

New Parent Handbook

Rocklin Cub Scout Pack 29



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Quick Answers to Quick Questions

What den will my son be in?

Your son's den—the group of boys he'll work most closely with in Cub Scouts—is based on his current grade.

1st Grade: Tiger

2nd Grade: Wolf

3rd Grade: Bear

4th Grade: Webelos I

5th Grade: Webelos II

See "Appendix F: Leadership Roster" on page 75 for contact information for the appropriate Den Leader.

When are meetings?

Your den will generally meet 2-3 times per month. Your Den Leader will let you know the specific schedule and meeting location for the den.

The Pack meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Rocklin Community Center.

See "Chapter 5: Annual Calendar" on page 27 for information on other annual events and activities.

How much does it cost to get started?

Your initial dues are based on a pro-rated amount from when you join. They are currently \$3 per month remaining in the year. At the end of the year, you'll have annual dues for the following year. See "Chapter 10: Finances" on page 43 for details.

Where can I buy his uniform?

Uniforms can be purchased from the River City Scout Shop in Sacramento. See "Chapter 4: The Cub Scout Uniform" on page 23 for information on what our Pack requires.

How can I get involved?

Scouts is a volunteer-run organization that cannot survive without parental involvement. There is always something that can be done, regardless of your skillset, prior experience with Scouts, or time availability. Talk to any uniformed leader at any meeting for information on how you can help.



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Introduction

Welcome to Rocklin's Cub Scout Pack 29, and to the Boy Scouts of America. This guide has been developed to answer the questions that you, as a parent of a new Cub Scout, are likely to have as you and your son begin the adventure in Scouting.

Welcome to Cub Scouts!

This guide has been prepared to help parents of new Scouts get up-to-speed quickly on Cub Scouts in general and Rocklin Pack 29 in particular.

Please read through this guide carefully, as it will likely answer most of your questions. But if you find you still have questions, please don't hesitate to ask! We were all in your situation at one point as well.

Chapter 1: Getting Started

To get you started with Cub Scouts, we'll quickly cover the paperwork you need to fill out and the dues you'll owe to join.

Paperwork

You need to complete a Youth Application for your son. The adult leader you contacted about joining the Pack can provide you with an application. You can also download it as a PDF if you'd prefer. Please fill it out as completely as possible—we really do need all of that information. A copy of the application can also be found in "Appendix B: Forms" on page 51.

We'd also like to have you go ahead and complete the Boy Scout Medical Form, parts A and B, for your son. A copy of the form can be found in "Appendix B: Forms" on page 51. We will need this form if your son joins the Pack on any overnight outing, such as our trips to historic ships or Twilight Camp. (See "Chapter 5: Annual Calendar" on page 27 for more details on these activities.) It's easier to get the form from you now rather than track it down later.

If you, your spouse, a grandparent, or any other adult (or sibling if over 18) plan to join your son on these activities, we will also need a copy of the form for each of them. Feel free to photocopy the one in this guide.

Turn in both the application and medical form or forms to your Den Leader.

Dues

The Pack only collects dues once a year, in October or November, for the following calendar year. Please see "Chapter 10: Finances" on page 43 for an explanation.

However, the Boy Scouts of America does collect a pro-rated portion of the dues when you join. The break-down is printed in the application, but it works out to \$3 per month remaining in the year, so if you join at the beginning of October your dues would be \$9. Please make a check payable to Pack 29 for these dues and turn it in with your paperwork.

Chapter 2: Ideals and Principles of Scouting

Scouting's activities, advancements and awards are all built around the idea of teaching boys a set of key principles and ideals.

Purposes of Cub Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America has identified ten purposes of the Cub Scout program:

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

The Scout Oath

One of the first things your son will do upon joining Scouts is to begin learning the Scout Oath and Law. Over time, he'll internalize these and never forget them.

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, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout Law

The Scout Law embodies twelve key concepts that we hope boys will choose to use as guiding principles for their lives.

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

Scout Motto

The Cub Scout motto is simple and easy-to-learn, yet vitally important for young boys.

Do your best.

Scout Sign

Cub Scouts raise their right hand and make the sign of a wolf's paws with their index and middle fingers spread apart. This is used as a signal to boys to quiet up and pay attention, and is also the sign they make when reciting the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Salute

When participating in flag ceremonies, which will happen at every Den and Pack meeting as well as many other events, a Cub Scout in uniform salutes the US Flag with two fingers held above the brow.

Scout Handshake

Cub Scouts shake hands by extending their index and middle fingers.

The Methods of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouts uses seven specific methods to achieve the goal of Scouting, which is to help young boys build character, learn the responsibilities of citizenship, and maintain physical fitness.

