

Cub Scout Pack 83



Welcome Packet

2023-2024

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Cub Scouts

We are so excited that your family is interested in Cub Scouting! Cub Scouts is full of character development and values-based leadership opportunities that Scouting provides. Cub Scouting is more than an activity. It is adventure, learning, and discovery around every corner.

Cub Scouts is a year-round program offering fun activities that promote character and leadership development. Parents are encouraged to play an active role in our programs. Whole families can now participate in Cub Scouts. Pack 83 offers programs for boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Cub Scouts embraces the outdoors through camping, hiking and water fun. We also focus on helping our communities through service projects, STEM development, and building confident kids through a wide range of activities. Our Cub Scout program is designed to develop physical (well-tuned and healthy), mental (able to think and solve problems) and emotional (self-control, courage, empathy and respect for self and others) fitness.

How to join Pack 83

Joining is EASY! Applications can be obtained from any Key 3 Leader (Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chair or Charter Organization Representative). You may also register online at <https://beascout.scouting.org>. Fill out the application and turn it in to the Cubmaster (see contact information on the last page), or let the Cubmaster know you have completed the online registration. You are now a proud member of Pack 83!!

Registration Fees:

Fall registration fees for **new members** of Pack. There is a one-time **New member joining fee** of \$125.

Their covers:

- Registration with the Boy Scouts of America
- Insurance
- Advancement Awards
- Pinewood Derby
- Blue and Gold Banquet

Annual registration fees for **returning Cub Scouts** are \$95 on the anniversary of registration.

Fees are turned in with your application(s). **Should fees become an issue for your family, please contact the Cubmaster.** *We are much more concerned about your child joining Cub Scouts and enjoying what we have to offer than we are about uniforms, etc. Our goal is to make sure that every child in our area who wants to be a Cub Scout has the opportunity to do so.*

Why Join Cub Scouting?

- If you could give only one gift to the young people who are most important in your life, what would it be? No matter what your family situation is, it is within your power to help these children grow into people with a good feeling about themselves and a genuine concern for others. Cub Scouting can assist you in providing their greatest gift of all.
- Cub Scout-age children benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. Through their sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others.
- As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Baden-Powell said that "The Scout Oath and Law are our binding disciplinary force."

Scout Law

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

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.

We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Kids join because it is fun. Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.

How Does Cub Scouting Work?

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with adventures that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on adventures, they will earn badges and other recognition that they wear on their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you! Scouting is also about diversity, no matter your gender, religion, race, disability, linguistic differences, socio-economic status and cultural background. Scouting a World organization and everyone is welcome.

The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a **den**, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. A den typically meets twice a month, although some may meet more often. All dens, from kindergarten through fifth grade, make up a **pack**. Once a month, the dens, with their families, come together at the pack meeting and Cub Scouts are recognized for the adventures and badges they have earned.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee and is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer and parents. We meet once a month or more often as needed. The Pack committee is led by a committee chairperson. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badge, maintains pack equipment and helps train and recognize leaders.

Our Pack is owned by a chartered Organization. Chartered Organizations include parent-school organizations, religious organizations, services clubs and other organizations interested in youth. Our

Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps a secure meeting place and keeps the pack within the sponsor's and the Boy Scouts of America guidelines and policies. Our Chartered Organization selects a Representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor.)

Den Meetings:

Den meetings are held every Monday, barring holidays, and closed schools. The Scouts meet under the direction of a Den Leader who plans activities to help the cubs through their adventures, and the goal of completing their rank requirements. Den meetings are usually held at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Dens are led by volunteers, usually parents of the children in that den. There are many ways you can help the Pack/Den. Several are listed later. The Pack is led by a Cubmaster who makes sure the programs are being followed, and everyone is having fun. The Pack is overseen by a Chartered Organization. **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** is Pack 83's chartered organization.

Pack Meetings

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, which meet monthly at the pack meeting, led by the Cubmaster. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of achievements and badges that Cub Scouts earned during that month. There is where families can see the achievements of their Cub Scout. Pack Meetings are held monthly, at the same time and place as Den meetings, unless told otherwise.

