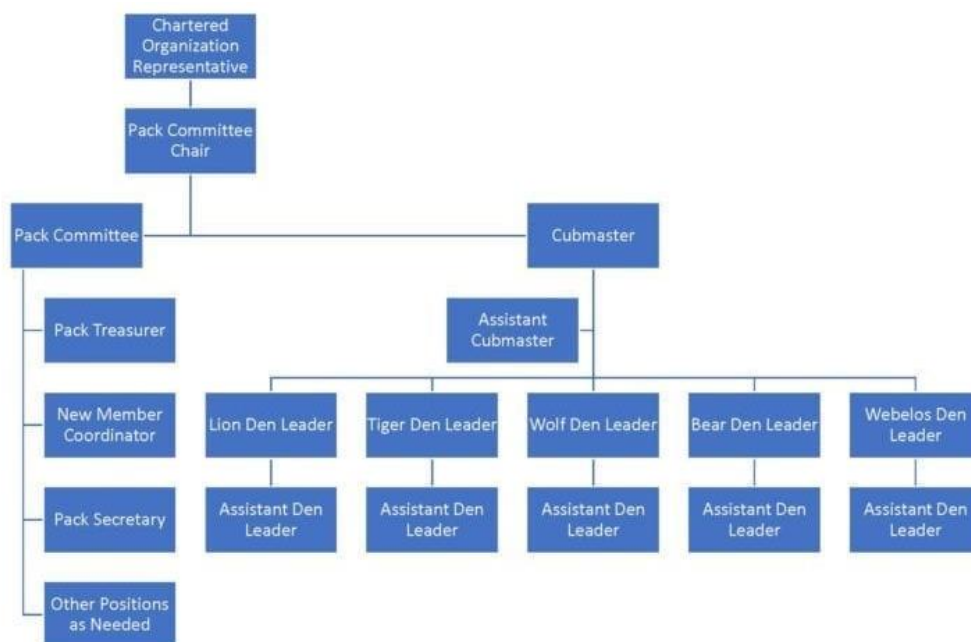
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The larger Pack is broken into smaller groups by grade levels, called dens. Den meetings are led by volunteer den leaders and assistant den leaders.

Lion dens are kindergarteners, Tiger dens are first-graders, Wolf dens are second-graders, Bear dens are third-graders, and Webelos dens are fourth and fifth-graders.

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- Selects leadership
- Finds meeting places
- Performs record keeping
- Manages Pack finances
- Orders badges and awards
- Maintains Pack equipment
- Helps train leaders
- Recognizes leaders





# Your Role as a Parent



You may participate at any level of effort that you wish to enjoy scouting with your son. While Den Leaders are the volunteer adults who do the majority of the work and who have the most fun, there are numerous other roles in the Pack.

Parents play an important role in the Pack. Since all the leaders in Pack 124 are volunteers and have many other obligations, it takes everyone to help at one time or another. We understand that parents have other obligations and may feel they are too busy to take on any additional duties, but we depend on parents to help provide the great program we have. We require every parent to help the Pack in some capacity with our activities. All parents/adults should become trained in Youth Protection and participate in 'This is Scouting' Training (available on-line) as a minimum introduction to scouting. This will make the Den Leader's job easier and increase the boys' enjoyment. Please remember, Cub Scouting is a family activity, and Den/Pack meetings are a great place for family involvement. The following is a brief list of roles that any adult can play to assist the Pack:

Charter Organization Representative	Liaison between the Pack and the Charter Organization (appointed by the Charter Organization)
Unit Commissioner	Scouter who is a member of District and Council commissions and assists with coordination with other scout units and councils
Pack Committee Chairperson	Oversees the Pack committee who runs the business of the Pack "behind the scenes"
Cubmaster	aka 'Akela' leads and organizes all Pack activities
Assistant Cubmaster	aka 'Baloo' assists the Cubmaster
Pack Trainer	Organizes and maintains training records of adult leaders
Pack Secretary	Keeps notes of Pack committee
Pack Treasurer	Oversees Pack finances
Pack Membership and Recharter	Oversees membership paperwork and annual recharter effort
Popcorn Kernel	Organizes our main fundraising effort in the fall
Quartermaster	Maintains and transports Pack equipment to activities
Camp Coordinator	Organizes Pack activities including camping trips
Advancement Coordinator	Coordinates with Den Leaders for obtaining awards and badges
Webmaster	Maintains Pack internet website
Den Leader	Plans and organizes Den meetings, keeps track of the boys' advancements, and attend Committee meetings.
Assistant Den Leader	Assists the Den Leader

Note that all of the above listed roles are registered adult leaders whose annual membership fee is paid by the Pack. Any adult may be registered with BSA, but associated fees are their responsibility.





# The Advancement Plan



Recognition is important to young children. The advancement plan provides fun, gives Scouts a sense of personal achievement, and strengthens family understanding, participation and appreciation.

The responsibility for a Cub Scout's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family, not with the Pack. Many advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but some are done at home with the family.

## Lion

The Lion program is for kindergarteners and their adult partners. They work on Adventures like the older grades, but they do not earn Bobcat first.



## Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works towards the Wolf badge. Scouts learn about the outdoors and Leave No Trace, our neighborhoods and community service, and good health.



## Bobcat

Beginning in Tiger year, all new Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Scout Oath and Scout Law, the Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign, and motto, and earning the Cyber Chip Award.

After receiving the Bobcat badge, each Cub Scout works on requirements based on grade level.



## Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second-grade (or is age 9) works towards the Bear badge. Scouts will learn about nature, how to take care of themselves, the value of helping others, having fun, and patriotism.



## Tigers

The Tiger program is for first-grade (or age 6) children and their adult partners. Tigers, working with their adult partners, earn the Tiger badge. Adventures include indoor and outdoor activities just right for a first grader.



## Webelos

A Cub Scout who has completed third grade (or becomes 10 years old) transfers to a Webelos den and works on requirements for the Webelos badge and the Arrow of Light

- The highest award in Cub Scouts!

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. Webelos are introduced to Scouts BSA and visit troops. In the spring of the 5th grade year, a Webelos graduates from Cub Scouts into Scouts BSA. Our Pack celebrates this achievement with "cross over" ceremonies.





# Things To Do In Cub Scouts



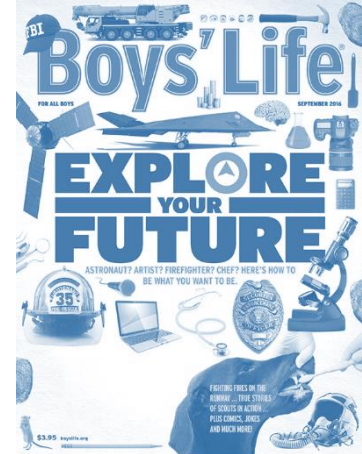
## Pinewood Derby

Scouts and their parents build a racecar made from a block of wood. This is among the best-known Cub Scout activities. Be there the night of the big race!



## Boys' Life Magazine

A monthly magazine for Cub Scouts and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics and short stories.



## Popcorn Sales

With prizes and incentives, there is no shortage of fun for Cub Scouts as they earn money to help their Pack! The money they earn also helps reduce the cost of Scouting to the family, and helps support the programs of our Council. By setting and working towards individual and Pack goals, Cub Scouts learn responsibility and teamwork.



## Service Projects

From Scouting For Food campaigns to cleaning up local hiking trails and conducting local Friday Night Football Flag ceremonies, our Pack supports our community.



## Blue and Gold Banquet

A birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held during February. Families gather with food, fun and games.



## Outdoor Adventures

Cub Scouts take part in outdoor adventures. Our Pack enjoys family camping, hiking, and fishing.







# How Much Does Scouting Cost?



The Scouts, their parents, the Pack, the Chartered Organization, and the community are responsible for supporting Cub Scouting. Our Units Charter year runs from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

Returning Cub Scouts will not have dues owed until February 1, 2021 as we prepare for our new Charter year.

**NEW** Cub Scouts will have to pay a pro-rated amount to be a member of Scouts until our new Charter year.

All Cub Scouts will be required to pay annual dues by February 1, 2021 as we prepare for our new Charter year.

## **Registration Dues:**

### ***NEW Cub Scouts:***

Due with Application: \$95.00

### **The dues include:**

- \$25 BSA Registration Fee (One-time fee paid to National to join the Pack) \*\*
- Pro-rated Annual BSA registration (Sept-Feb)
- Boy's Life magazine subscription
- Liability Insurance
- Class B uniform shirt
- Neckerchief
- Neckerchief slide
- All awards earned by each scout

### ***\*\*Please note:***

If your youth is transferring from another Unit and already has a BSA number, you will not need to pay this \$25 fee. Please provide your youth's previous BSA number at the time of registration.

## **Uniform:**

The scout purchases the basic uniform items (see later section on uniforms); the Pack purchases the rank, achievement, and recognition awards. We also have a Pack Closet with items that other scouts have outgrown or no longer need. Please contact the Cubmaster to determine what is available.

## **Camping Supplies:**

The Pack provides all the necessary cooking equipment and supplies for camping. The Pack does not provide individual plates, cups or utensils.

## **Activity Fees:**

Some Pack activities require participants to pay a fee to help cover the expense of the event. Typically, the fee is \$5 - \$15 per participant.

## **Fundraising:**

Fundraising pays the expenses of the Pack's major activities, equipment, Class B Uniform T-shirt and the rank/achievement awards for the Cub Scouts. The annual Tuscarora Council Popcorn sale (August to October) is the Pack's principal fundraising activity. The Council provides the Pack a percentage of the total sales. Each scout is given the opportunity to sell popcorn to raise money for the Pack and earn prizes. Our goal is 100% participation in this annual event. The quality of the activities we can offer the scouts is directly related to this annual fundraiser.

## **Uniforms:**

The Cub Scout uniform identifies the organization within our community. We want our scouts to wear it properly and proudly. Pack 124 has two approved uniforms for each member of the Pack which are known as "Class A" and Class B". Class B uniforms can be used during den and Pack outings, such as hiking and camping (where the boys are likely to get dirty). Class A uniforms are used during Pack and den meetings or whenever a scout is representing Pack 124 at civic or Council events. In either case, a scout should always present a neat appearance, with shirts tucked in and caps on straight.