1. Live the ideals, embodied primarily in the Scout Oath and Law
2. Belong to and actively participate in a Den, which teaches them to work with others and to do their best
3. Advancement, which allows boys to earn recognition for their achievements
4. Family involvement, since as with in life Scouts cannot hope to succeed without their family to support them
5. Activities, because we are after all talking about elementary school boys
6. Serving home and neighborhood, which embodies the idea of becoming a good citizen
7. Wearing the uniform

Chapter 3: Cub Scout Organization

Cub Scouting is a program for boys in grades 1-5 that seeks to introduce youth to the values and ideals of the Boy Scouts of America, including character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

A Brief History of Scouting

Worldwide Scouting was founded in 1908 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, a British general and veteran of the Boer War. He described the organization he was establishing as “fun with purpose.” In 1910, William Boyce brought Scouting to America. The program expanded to younger boys with the establishment of Cub Scouts in 1930. It is the largest of the four divisions of the Boy Scouts of America (the other three are the Boy Scouts, for boys from the sixth grade through age 18, Varsity, for boys aged 14-16, and Venturing, a co-ed program for youth from ages 14-21.)

The Den

The basic, and to many boys and their families most important, unit of organization in Cub Scouts is the Den. A Den is a group of boys who are all in the same grade (and thus all approximately the same age) who meet and work together towards advancements. Most of the advancement and other activities that your son will experience through Scouts will be in the context of his Den.

Den Leadership

The Den is led by a Den Leader, a trained parent volunteer who is responsible for scheduling Den events, running Den meetings, tracking advancement and other awards, and reporting to the Pack on the progress of the Den. In most cases, the Den Leader will be a parent of one of the boys in the Den. Originally, Dens were run by Den Mothers, but today the position is open to volunteers of either gender.

The Den Leader is helped in their duties by an Assistant Den Leader. The Assistant takes all of the same training as the Den Leader, and together they work out a division of labor to ensure the healthy functioning of the Den.

The third, and in many ways most important component in the Den leadership is you, the parent. Without your active involvement and participation, many of the Den's activities cannot happen.

Den Meetings

The Den will meet on a regular basis, usually two or three times per month. The location varies by Den – some meet at the home of the Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader, while others may meet at a local elementary school. Dens may also occasionally have field trips or other outdoor activities. The scheduling of all of these events will usually be worked out collaboratively by the Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, and parents.

Den meetings will usually last for one hour, although special events may sometimes be longer.

Pack 29

A group of Dens are organized into a Pack, which represents boys from all of the ages of Cub Scouts. The Pack meets once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month (although sometimes this needs to change due to holidays or other schedule conflicts) at the Rocklin Community Center. Pack meetings usually last for one hour.

Pack Leadership

The Pack is run by a committee of parent volunteers. Studies have shown that boys get more out of Scouting and remain in the program longer if their parents take an active role in the program.

The Pack committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Out of Bounds Brewery in Rocklin. All adults involved with the Pack are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Chartered Organization Representative

The Pack is “owned” by our chartered organization—the Rocklin Lions Club. The Lions designate one of their members to be our Chartered Organization Representative. This Lions member is a registered adult in the Boy Scouts of America, approves and signs all adult applications, and assists the Pack Committee Chair as needed.

Pack Committee Chair

The Pack Committee Chair is a trained volunteer who serves as a primary point of contact for the Pack. The Chair organizes and runs the monthly Parent/Leader Committee Meeting, and together with the Cubmaster manages the Pack as a whole.

Cubmaster

The Cubmaster is a trained volunteer who, in collaboration with other leaders, runs the Pack meetings and organizes events. The Cubmaster also serves as a primary point of contact for the Pack, and will likely have been the person with whom you first talked about joining Scouts.

Assistant Cubmasters

The Assistant Cubmaster is a trained volunteer who assists the Cubmaster in a variety of duties and capacities. In Pack 29, we strive to have an Assistant Cubmaster from each Den, to ensure sufficient leadership and a line of succession, but also to spread the duties around so that no one is overworked.

Pack Trainer

Pack 29 prides itself on maintaining 100% trained leadership, and the Pack Trainer is responsible for ensuring that all of the leaders are up-to-date on their training.

Treasurer

The Pack Treasurer is a parent volunteer who maintains the Pack's accounts. See "Chapter 10: Finances" on page 43 section for more details.

Secretary

The Pack Secretary takes and maintains the minutes of the Committee meetings.

Quartermaster

The Quartermaster inventories and maintains the Pack's physical equipment.