Activities:

We also hold many other activities through the year to make sure we have as much fun as possible! Campouts, service projects, parades, field trips, and even District and Council events where several different Packs come together to do something on a grand scale. The pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

- **Pinewood Derby®:** You can build and race a model car with your child.
- **Blue and Gold banquet:** Cub Scouting's birthday party, for all pack members and their families, takes place in February.
- **Camping:** Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.
- **Spooktacular Campout:** A one day Halloween event for the entire family. (Optional and put on by our South Fork District)
- **Service projects:** Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.
- **Field trips and special outings:** Den outings are a great way to learn more about the people and places in your community.

Make memories with your child that will last a lifetime!

Program Features

Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations all work together to achieve the ten purposes of Cub Scouting:

1. To influence the development of character.
2. To encourage spiritual growth.
3. To help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
4. To encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
5. To improve understanding within the family.
6. To strengthen the ability of boys to get along with others, and respect other people.
7. To foster a sense of personal achievement in boys by helping them develop new interests and skills.
8. To show boys how to be helpful and to do one's best.
9. To provide fun and exciting activities and experiences.
10. To prepare boys to become Scouts in the Scouts BSA program (for 11-17 year olds).

Dens

Dens are designed for any child to join based on their school grade, from Kindergarten, up to Fifth Grade.

The Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (First Grade) Dens

Cub Scouts who join in kindergarten or first grade join with an adult partner, usually the parent or guardian. A Lion or Tiger den should be no more than eight Cub Scouts and their adult partners. An adult is selected to serve as the den leader (usually one of the parents) and coordinates the meetings. Each adult partner takes a turn assisting or hosting meetings or activities with the den leader. Their shared leadership model is a great way to ensure the den leader has the help needed to deliver a quality program.

The Wolf (Second Grade) and Bear (Third Grade) Dens

Children their age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs. A Wolf (second grade) or Bear (third grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and sometimes a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader). We typically meet every Monday at a regularly scheduled time and place, and they also attend the pack meeting with their families.

The Webelos Scout Den (Fourth and Fifth Grades)

The Webelos den is much like the Wolf and Bear dens, but there is more emphasis on learning to take leadership roles and preparing to join a Scout troop.

Cub Scout Advancement

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Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements



New Cub Scouts who are in 1st grade or above earn the Bobcat Badge first before working on the requirements for their badge of rank.

Exercises in the pamphlet
How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse

☐ Scout Oath
☐ Scout Law
☐ Cub Scout Sign

☐ Cub Scout Handshake
☐ Cub Scout Motto
☐ Cub Scout Salute

Kindergarten LION	TIGER 1 st Grade or 6 years old	WOLF 2 nd Grade or 7 years old	BEAR 3 rd Grade or 8 years old	WEBELOS 4 th Grade through joining a Scouts BSA Troop. 4 th graders work towards the Webelos badge of rank first 5 th Graders may work on Arrow of Light without earning the Webelos badge	
*Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>	*Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>	*Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>	*Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>	*Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>	*Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>
	Protect Yourself Rules Video	Protect Yourself Rules Video	Protect Yourself Rules Video	Protect Yourself Rules Video	Protect Yourself Rules Video
Lion's Honor	Games Tigers Play	Call of the Wild	Baloo the Builder	Cast Iron Chef	Building a Better World
Animal Kingdom	My Tiger Jungle	Council Fire	Bear Claws	Duty to God & You	Duty to God in Action
Mountain Lion	Team Tiger	Duty to God Footsteps	Bear Necessities	First Responder	Outdoor Adventurer
King of the Jungle	Tiger Bites	Howling at the Moon	Fellowship and Duty to God	Stronger, Faster, Higher	Scouting Adventure
Fun on the Run	Tiger Circles: Duty to God	Paws on the Path	Fur, Feathers, and Ferns	Webelos Walkabout	Elective
	Tigers in the Wild	Running with the Pack	Paws for Action	Elective	Elective
*Required once a year. Is not repeated in the same year as earning Bobcat.	Elective Adventure	Elective Adventure	Elective Adventure	Be Active In Your Webelos Den for 3 Months	Be Active In Your Webelos Den for 6 Months or Be 10 and a half years old

BSA 2023-2024 Rank Requirements

LION (Kindergarten)



The Lion program is for Cub Scouts who are in kindergarten and begins each year in August. The Lion program weaves traditional Scouting concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun for the boys and their parents. The Lion rank strip is earned when the Lion has completed the five required adventures and is placed on the t-shirt over their heart.