Pack 124 provides the youth's rank specific neckerchief and slide as well as a Class B t-shirt when a boy joins. Additional T-shirts may be purchased from the Pack. They are not available from the Scout Store or on-line as they are specific to Pack 124. The Class A uniforms can be purchased at a local Scout Store (addresses are listed below) or ordered on-line at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org). The staff in the local Scout Store can help you pick out the right items by council, unit and rank.

Hwy S 172, NC-581  
Goldsboro, NC 27530

3231 Atlantic Ave  
Raleigh, NC 27604



# Pack Guidelines



To ensure, everyone's safety, we have established a core set of guidelines that each scout, sibling, and parent must follow. Some are based upon BSA regulations for scout safety, others are meant to ensure respect to our Chartered Organization for the use of their facilities, and the rest are simply common sense and good manners that we expect from our scouts.

1. All Scouts must be escorted to and from the Den's meeting place (room). There will be no dropping off or picking up in front of the building. This is a safety rule and will be closely enforced. Also, please be prompt when bringing and picking up your child from the meeting.
2. During the Lion and Tiger years, a parent or guardian must stay with each Cub Scout during all Pack related activities.
3. Respect the meeting place and follow the "Leave No Trace" guidelines.
4. Scouts should not use the equipment (toys/supplies, etc.) or other items in the meeting place unless authorized by the Den leader.
5. Every scout will work with the other scouts in their Den to leave the meeting place as clean as, or cleaner than, how it started.
6. Do not send a scout back in to get something while you wait in the car.
7. Do not leave the scout unattended in the car while you run back in to get something.
8. Do not leave your scout when only one adult is present.
9. No electronic games/devices at scouting events. The purpose of the program is to encourage the scouts to interact with others; games/devices are counterproductive to that goal.



# Pack Code of Conduct



## Scouts

- Be on time.
- Wear the Scout uniform properly, as shown via [scouting.org website](https://www.scouting.org/program/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform) (<https://www.scouting.org/program/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform>)
- When the Scout Sign is up, only adult leaders speak.
- Follow Akela's instructions and help others to follow them.
- Take pride in yourself, your Pack, your community and your country.
- Most Den and Pack meetings are held at Horne Memorial United Methodist Church, our charter organization, and Scouts should behave with reverence while in the building.
- **DO YOUR BEST**

## Parents

### **PARENTAL LEADERSHIP:**

Cub Scouting is based on parent/child participation. The success of Pack 124's Scouting program is based entirely on our parents.

Parents are expected to contribute in these ways:

- Accompany your Cub Scout to Pack and Den activities
- Help organize one special event each year (e.g., Pinewood Derby, Christmas party, Blue and Gold Celebration)
- Monitor your Scout's advancement on Scoutbook.com and work with your Scout on activities not covered in Den meetings. Cub Scouting is an opportunity for parents and Scouts to spend time learning and doing things together.
- Track your Scout's progress on ScoutBook.com.
- Assist in maintaining order during any Pack or Den function.
- Non-Scout siblings are welcome at many Pack 124 functions, but parents are responsible for the conduct of their non-Scout children at all times. Parents may be asked to remove disruptive children from these events.
- No one in attendance at a Cub Scout function is permitted to use tobacco products (including vaping), alcohol or illegal drugs.



# Oath, Law and Motto



## **Cub 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.

## **Cub Scout Law:**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

## **Cub Scout Motto:**

Do your best.







# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**(HOLD ON TO THIS)**

My Pack number is	124
My Scouting district is	Neusiok
My council is	Tuscarora
My Charter Organization is	Horne Memorial United Methodist Church
My Cubmaster's name is	Terrell Thomas
My Cubmaster's phone number is	(919) 880-8448
My Cubmaster's E-mail is	TThomas@KirkKirkLaw.com
My Committee Chair's name is	Paul Strickland
My Committee Chair's phone number is	(919) 923-2015
My Committee Chair's E-mail is	paul.strickland@outlook.com
My Charter Organization's Rep is	David Lomax
My Charter Organization's Rep phone number is	(404) 403-3996
My Charter Organization's Rep E-mail is	Lomax_David@Cat.com
My Pack's website is	www.pack124.org
My Pack meets on	Mondays from 7pm-8pm
My Pack meets at	Horne Memorial United Methodist Church (Clayton, NC)
My Den leader's name is	
My Den leader's phone number is	
My Den leader's E-mail is	





# Parent Help Positions



## Please Complete and Return This Form Tonight

Each parent must be willing to assist the Pack for the program to work. The following positions all need to be filled for our Pack to have a successful year. Please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions you would be willing to serve on this coming year. Some of these positions are short-term and others are yearlong.

\_\_\_\_\_ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader

\_\_\_\_\_ Quartermaster

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Marketing Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster

\_\_\_\_\_ Awards Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Events Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_ Webmaster

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack Trainer

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a Truck \_\_\_\_\_ Van/SUV \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_

I have a Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_