Advancement Coordinator

The Advancement Coordinator purchases all ranks and other awards earned by the boys and prepares them for presentation at Pack meetings. See the "Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards" on page 31 for more details.

Committee Members

All parents are encouraged to attend committee meetings and take a role in helping shape the direction of the Pack. There's a lot to do in keeping the Pack running, and the more help we get the easier it is for everyone.

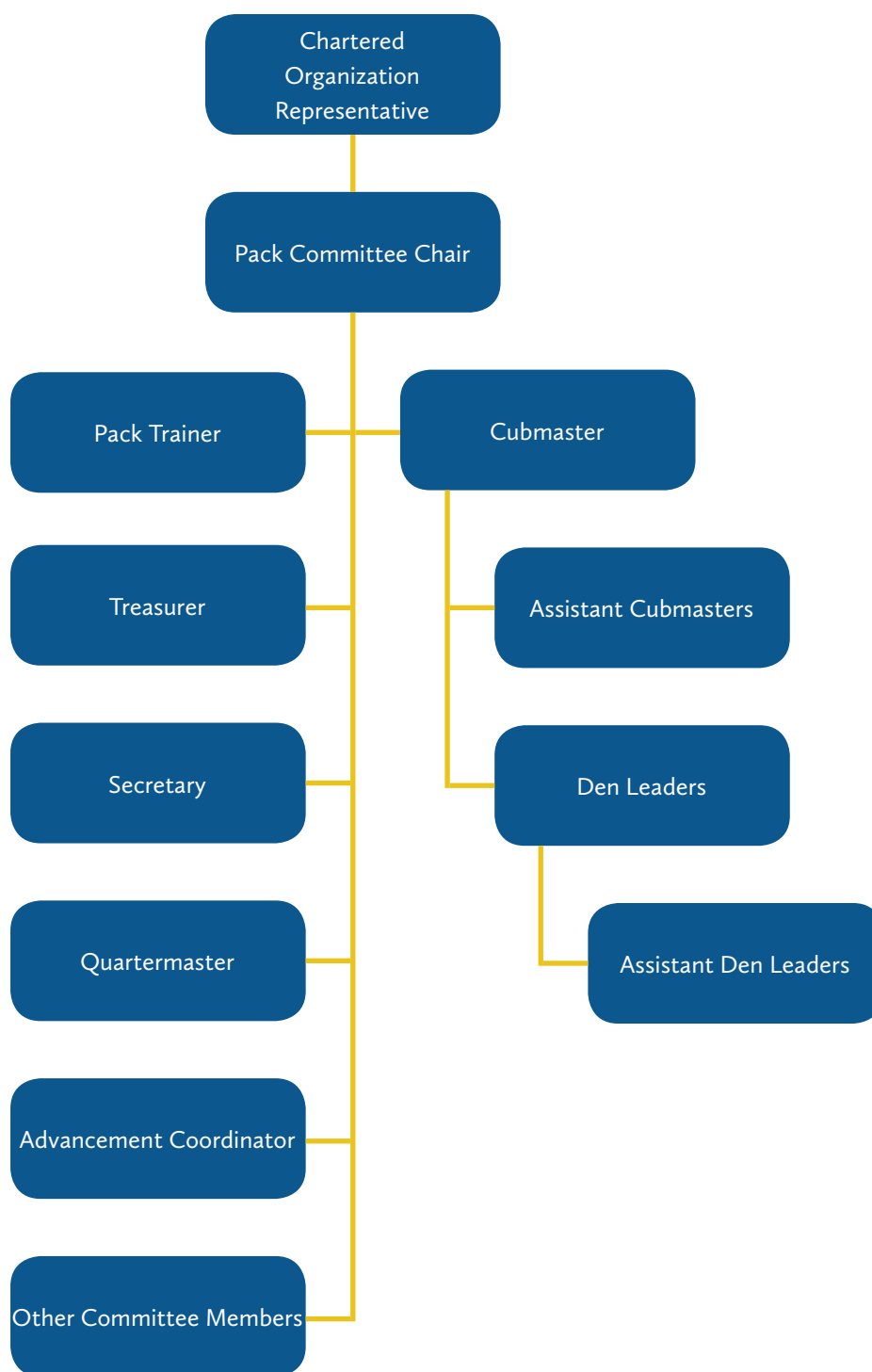
Some committee jobs include Webmaster, Pancake Breakfast Coordinator, Round Table Representative, Communications Coordinator, and Membership/Recruitment Coordinator.

Discovery District

All Scouting units in Rocklin, Roseville, Granite Bay and Loomis make up the Discovery District. The District offers training for leaders and bigger, district-wide events such as Twilight Camp. See "Chapter 5: Annual Calendar" on page 27 for more details on these offerings.