As the Lion Scout completes each adventure, they will receive the adventure loop for that adventure, which they can wear on their belt. After completing the Gizmos and Gadgets Adventure, the Lion Scout can wear a yellow neckerchief and slide. Lion dens (kindergarten) meet once a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to. You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.

BOBCAT



Cub Scouts in First to Fifth grade must earn their Bobcat badge before they can advance to the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Scout. Requirements include:

Learn and say the Cub Scout motto, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law and tell what they mean. Show the Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake and tell what they mean. With your parent or guardian complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.

TIGER (First Graders)



The Tiger program is for Cub Scouts who are in first grade or are age seven. To earn the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout must complete six (6) required adventures with their den or family and one (1) elective adventure of their den or family's choosing. As the Cub Scout completes each adventure, the Cub Scout will receive the adventure loop for that adventure, which they can wear on their belt. When the Cub Scout has completed the seven required adventures, they can receive the Tiger badge. The Tiger badge is given to the Cub Scout's adult partner at a pack meeting. Then, during a grand ceremony, the adult gives the badge to the Cub Scout.

After earning the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout can work on the remaining 12 Tiger electives until the Cub Scout finishes first grade (or turn 8 years old). A Scout can choose elective adventures to learn new hobbies and skills that will be useful during their years in a troop. When the Cub Scout completes an elective adventure, they receive an additional adventure loop to wear on their belt. Tiger dens meet typically every Monday at a regularly scheduled time and place, and also attend the pack meeting with their families. ***You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.***

WOLF (Second Graders)



The Wolf program is for Cub Scouts who have finished first grade (or 8 years old are). To earn the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout must complete six (6) required adventures and one (1) elective adventure. The parent or guardian and den leader approve each requirement by signing their book, and the Cub Scout receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the Cub Scout has met all requirements, the Wolf badge is presented to their parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. During an impressive ceremony, the parent or guardian then

presents the badge to the Cub Scout.

After a Cub Scout has earned the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout can work on the remaining 12 Wolf electives until the Cub Scout finishes second grade (or turns 9 years old). A Cub Scout can choose elective adventures to learn new hobbies and skills that will be useful during their years in a troop. When the Cub Scout completes an elective adventure, they receive an additional adventure loop to wear on their belt. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. ***You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.***

BEAR (Third Graders)



The Bear program is for Cub Scouts who have finished second grade (or 9 years old are). To earn the Bear badge, a Bear Scout must complete six (6) required adventures and one (1) elective adventure. The parent or guardian and den leader approve each requirement by signing their book, and the Cub Scout receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the Cub Scout has met all requirements, the Bear badge is presented to their parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. During an impressive ceremony, the parent or guardian then presents the badge to

the Cub Scout.

After a Cub Scout has earned the Bear badge, a Bear Scout can work on the remaining 12 Bear electives until they finish third grade (or turn 10 years old). A Bear Scout can choose elective adventures to learn new hobbies and skills that will be useful during their time in a troop. When the Cub Scout completes an elective adventure, the Cub Scout receives an additional adventure loop to

wear on their belt. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. ***You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.***

WEBELOS (Fourth Graders)

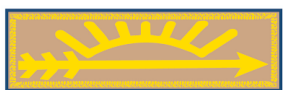


Webelos dens are for Webelos Scouts who have completed third grade (or reached age 10). Webelos Scouts get to work on the five (5) required Webelos adventures and choose two (2) of the 18 elective adventures that are shared by the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks.

When a Webelos Scout has done the requirements for an adventure, the Webelos den leader, rather than a parent, approves most of the adventures. For each adventure a Webelos Scout completes, the Webelos Scout receives a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on their hat. After completing seven adventures, including five required adventures and two elective adventures, a Webelos Scout can receive the Webelos badge.

