



We Build
CHARACTER

What is Cub Scouts?

- Cub Scouting is fun for the **whole family**. Parents help create self-reliant, dependable, and caring young adults.
- Scouting is fun, with a purpose!



Purpose of Cub Scouts

- Character development
- Spiritual growth
- Good citizenship
- Community values
- Sportsmanship and fitness
- Family understanding
- Respectful relationships
- Friendly service
- Fun and adventure



"Scouting is not a camping program. It's a character development, citizenship, and physical fitness program that uses the out of doors as a delivery method." – Pat Curry



Methods of Cub Scouting



- Belonging to a den
- Using advancement
- Involving family and home
- Participating in activities
- Serving home and neighborhood
- Wearing a uniform



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It's a family program!

- Cub Scouts is a volunteer-led, family experience.
- We lean on our parents to serve in committees
- Consider serving as a Den Leader and help coordinate regular Den meetings.
- All family members are invited, and encouraged, to participate.



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Unique experience based on age

- Membership is open to boys and girls in grades K through 5, with each grade grouped together in dens.



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Scouting Organization



Other
Councils



Other
Districts



Other Cub
Scout Packs

Scouts BSA
Troops



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Pack Organization



Charter Organization:
Capitol Area Council



Pack Committee (supporting all
grades)



Cubmaster

Den Leaders (supporting
individual grades)



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Pack and Den Meetings

- Pack meetings
 - All of the Dens together (approximately 66 Scouts)
 - Meet once a month
 - Share information, present awards
 - Group activity
- Den Meetings
 - Small groups of 6-12 kids of same age/rank
 - Meet 1-2 times per month, depending on leader/parents
 - Rank advancement activities
 - Fun!



Scouting Activities



- You can't spell "Scouting" without "outing"!
 - Campouts
 - Hikes
- Cub Scouting is more than meetings!
 - Engagement and games
- Other activities include:
 - Community service
 - Pinewood Derby
 - Water Bottle Rockets
 - Egg Drop



Scouting Costs



- Additional costs

- Uniform – approx. \$75
 - * We have some gently-used neckerchiefs & slides up for grabs!
- Campouts ~\$100 for the year (per person camping)
- 3 X ~\$10, 1 X ~\$70

- Pack Registration: \$100
 - Pack Administration
 - Reserve, equipment maintenance
 - Friends of Scouting donation
 - Advancement Awards
 - Pinewood Derby car
- Pack T-Shirt: \$15
- BSA Registration (Collected Separately):
 - Returning Scout: \$85
 - New Scout: \$105
 - (Optional) Boys' Life Magazine – \$15



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Uniforms



- Class A, purchase at Scout Shop
 - Shirt, neckerchief, slide, and belt
 - Patches – District, Pack numbers, Den numbers
 - Optional – shorts, socks, hats
- Class B, purchased through the Pack
 - Pack T-Shirt



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Youth Protection Training

Every parent/guardian who attends Pack or Den events (such as campouts) must complete Youth Protection Training.

- Training is online, self-paced and takes about 1.5 hours.

Find the YPT training at my.scouting.org



Volunteering

- Parents are the defining source of Scout leadership
- When we share the load, even the busiest parent can get involved
- Parents should participate in and encourage their Scouts in their advancement
- Allows you to teach by example and impact quality time with your child



Participation and Involvement



- Note: one Youth Protection Trained parent/Guardian must attend a campout with their Cub Scout
- We encourage you to attend everything, but attendance is never required – there is no penalty.
- If you are going to attend, why not lend a hand – volunteer to assist Den leaders, Pack leaders and other parents.
- The leaders are not here to parent your children – that is still your job.



We need your help!

- **Assistant Cub Master**

- Assist the Cubmaster in executing a quality program
- “Master of ceremonies” of the monthly Pack Meeting
- Provide support to Den Leaders

- **Assistant Quartermaster**

- Store and maintain pack assets (bottle rocket launcher, derby car track, ...)
- Setup and operation of assets

- **Lion Den Leader**

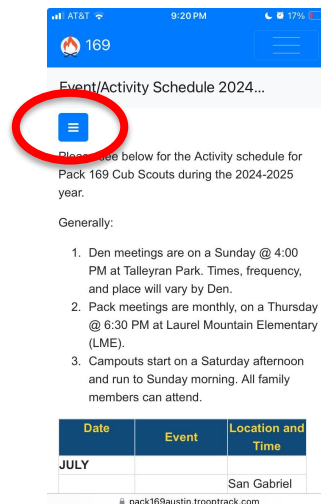
- Plan and run Den meetings enabling cub scouts to reach their rank requirements
- Monthly Den meeting, and Pack Committee meeting

- **Public Relations Chair**

- Trooptrack website and collateral updates
- Manage school and social media announcements
- Capture and post pictures



Communications and Information



- Emails from TroopTrack (please read!!)
- Pack Meetings
- Campouts
- Websites
 - pack169austin.com
 - my.scouting.org
 - ctbsacac.org
 - bsacac.org
- Whatsapp
 - Pack 169
 - Den specific



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Next Steps



- Ask questions!
 - Ben Sy (p169cubmaster@gmail.com)
 - Jenn Becerra (becerrajenn@gmail.com)
- Register your child through [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) website by following the QR code
- Once registered, we'll enter you into TroopTrack
- Complete Youth Protection Training
 - <https://my.scouting.org/>
- Get you & your Scout excited for our upcoming events!
- Volunteer!



First Campout? What to expect...

Essentials

- Tent (inexpensive, large, family tents are best at this age). Families will tent together.
- Sleeping bag, pad, pillow
- Flashlight, lantern
- Water bottle – filled with water at home.
- Sunscreen, toiletries
- Reusable food utensils/plates/cups
- Comfortable walking shoes, hiking boots, or sturdy walking shoes
- Cub Scout uniform and Pack T-Shirt
- Medical form, personal medication

Optional

- Rain gear – check weather
- Insect repellent
- Outdoors folding chairs (for campfire)
- Night clothes for sleeping
- Change of clothes

Notes

- Medical forms – we cannot give even aspirin without consent
- Youth Protection Training – required for all parents/guardians & leaders
- Buddy system – scouts should never be alone, we will enforce this.
- Flush toilets, water, sometimes showers

Cub Scout



Family Weekends



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