Golden Empire Council

The Golden Empire Council administers the Scouting program in much of Northern California. The Council puts on large events that often attract hundreds or even thousands of Scouts and owns and runs a series of camps in the Sierras. They also manage Council-wide fundraising



efforts and have a set of committees that help local units run their programs. The Scout Shop, where you can purchase your son's uniform and where the Pack buys advancements and awards for the boys, is located in the Council office. See "Chapter 4: The Cub Scout Uniform" on page 23 and "Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards" on page 31 for more details.

Boy Scouts of America

The national Boy Scouts office, located in Fort Worth, Texas, sets national policy for the BSA, provides nation-wide fundraising activities, runs high adventure camps for older boys, sets advancement requirements, and oversees the manufacture and sale of Scouting-related stuff, including the Scout uniform. They also publish *Boy's Life* magazine.

Chapter 4: The Cub Scout Uniform

All Scouts wear an official uniform. The uniform gives youth and adults a sense a belonging, identification and commitment.

Class A Uniform

The Class A uniform for Pack 29 consists of a blue Cub Scout uniform shirt with appropriate patches attached, a neckerchief, slide, hat and belt.

The uniform can be purchased from the River City Scout Shop in Sacramento, or online from scout-stuff.org. You will also need the Golden Empire Council patch, a red 2 and red 9 for the Pack number, the World Crest emblem, and the appropriate Den number patch. The 1910 World Crest Ring emblem is optional.

Webelos Scouts have the option to wear the tan Boy Scout uniform instead of the blue Cub Scout shirt. The required patches are the same, although they will also need blue epaulets, which designates them as Cub Scouts.

The Pack will provide your son with a rank-specific neckerchief as a way of welcoming him into the Pack, so you do not need to buy one.



The neckerchief slide holds the neckerchief in place. There are official slides for each rank, but your son may also make one during some activities. It's very easy for the slide to fall off and get lost during activities, so we recommend that you buy a spare.

All youth in Pack 29 should have a blue Cub Scout belt, also available from the Scout Shop. Even Webelos who have transitioned to the tan shirt should still wear the blue belt.

For the hat, you have the option of either purchasing an official Scout hat, which is rank-specific, or you can purchase a Pack 29 hat, which can be customized with your son's first or last name. Either is considered acceptable and in-uniform, so the choice is entirely up to each family. You can buy the official hat at the Scout Shop, or order the Pack hat via our website at www.pack29.info.

Pack 29 does not require Cubs to wear official Cub Scout pants or socks.

See "Appendix A: Uniform Guide" on page 47 for a check-list that you can take with you to the Scout Shop to assist in shopping for the uniform.

Estimated Cost

The current cost of the uniform as required by Pack 29 is between \$85-\$95 dollars, depending on a few of the options you choose such as the style of Cub Scout handbook and whether or not you choose an official BSA hat or the Pack hat.

Class B Uniform

Certain outdoor activities may be inappropriate for the formal Class A uniform. In these cases, your son should wear a Cub Scout-related t-shirt. The Pack does have a class B t-shirt that can be ordered via our website at www.pack29.info. He may also acquire other t-shirts by attending certain events such as Twilight Camp. In addition, the Scout Shop has a variety of Scouting-related t-shirts for sale.

Your Den leader will let you know when Class B uniforms are OK. Otherwise, you should assume that your son should be in his Class A uniform whenever he attends a Cub Scout event, including all Den and Pack meetings.

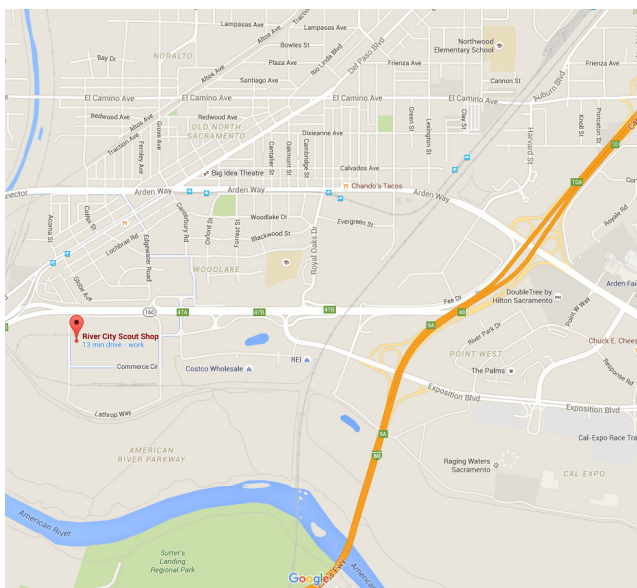
Adult Uniform

Certain leadership positions require that the adult wear a uniform, which consists of the tan shirt with appropriate insignia attached, a neckerchief and slide, belt, pants and socks, and hat. Should you decide to volunteer for one of these positions, other leaders in the Pack can assist you in determining what you need to purchase.