After a Webelos Scout has earned the Webelos badge, a Webelos Scout can work on the remaining 18 shared Webelos and Arrow of Light electives until the Cub Scout finishes fourth grade (or turns 11 years old). A Cub Scout can choose elective adventures to learn new hobbies and skills that will be useful during their Boy Scout years. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. ***You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.***

ARROW OF LIGHT (Fifth Graders)



The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. Earning their rank prepares a Webelos Scout to advance in Scouting in a troop. Cub Scouts must complete four (4) required adventures and three (3) elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light rank. For each adventure a Scout completes, they receive a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on their hat.

The Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a Webelos Scout graduates into a troop. Adult leaders who earned the Arrow of Light rank when they were young may also show their achievement by wearing a special square knot on their adult uniform. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. ***You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.***

At den meetings, Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos work on adventures that are found in their handbooks. The Cyber Chip is required every year for all ranks, except Lion, earned by completing four requirements dealing with internet safety. Although only one elective is required, Pack 30 leaders encourage Cub Scouts to complete as many of the elective adventures as they want.

Do Your Best

Activities

Camping:

Pack 83 participates in several camp activities each year. These include 2 primary campouts each year. Fall Campout in October and Spring in April. The older cubs (the Webelos and AOL) may have additional camping opportunities as guests of the Scouts BSA troops.



Camping Guidelines:

Pack 83 strives to ensure that several outings each year include camping.

The Boy Scouts of America has established guidelines for its members to participate in camping activities. A Cub Scout may participate in overnight camping when supervised by a parent. If a parent cannot attend, the child's family must make arrangements for another adult to be a substitute for a parent at the campout. It is essential that each Cub Scout be under the supervision of an adult.

Cub Scouts are limited to child-parent excursions or program-managed family camping designed for the entire family. A current Health Form, parts A and B only, must be on file for a Cub Scout and the adult partner in order to attend any camp. When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than their or her parent/guardian. Webelos Scouts, at certain approved outings may stay in a tent with other members of their Den without a parent, but still may not stay in the tent of an adult that is not their parent or guardian.

Fundraising:



While Pack 83 charges an annual fee, that fee primarily covers the cost of registering your child with the Boy Scouts of America, unit insurance, an annual subscription to Boys' Life, and other costs directly related to advancements. To help pay for Pack and Den supplies, Pinewood Derby kits, and other Pack activities, Pack 83 conducts one major annual fundraising event in the fall, and if needed other smaller ones throughout the year.

We respectfully request that Cub Scouts and parents participate fully in the fundraisers to help the Pack. While there is never a minimum sale or required time slot for a Cub Scout to fill, we ask that all have a good spirit, and put effort into their joint fundraising effort. It does cost

money to run a Pack, and we try to keep costs down as much as possible for parents, so the Pack fundraisers are a vital part of running our Pack. A Scout is Thrifty, they pay their own way. Fundraising helps achieve that goal.

Scouting for Food:

Scouting for Food is our annual food drive organized by the Boy Scouts of America. Our Pack joins Troop 83 in distributing fliers and collecting food donations. Their usually occurs in November and is one of several service projects we participate in.

All dates subject to change. Refer to Pack 83 calendar for most accurate dates.

Pinewood Derby: March 23rd 2023



The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular and memorable events in Cub Scouting. Pack 83 holds its Pinewood Derby in March. The Cub Scouts receive their kits at the January meeting, and work with their parent to create a car to race. Cub Scouts are expected to do as much of the work as possible by themselves with adult guidance.

Lion Cubs may only be able to help sand and paint their car, while Webelos should be able to do most of the work themselves. The races are electronically scored by computer, and Cub Scouts race in heats to provide competition and excitement. Competitive

activities help our Scouts learn good sportsmanship by cheering on their fellow Scouts. Their event is incredibly fun and gets better every year.

Blue & Gold Banquet: February 6th 2023

The Blue & Gold Banquet is Cub Scouting's birthday party. Held each year in February, the Blue & Gold Banquet is a chance for Pack 83 to come together for an evening of food, family, and fun. Their event is planned by our Bear Den to fulfill their Grin and Bear It adventure.

Freaky Fall Festival: October 27th - 29th 2023

A Halloween themed fun-filled campout weekend with your family in the foothills of North Carolina. Enjoy the wonderful autumn view of Camp Bud Schiele while your scouts take part in scout activities, candy fun and Halloween themed events.



