

# #ADVENTURE ON!



## Why Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouting provides families with exciting opportunities to enjoy activities together. We teach family values and work to strengthen your relationship with your son or daughter. Cub Scouts is inclusive, develops character, and teaches citizenship, outdoorsmanship and personal fitness. On top of all that - it's fun! Instead of being all about winning, our motto is "Do Your Best!"

## What is the Structure of Cub Scouts?

Your child will be a part of a **Den**, a small group of Scouts in the same grade level. Den Leaders are parents who coordinate the Den's activities with the help of other parent volunteers. The combined Dens make up our **Pack**.

<b>Lions – Kindergarten</b>	<b>Bears – Third Grade</b>
<b>Tigers – First Grade</b>	<b>Webelos – Fourth Grade</b>
<b>Wolves – Second Grade</b>	<b>Arrow of Light – Fifth Grade</b>

Scouts work on "Adventure" requirements throughout the year to earn their next rank badge in a formal advancement ceremony that happens every year in May.

Dens typically meet once/month for 1-2 hours at a time and place deemed convenient by Den parents. The Pack meets once a month, plus 4-5 optional campout activities per year.

***Cub Scouts is a family-oriented program. Families are expected to help with Den activities and attend Pack meetings and events with their Scout. Lion and Tiger Scouts must always be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.***

## How Much Does it Cost?

**Dues and Activity Fees:** This year the national Scouting America organization requires annual dues of \$85 for all first-time and returning scouts. For Pack 169's local dues, \$100 is the membership fee for school year 2025-2026, which allows us to participate in our local council, maintain our equipment, and fund our standard pack activities. Optional campouts do require a fee per attendee, typically \$10. There is also a Scout Life Magazine subscription available for \$15 per year. The Scouts love receiving this magazine every month!

**Uniforms:** Scouts present for Pack meetings, field trips, and Den meetings in "Class A" uniforms. Lions have a t-shirt uniform, and all other levels require an official Scout collared-shirt, a neckerchief, and slide appropriate to rank, plus a Cub Scout belt for their belt loop awards. Tigers, Wolves, and Bears wear a blue shirt. Webelos and Arrow of Light should choose the khaki shirt, as a way to distinguish themselves from the younger Scouts. We try to collect & redistribute prior year uniform parts that are still in good condition, so please contact a Den or Pack leader to inquire about available items. New Class A uniforms are available at the Scout Store at I-35 & Parmer Ln.

Pack 169 T-Shirts (called "Class B" uniforms) are available for purchase through our Pack for \$15.

We encourage Scouts get a book (containing all Adventures and electives) appropriate to their rank, but all Adventures and electives can be found online <https://www.boyscouttrail.com/24cub-scouts/cub-scouts.php>

## What do I need for Campouts?

The following items are helpful for Pack campouts. Most items can be purchased at Academy, Amazon, or Walmart, with no need for "top of the line" equipment in this Pack.

- Tent (inexpensive, large, allowing families to tent together)
- Sleeping bag & pillow (pad/air mattress optional)
- Illumination (flashlight, headlamp, lantern)
- Water bottle – filled with water at home
- Reusable utensils/plates/cups (we leave the smallest footprint possible at our campsites)
- Tennis shoes, hiking boots, or sturdy walking shoes
- Cub Scout uniform and Pack T-Shirt
- Standard toiletries (all campsites have restroom facilities & sinks for morning/nighttime routines)
- Personal medication
- Camping chairs
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent
- Poncho or rain attire
- Change of clothes – including socks
- Long pants, fleece or warm top, jacket
- Night clothes/sleepwear



## What's the Schedule?

Here is the tentative schedule for 2025-2026:

Date	Event	Location & Time
2025		
09/04	Join Scouting Night	LME @6:30 PM
09/14	First Den Meetings	Talleyran Park @4:00PM
09/18	Pack Meeting	LME @6:30 PM
10/04	Campout	Camp Mabry, Austin
10/16	Pack Meeting: Bottle Rocket Launch	LME @5:45 PM
11/xx	Service Project	TBD
11/20	Pack Meeting	LME @6:30 PM
12/06	Campout: Tom Wooten (possible BB Gun activity)	<a href="#">785 FM1441 Bastrop, TX 78602</a>
12/11	Pack Meeting - Gingerbread Houses	LME @6:30 PM
2026		
01/15	Pack Meeting: Pinewood Derby car cutting	LME @6:30 PM
02/07	Pack Meeting: Pinewood Derby	LME @8:00 AM
02/12	Pack Meeting: AOL Crossing Over	LME @6:30 PM
02/21	Destination Campout	USS Lexington
03/12	Pack Meeting	LME @6:30 PM
04/16	Pack Meeting: Egg Drop Challenge	<a href="#">Kelly Reeves Stadium</a> @6:00 PM
04/25	Campout: Camp Tahuaya BSA	2603 Tahuaya Drive Belton, TX 76513
05/03	2026-2027 Planning Meeting- All Welcome	Pour House @6:30 PM
05/07	Pack Meeting: Advancement Awards	LME @6:30 PM
TBD	Summer Pack Activity	TBD

## About our events

As you can see, Pack 169 has a full year of a broad range of fun activities. Our goal is to give families chances to experience things they might not otherwise get to do and have a GREAT time doing them!

**ATTENDANCE:** You're welcome to attend the events and outings that match your family's schedule, budget and interests. Pack Meetings are important to make sure your Scout receives deserved recognition.

**WE VALUE YOUR INPUT:** Each month, all parents are invited to attend our Pack Committee Meetings where we ask for feedback and assistance on upcoming events. We're always open to new suggestions for fun places to go and neat things to do!

## Safety and Youth Protection

Training (online at [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)) – Every parent/guardian **must** complete Youth Protection Training every two years. Training is online and takes about 1.5 hours. Email certificates of completion to: [pack169austin.training@gmail.com](mailto:pack169austin.training@gmail.com).

## Interested in Joining?

We'd love to have you! Please complete the following steps to join our Pack!



Once you have joined with BSA, pack fees/t-shirts can be ordered through Troop Track.

## Pack Contact Information for 2025-2026 school year

- Pack website: [www.pack169.com](http://www.pack169.com)
- General: [pack169austin.membership@gmail.com](mailto:pack169austin.membership@gmail.com)
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