River City Scout Shop

The River City Scout Shop is located at 251 Commerce Circle in Sacramento, near Cal Expo. It is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 6pm, Wednesday from 9am to 5pm, Thursday from 9am to 6:30pm, and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. It is closed on Sundays.

The staff at the Scout Shop is extremely helpful and will be happy to answer any questions you may have when purchasing your son's uniform.



Chapter 5: Annual Calendar

Pack 29 runs a year-round Scouting program. In addition to the monthly Pack meeting, we hold a variety of other events to keep the boys engaged and having fun in Scouts while also working on advancement requirements.

Annual Events

These events vary depending on time commitments from the leadership and availability of the event, but below is a list of many of the activities we hold on an annual basis. See “Appendix E: 2015-2016 Calendar” on page 67 for events we have planned so far.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is arguably the most well-known event in Cub Scouts. It’s so well known, in fact, that there’s even an entire movie dedicated to it.

The Pack 29 Pinewood Derby is usually held in late January. Every boy in the Pack will be given an official BSA Pinewood Derby kit at the December pack meeting. The race is held on a Saturday, with each boy racing against other boys in his rank. The winners from each rank then return later in the day to race against each other to determine a Grand Champion. Trophies are awarded to the winners of the rank races and to the overall Pack winners. The Grand Champion will also have his name engraved on a perpetual trophy, which he will be allowed to keep for the year.

We also give out awards for craftsmanship, most colorful car, best Scout theme, and others.

Details and rules for the race will be distributed to all families at the December pack meeting.

Please keep in mind that the Pinewood Derby is designed as an opportunity for Scouts to learn important skills such as basic woodworking, as well as sportsmanship. While younger Scouts will obviously need assistance in building their car, the Pinewood should at all levels reflect the boy’s work, and not that of his parents. However, adults (and older siblings) can choose to purchase a car kit, construct their own car, and race it the night before the event in the Akela Race.



Blue & Gold Celebration

The Pack celebrates the birthday of Cub Scouts every February with the Blue & Gold Banquet, which is a Pack meeting devoted to a cake contest and birthday-like games and activities.

Rank Advancement Banquet

In May, your son will advance to the next rank in Scouting as he finishes the school year and moves to the next grade. That month, the Pack holds a banquet for all families to come and

celebrate your son's accomplishments. The banquet is catered and something that boys will look forward to throughout the year.

Twilight Camp

The Discovery District hosts Twilight Camp every summer, usually either the first week after school gets out or the following week. Twilight Camp is a week of evening activities running from 4:30pm to 8pm in Penryn. A few of the activities that boys experience at Twilight Camp include learning how to hoist, lower and fold the US flag, basic first aid, outdoor cooking, and using a compass. They also get to build and launch rockets, and test their skills at archery and BB guns. For many boys, Twilight Camp is the ultimate event on the annual calendar, and the thing they enjoy the most about Cub Scouts.



Summer Camp

Each summer, the Pack takes a group of boys to Camp Lassen, about an hour outside of Chico. The boys spend four days and three nights camping in the mountains experiencing campfires, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, archery and BB guns. This is the other main highlight of the year for many boys.

Historic Ship Overnight

Each fall, the Pack spends a night on an historic ship. Past trips have included the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet*, the WWII Liberty Ship *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*, and the WWII submarine *USS Pampanito*. In 2015, we also completed an overnight on the battleship *USS Iowa*.

Spring Overnight

In addition to the historic ship, we organize another overnight trip in the spring. Past trips have included sleeping in the shark tubes at the San Francisco Aquarium and at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

Family Camp

Each August, around the time school starts, we host a family camp where we encourage siblings and other family members to join us for a weekend of fun in the mountains.

Spring Camp

Camping is a required activity at all levels of Cub Scouts except Tiger, so the Pack hosts a second campout in the spring for boys who may have missed summer camp or family camp.

Scout Expo

Organized and run by the Golden Empire Council, Scout Expo occurs once every two years. Held at Beale Air Force Base, the Expo attracts around 2,000 Scouts from all over the area for a weekend of fun and learning.

Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards

Ideally, Scouting is about the opportunity to experience things that today's youth don't generally get, as well as instilling positive values to help make these boys into productive citizens and positive role models. That said, we all enjoy recognition for our achievements, and Scouts are no different.

Ranks

Cub Scouts progress through six ranks as they mature and move from first through fifth grade.

Bobcat

Regardless of the age at which they begin Scouting, all boys start by earning their Bobcat badge, which introduces them to Scouting's core principles.

The requirements for the Bobcat are:

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.
2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
5. Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.
6. Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.
7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*

Your Den Leader will assist you in completing these requirements. As much as possible, we try to have boys earn their Bobcat by their first Pack meeting after joining, so that they can come up and be recognized right away.

Tiger

Tiger Scouts are the youngest boys in the Pack. Their first year in Scouts allows them to begin exploring their world and the core principles of Scouting.

Wolf

As boys move into second grade, they begin to work on their Wolf badge. Wolf expands on the ideas first explored as Tigers.

Bear

Third grade boys work towards their Bear badge, where they begin to take on more responsibility and expand their skill sets in camping, science, and other domains.



Webelos

Webelos, which is short for “We’ll Be Loyal Scouts”, is a two-year program for fourth and fifth grade boys. The primary goal of the Webelos program is to begin to prepare boys for the transition to Boy Scouts.

Arrow of Light

The final award earned in Cub Scouts is the Arrow of Light, where boys demonstrate that they are prepared to make the leap from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Generally, boys are awarded their Arrow of Light at their final Pack meeting, where they also bridge over and are accepted into the Boy Scout Troop. The Arrow

of Light is the only rank in Scouting that boys can continue to wear on their Boy Scout uniform, and also eventually on their adult uniform when they grow up and bring their own sons into Scouting. It is in fact one of only three things that can be earned as youth that can later be worn on the adult uniform. The other two are the religious award (see below) and Eagle Scout.

Joining Late

It’s important to note that boys will work on the rank appropriate to their grade level and do not go back and complete ranks they may have missed. As an example, a boy who joins in third grade would earn his Bobcat and then proceed directly onto to working on his Bear badge, simply bypassing Tiger and Wolf. This way, boys can join Cub Scouts at any age and work alongside their Den with the other boys without feeling like they’re behind.

Adventure Loops

The Tiger, Wolf and Bear badges are divided into a set of “adventures”, which allows boys to work towards their rank in manageable pieces and receive recognition along the way. As they complete each adventure, they will be awarded an Adventure Loop—a medal device that slides onto his belt. (This is why the requirement exists that he have an official Cub Scout belt as part of his uniform, as the loops are sized to only fit the official belt.) Each of those ranks requires the completion of seven adventures, but more are available and can be earned independently. Each rank has its own set of loops with age-appropriate activities. Your Den leader will work out a schedule for the year to ensure that all boys can earn the minimum required loops by the end of the school year so that he can earn his rank on time.

Webelos Adventure Pins

Instead of adventure loops, boys in the Webelos program earn adventure pins. The concept is the same as with the younger ranks, but the pins are designed to either be worn on a special ribbon called the Webelos Colors or on a boy's hat. The Webelos badge requires the completion of seven pins, and Arrow of Light requires another seven, but as with the other ranks there are a host of elective pins that boys can earn on their own.

Rank Handbooks

The Boy Scouts of America publishes a handbook for each rank that outlines the specific requirements for the adventures, as well as providing guidance to adults who are helping the boys through the ranks. While it is not required, it is highly recommended that you purchase these books when your son begins working on a rank. They are available from the Scout Shop and also online through Amazon.com in eBook format.

Scoutbook

The Pack uses the BSA's online tool called Scoutbook to track your son's advancements and awards. Shortly after joining the Pack, the Cubmaster or Pack Webmaster will set up an account for your son in Scoutbook and email you with instructions to log in and access his information. From there, you can track your son's progress through his rank and even update that progress yourself when you complete something with him as a family.

Other Awards

Scouting has dozens of additional awards that can be earned by boys, either independently or as a Den or pack. Below is a sample of some of the more common awards.

Religious Awards

Almost every major, established religion has an award that can be earned by boys of that faith. Unlike every other award in Scouting, the religious award is worked on by a boy, his family, and his religious leader. Information on the award can often be acquired from your church, or by visiting <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx>.

Religious awards can also be earned by registered adult leaders, providing a unique opportunity for a boy and his mother or father to work on an award together.

If earned as a Cub Scout, the religious award can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform, and adult leaders who earned it as youth can also wear an emblem denoting that on their uniforms.