[Registration Link](#)

[Freaky Fall Festival Flyer](#)

Special Events:

Pack 83 plans a variety of other special events throughout the year that help the children with advancement, teach new skills, and provide an opportunity for a good time. These events may include going on hikes or tours, attending athletic events, Parades or performing service projects.

Parent Involvement

Parent Responsibilities:

When joining Pack 83, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their Cub Scout in the following ways:

1. See that he has the proper uniform and Handbook.
2. Assist him in attending weekly Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings.
3. Work with him to complete the achievements for their rank award.
4. Return information forms and permission slips as required.
5. Support their Den Leader as a resource person or substitute as asked.
6. Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership regarding Den or Pack programming.
7. Register as an Adult leader and participate in Youth Protection Training.

Parent Volunteers:

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principles of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and their friends, and have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

Parent volunteers are always needed. The Pack has an active leadership training program where you will learn everything you need to know to be a successful leader. We strongly encourage all leaders to attend, and complete, Wood badge training.

If you'd like to help in any capacity, please contact the Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, or your child's Den Leader (listed later in their handbook). All types of help are needed—driving on trips, helping organize events, assisting in a Den Leader's absence, etc. Remember, Cub Scout Packs do not exist without volunteer leadership. Please do your part when asked.

The Cub Scouting program is designed to include parents. The purpose is to increase communication in your family, and to give your Scout the valuable experience of spending one-on-one time with you. As parents you are Akela (Ah-kay-la) - the good leader and share their responsibility with their Den Leader. As your child progresses from Lion Cub to Scout, your involvement in their scouting career evolves just as he does.

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the Scouts' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help Scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men/women who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of both boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both youth and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of their organization – wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

When your child is a **Lion Cub** and **Tiger**, parents attend all meetings with their Cub Scout, and participate in all activities. Parents sign the requirements in their handbook. Parents and the Lion/Tiger Den leader plan one month's meetings and outings. You and your Lion/Tiger may be asked to host the meetings (not necessarily in your home) and direct the meetings you have planned - with the assistance of the Den Leader.

The parents of Cub Scouts in **Wolf** and **Bear** Dens are also primarily responsible for assuring that their child completes the requirements for their rank and sign the requirements in the Scouts' handbooks. Parents are encouraged to attend den meetings and to assist den leaders with activities, chaperoning field trips and arranging special events.

The parents of **Webelos** and **Arrow of Light** (AOL) Cub Scouts become the support system for the Webelos Den Leader. As Webelos and AOL Scouts work on individual adventures, parents serve as

resources to help the Den Leader teach skills the Cub Scout learns in order to earn the pin. For instance, a parent who has construction experience could be the adventure counselor for the Build It pin. Webelos and AOL Cub Scouts are preparing to become Scouts. They become more independent in their scouting experiences as they progress through the Webelos and AOL years.

In addition to assisting with Den activities, parents have a great role to play in the success of the pack. Parents serve on the Pack Committee, as Den Leaders, and on committees for special events and activities. None of these functions would succeed without the participation of parents, who after all, are the “owners” of the Pack. Successful Cub Scouting experiences are directly tied to the participation of parents in the life of the Pack. While not every parent feels he or she is patient-enough to be a Den Leader or organized enough to be the Treasurer, there is a role for every parent in Pack 83 activities. Your child will appreciate the fact that you care enough about their Cub Scouting experience to become involved in a committee or Pack position.

Rules of Conduct

1. All Cub 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. There is a safety rule and will be closely enforced. Also, please be prompt when bringing and picking up your Cub Scout from the meeting.
2. Respect the meeting place and follow the “Leave No Trace” guidelines. Cub Scouts should not use the equipment (toys/schools supplies, etc.) or other items in the meeting place unless authorized by the Den Leader. Every Cub Scout will work with the other Cub Scouts in their Den to leave the meeting place as clean as, or cleaner than, when they arrived.
3. Cub Scouts must follow the Buddy System at all times. Cub Scouts must remain in their meeting place for the duration of the meeting. Do not leave your Cub Scout when only one adult is present.
4. No electronic games or devices are allowed at Cub Scouting events. The purpose of the program is to encourage the Cub Scouts to interact with others. Electronic games and devices are counterproductive to that goal. Parents are expected to participate in Pack Meetings and assist in Den meetings, so we ask that you do not use electronics either.