NOVA

The Boy Scouts recognizes that youth today are digital natives and not only have a keen interest in science and technology, but also require those skills for almost any future employment. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) can be found throughout the rank adventures, but those boys who wish to expand their knowledge and further explore their interest in these areas can choose to work on the NOVA award through research, field trips and science experiments. This is generally done individually, but recently a group of Pack 29 Scouts worked on it together.

Supernova

An expansion of the NOVA program, the Supernova award takes what the boys learned while working on the NOVA award and builds on it. The Dr. Luis W. Alvarez Award can be earned by Wolf and Bear Scouts, while Webelos Scouts can earn the Dr. Charles H. Townes Award. The awards require more in-depth research and more complex experiments.

World Conservation Award

Learning to care for the environment and the world around us is a key component of Scouting at all levels. The World Conservation Award recognizes boys for completing service projects to help conserve natural resources.

National Summertime Pack Award

Cub Scouts is designed as a year-round program. In order to encourage Packs to not take summers off, the Boy Scouts established the National Summertime Pack Award. While as its name implies it can be earned by the Pack as a whole, individual Scouts can earn it as well. It is perhaps one of the easiest awards to earn: boys simply need to attend one Cub Scout-related activity in each of the three summer months.

Messengers of Peace

In order to promote the ideals of peaceful co-existence on our planet, the Messengers of Peace award can be earned by any Scout who completes a community service project. Boys in Pack 29 have multiple opportunities to earn this award throughout the year. See “Chapter 7: Community Service” on page 37 for more details on how we work to help our fellow citizens.

Outdoor Ethics Award

Outdoor ethics, embodied by the Leave No Trace principle, is one of the most important ideals we try to teach Scouts. The Outdoor Ethics Award embodies this idea by having Scouts complete a series of outdoor adventures while thinking about the impact they have on our natural world.

Whittling Chip

The Whittling Chip can be earned by boys at the Bear and Webelos level. The award shows that the boy has learned and continues to embody knife safety principles.

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

Boys love being outdoors, and in Scouts we try to do as much as possible outside. The Outdoor Activity Award shows that boys have participated in a series of these outside adventures.

Recruiter

Scouts who help the Pack grow by recruiting siblings and friends will earn a Recruiter strip. As an additional thank you for introducing more boys to Scouting, the Pack also awards either a head lamp or pocket knife (at the parent's discretion) to the boy who gets another boy to sign up for Scouting. (While we of course encourage boys to bring in as many friends as they can, the award and special thank you gift are only awarded once.)

Chapter 7: Community Service

Citizenship is a key component of the ideals of Scouting, and an important part of being a good citizen is learning to serve one's community.

Service Projects

Pack 29 participates in a variety of community service projects throughout the year, coordinated by our designed Community Service Leader. A few examples of service projects we've done:

- Place US flags on the graves of those who gave their lives in service to the country who are buried in the Rocklin cemetery on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.
- Community clean-up projects
- Scouting for Food, an annual nation-wide program that collects food to be delivered to local food banks.
- Operation Christmas Child. Each year at our November Pack meeting, we will fill boxes to be sent to less fortunate children in other parts of the world.

Scouts who participate in these projects will be eligible to receive special recognition, including the Messengers of Peace and World Conservation Awards. See "Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards" on page 31 for more details on these.

Chapter 8: Communications

Communicating with busy families can be a challenge, so the Pack tries to use as many channels as possible to ensure that you know what is happening in the Pack.

Electronic

When you first join the Pack, you will be given an account on Scoutbook.com. See “Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards” on page 31 for more details on Scoutbook, but we also use it as an online calendar, so you should receive automated reminders for Pack events.

Your email will also be added to our Google Groups account, which allows the Pack’s leaders to send email to the Pack as a whole. We try to minimize the amount of email you will get, but there are times when we need to send out important information to all of the families. If you ever need to change the email address in this list, simply inform your Den leader.

Den leaders usually maintain an email list specific to the Den so that they can send out reminders of Den meetings and events as well as informational emails when needed.

The Pack has a Facebook page, but in order to protect the privacy of boys it is hidden and restricted to invitation only. If you would like to join the page, ask your Den leader to invite you.

Finally, the Pack’s website at <http://pack29.info> contains a wealth of information about the Pack, updated calendars and Parent/Leader Committee meeting minutes, important forms, and much more.

Newsletter

Each month at the Pack meeting, you will receive a copy of the Pack’s monthly newsletter which outlines important upcoming events.

The newsletter will also be published on the Pack website and Den leaders will be given a PDF version to email to their Den.

Boy’s Life Magazine

The Boy Scouts of America publishes a monthly magazine called *Boy’s Life* that is targeted at the youth market. Scouts who regularly read *Boy’s Life* are more likely to remain in Scouting than those who do not.