Safety Guidelines

Use of Knives by Cub Scouts:

To earn the right to carry a pocketknife at approved Cub Scout functions, Cub Scouts must be in the third grade and have earned the Whittling Chip by completing requirements in the Bear Cub Scout Book. Please do not let your Cub Scout bring a knife until he meets these requirements. Pack 83 encourages their award, as we feel it teaches respect for safety and personal property. The Whittling chip card must be carried on the scout when in possession of a knife. Failure to produce their Whittling Chip Card will result in forfeiture of their knife until they can produce their Whittling Chip Card,

In return for the privilege of carrying a pocketknife at Cub Scout functions, the Cub Scout must understand the rules for safe use of a pocket knife, and handle their pocket knife with care. Failure to follow the guidelines will result in suspension of their carrying privilege. BSA guidelines provide that the knife must be a folding knife with a blade shorter than the palm of the child’s hand. If you have any concerns about your son having or using a pocketknife, please talk to their or her den leader.

Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use and Abuse:

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Pack 83 leaders support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and will not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. All Cub Scouting functions, meetings, and activities are conducted in a smoke-free environment.

Guns, Firearms, and Archery:

Archery and BB gun shooting are not done at the Pack level. These programs are designed to emphasize safety and marksmanship development under the direction of trained range officers using nationally approved instructional methods. Cub Scouts get the opportunity to shoot at Cub Day Camp, Webelos Weekends, and District Shooting Sport activities where they can learn shooting skills in a safe environment.



Transportation:

Seat belts are required for all occupants. The driver must be at least 18 years of age. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. If a vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 persons, including the driver, the driver must have a commercial driver's license. A registered adult leader must be in charge of and accompany the group.

Inappropriate Behavior:

The goal of Pack 83 leaders is to have a safe, fun program for the Cub Scouts and their families. The Packs leaders are very well-trained adult leaders who understand safety and child protection and have the right to intervene in any situation that they deem unsafe. If a Cub Scout is unwilling to abide by the requirements of the adult leaders in charge, leaders may require a parent to come and get the Cub Scout.

Two-deep Leadership:

As stated above, Pack 83 intends to provide a safe, secure, comfortable environment for everyone involved in our Pack. We require, following BSA guidelines, that **at least** two adults be present with any Cub Scout and that one of those adults must be a registered Adult Leader with the Boy Scouts of America. By participating in the BSA Youth Protection Training, again mentioned above, we can ensure that our Cub Scouts feel safe and secure with anyone involved in Pack 83.

Youth Leaders:

Pack 83 works closely with Troop 83. The Boy Scouts of America has a training program for youth leadership that is required of any Troop youth members who want to be directly involved with Pack 83. The leaders of Pack 83 encourage the involvement of older youth, as they are role models and examples of what our Cub Scouts can achieve.

Uniforms

When you see someone in a uniform, you know that person belongs to a specific group. A police officer wears a uniform, and so does a doctor or a firefighter. As a Cub Scout, you will wear a uniform too. If you are in first, second, or third grade, you will wear a blue shirt, blue pants, and a neckerchief in the correct color for your rank—orange for Tigers, red for Wolves, and blue for Bears. Webelos Scouts have some different options. Some Webelos Scouts will wear the blue shirt, and some will wear the tan shirt, the same one that Scouts wear in a troop. All Webelos Scouts will wear the Webelos neckerchief, which is yellow, blue, and red plaid. The blue and yellow is to remind them they are still in a pack, and the red is to remind them they will be moving to Boy Scouts soon.



The uniform for Cub Scouts in Pack 83 consists of a blue uniform shirt (Webelos wear tan shirts with blue shoulder tabs) with all patches (Piedmont Council patch, Pack number 83, World Scouting insignia, and rank), belt, appropriate neckerchief and a neckerchief slide. Official Scout Uniform pants, socks and hats are **optional** parts of the Pack 83 uniform. If you wear the blue shirt, you wear the blue pants and the optional hat for your den. If you wear the tan shirt, you wear olive pants but still wear the optional hat for your den (Webelos hat).

*Please note we also encourage to wear Class B uniforms also. Class B uniforms are typically worn during informal outdoor outings like Hikes. T-shirts can be purchased at the Scout Store or Pack Shirts can be worn.

Scouts also need to purchase the handbook for their rank. Their handbook serves as their guide to Cub Scouting for the requirements to reach the next rank. Uniforms and other Cub Scout supplies and equipment may be purchased at the Gastonia Scout Shop 1222 East Franklin Blvd • Gastonia, NC 28053 • (704) 864-4062

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Cub Scouting and your Family

The Cub Scout program helps to meet your boy's growth needs. As a boy develops, he has specific developmental needs such as:

1. To learn new physical skills. Your Cub Scout can do this through games, sports, and crafts. As they develop their coordination, they gain a sense of worthiness and acceptance by their peers.
2. To learn to get along with boys of their same age. They need to form friendships with other Cub Scouts. They need to learn how to balance giving and receiving affection if they are to relate well to their peers. They need to belong to a group of boys their own age. Being a part of a Cub Scout den helps fulfill these needs.
3. To develop their mental processes. They can develop their mental process by reading, writing, and calculating. They need opportunities to use language to express ideas and to influence others. They must move from a preoccupation with self to understanding how and what others think of them. Opportunities for observation and experimentation will help them learn self-reliance. Den activities and meetings, along with the advancement program, help them develop mentally.
4. To develop a value system. They are developing a sense of what is right and wrong and what is fair and unfair. They do this by cooperating with other boys, by being taught, by examples of adults, and from positive reinforcement. They begin to develop democratic social attitudes.
5. To develop personal independence. They are becoming less dependent on adults. Their same-age friends become important to them. In their den, and in the pack, they exercise their independence while learning to get along with others. Your son also needs to belong to a "group" of boys their own age. Their group is a key component of the Cub Scout program. A den is like a neighborhood group of six or eight boys in which he will achieve status and recognition. As you learn more about how Cub Scouting works and what goes on in a den and a pack, you will see that the program helps your son in these five important developmental needs. The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as their family, join the program with your son. You will help them all along the way.

To find out how you can support your scout by becoming a Cub Scout family, please complete the Family Talent Survey Sheet*. Please turn it in at their meeting. Your cooperation and help are appreciated.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

Cubmaster

The leader of the pack meeting is the Cubmaster. In addition to serving as the master of ceremonies the Cubmaster provides support to Den Leaders.

Assistant Cubmaster

An Assistant Cubmaster is an adult leader over the age of 18 who helps the Cubmaster deliver the promise of Scouting. Each Assistant Cubmaster is assigned specific program duties. They can serve the pack by guiding a particular den to which they've been assigned, advising certain Scouts who've assumed a position e.g. the den chief, or fill in as necessary to assure the den leaders have what they need to run things. They also provide the two-deep leadership required by the Boy Scouts of America. An assistant Cubmaster may be 18 years old, but at least one in each troop should be 21 or older so he or she can serve in the Scoutmaster's absence.

Pack Committee Chair

The top volunteer in the pack is the Pack Committee Chair. They are responsible for ensuring enough qualified adult volunteers are in place to provide the program. They lead the pack committee meetings.

Pack Committee

Made up of parents, leaders, and other caring adults the pack committee works to support den leaders and the cubmaster.

- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack bank account, financial records, et al. Attends Pack meetings and Troop committee meetings.
- **Advancement Chair:** Maintain advancement records for the Pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignias. Attends Troop meetings and committee meetings.
- **Activities Chair:** Tracks hiking miles and community service projects.
- **Parent Helpers:** Function chairman positions to perform "one shot" program jobs such as coordinating Troop participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, day camp(s), et al. These jobs are of short duration.
- **Pack Trainer:** Coordinates Fast Start training for adults, promotes leader training and Roundtable attendance.

Den Leader

An adult, usually a parent, serves as a Den Leader. They carry out the activities related to adventures as they are presented in the Cub Scout's handbook and the Den Leader Guide.

Chartered Organization Representative

Their person appoints the Pack Committee Chair and approves all adult leaders. They provide resources from the chartered organization.

Cub Scout Pack 83

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