The Youth Application contains an option to subscribe to *Boy’s Life*. The subscription is \$1 per month and is collected along with the dues. Your son’s subscription will be automatically renewed each fall as part of the Pack’s rechartering process unless you indicate otherwise.

If you have more than one boy in Scouting, you can opt out of individual subscriptions for each. Please discuss this option with your Den Leader.

Chapter 9: Youth Protection

While we seek to have a fun and enriching program, the health and safety of the boys in our care is always the number one priority of every adult leader in Scouting.

Youth Protection Training

To this end, the Boy Scouts have established several important policies that all leaders must adhere to at all times. These include:

- Two-deep leadership. A minimum of two leaders must always be present with the boys.
- One-on-one contact between youth and adults is prohibited at all times.
- Privacy of the youth is to be respected at all times.
- Separate accommodations for youth and adults are required.

In order to ensure that these policies are known and enforced, all adults must complete Youth Protection Training before they can participate in any Scouting activity other than a Den or Pack meeting. This means that if you want to accompany the Pack on an overnight trip to an historic ship, you must complete Youth Protection Training. The training must be retaken every two years. Rest assured that every adult leader in the Pack has taken then training and keeps it up-to-date; Scouting will not accept an application from an adult who has not completed the training.

You can take Youth Protection Training online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

Chapter 10: Finances

Certain aspects of Scouting can be expensive, and an important role of the Parent/Leader Committee is to maintain the Pack's bank account and manage its finances.

Annual Dues

Each fall, all Scouting units go through a process known as “rechartering”. This is our annual process whereby we, as a Pack, renew our membership in the Boy Scouts of America. At the same time, we will also renew your son’s membership in the BSA.

To complete this process, we need to collect dues for the following year. This is usually done in October or November. Please see “Appendix C: Dues Structure” on page 61 for a complete break-down of the dues structure to understand the costs for remaining active in the Pack. Dues can either be paid by check made out to Pack 29, or by using Scout Account money (see “Scout Accounts” below for details.)

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Each September, Pack 29 hosts a pancake breakfast in conjunction with Rocklin’s Hot Chili and Cool Cars event. Scouts sell tickets in advance of the event at store fronts, through families, and by going door-to-door. Each Scout is asked to be responsible for selling 20 tickets, and the Pack offers prizes to those who sell more.

The Pancake Breakfast is the Pack’s only fundraiser for the year, and the money raised represents the Pack’s operating budget for the year.

Scout Accounts

The Pack maintains a Scout Account for each boy. The account is really just a line item in the budget, but it is money that is specifically reserved for use by each Scout. It can be used for pretty much any Scouting-related activity, including paying for overnight trips, camping, uniforms, dues, and the like.

The Pack offers several opportunities for Scouts to raise money for their Scout accounts throughout the year. In either the winter or spring, we run a See’s Candy fundraiser, with all money raised going to Scout accounts. We occasionally have other pancake breakfasts where again money raised is divided amongst the boys who work the event and placed in Scout Accounts.

Your Den Leader can provide you with your current Scout Account balance on request. If you wish to use Scout Account money for a Pack-sponsored event, you can simply fill out the Scout Account Request form (see “Appendix B: Forms” on page 51) and submit it in lieu of payment. If you purchase a uniform or camping gear or the like, you can submit a Check Request form (which can also be found in “Appendix B: Forms” on page 51) for reimbursement.

Due to IRS regulations, Scout Account moneys cannot be refunded directly to the family, so in the unfortunate event that a Scout leaves the program, remaining funds in his Scout Account will revert to the main Pack account. However, if you move and transfer to a new Pack, or com-

plete the Cub Scout program and transfer to Boy Scouts, your son's balance can be transferred to his new Pack or Troop.

National Fundraising

The Boy Scouts of America sells popcorn in the fall as a fundraising opportunity for Packs and youth. Because it happens at the same time as our Pancake Breakfast sales, Pack 29 does not participate as a group in the popcorn sales. However, individual Scouts are welcome to see the product if they wish, with any money raised going into the Scout Account. If you wish to participate, ask your Den Leader for details.

In the spring, the BSA sponsors the sale of "Camp Cards", which are credit card-sized cards with discount coupons. The cards are produced locally, so the discounts are for local stores and businesses. As with popcorn, sales of Camp Cards are available to Scouts on an individual basis, with money going into Scout Accounts. Scouts who sell certain numbers of Camp Cards are eligible to have their registration fees for Twilight Camp or Summer Camp paid for by the Council. Details on the sale will be provided at Pack and Den meetings in the early spring.

