

SCOUT PACK 115

Parents' Reference Guide 2011-2012



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Dear Parents,

As we enter our eleventh year of Cub Scouting in Pack 115, we are confident that we have planned a program for our boys in which they will have fun, learn useful life skills, and develop friendships with their peers that will last. Parental involvement is the key to executing a successful program. Please take the initiative and find out where your talents can be used by filling out the Pack Talent Survey Form. It is our goal that Pack 115 continues to be known for:

FUN ACTIVITIES

QUALITY PROGRAM

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We expect our scouts to complete all requirements for any awards they earn. No one expects them to become rocket scientists, professional athletes, or world-class artists. We only expect them to live up to the Cub Scout motto “DO YOUR BEST”, each to his own ability.

Again, the single most important key to a successful Scouting program is parental involvement. Each parent must participate, just as the scout, each to his or her own ability. All of the leaders, committee members, and activity coordinators are parent volunteers. At a minimum, parents must encourage their son to take part fully in the Pack’s program and participate along with him. Be it earning an award, building a Pinewood Derby car, working on a service project, or faithfully attending meetings, Cub Scouting is truly a FAMILY activity.

This Pack has an excellent reputation for the quality program our leaders have completed in the past. With your help, we will continue to provide our boys with a wonderful character-building program and at the same time accomplish our number one goal: Have FUN!

The purpose of this reference guide is to provide you with an overview of the Cub Scout program and the operation of this Pack. The guide is not intended to be all-inclusive. Many of the topics mentioned include references, which contain more detailed information. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to discuss them with any of the adult leaders listed at the back of this guide.

Raymond Curci
Cubmaster

<http://www.cubpack115.com/docs/bsa-parent-talent-survey.pdf>

Youth Protection Training

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has specific rules designed to keep scouts safe. Youth Protection Training is one of the most important to mitigate the risk of child abuse. It is usually delivered as a no-cost web course that lasts about 20 minutes and reviews the scout safety rules. These are common sense rules like "two-deep leadership" where adults are never alone with unrelated scouts.

After taking this on-line training, it is important to print the certificate displayed at the end of the course. A copy of the certificate goes on file with our pack trainer or secretary. BSA requires this training for all registered adult volunteers regardless of position and it must be submitted with adult leader applications. The certificate must be renewed every two years. Scouting also does background checks on adult leader applicants.

Because we take the safety of our scouts very seriously and this training is very easy to complete, Pack 115 goes beyond the minimum BSA requirements and requires all adults involved with our pack to take this training to keep our scouts safe. The following link explains the Youth Protection Training and includes instructions to access the online course:

<http://www.cubpack115.com/docs/youth-protection-instructions.txt>

Your Son, Scouting, and You

Scouting...An Aid to Parents

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting is family values! At the same time Cub Scout-age boys don't join Scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

Scouting Is Fun With A Purpose!!!

With all of the negative influences in today's society, Scouting is there to provide your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to "BE PREPARED" to shape his own future.

Cub Scout Ideals

Cub Scout Promise

I promise to do my best,
to do my duty,
to God and my country,
to help other people and
to obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela,
The Cub Scout helps the pack go,
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow,
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto

Do your best.



The Basic Cub Scout Program

TIGER CUBS - First Grade

Tiger Cubs Motto: "Search, Discover, Share"

Tiger Cubs is a one-year program for 1st grade boys. Each boy participates with an adult (usually a parent) in family-oriented activities ranging from family camping to preparing for emergencies. The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and do things with your family as well as members of your Tiger Cub Den.



CUB SCOUTS - 2nd Through 5th Grade

Cub Scout Motto: "Do Your Best"

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys 2nd through 5th grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people.

The program also helps boys this age to:

- ⇒ Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and woodworking.
- ⇒ Learn how to get along with others through games and team activities.
- ⇒ Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- ⇒ Develop personal independence.



Cub Scouting teaches him to "Do His Best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Motto and Promise.

A Cub Scout den can provide your son with a group of boys his own age where he can earn status and recognition. There he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

Pack activities are intended for the whole family. Brothers, sisters, moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all welcome. This is not a drop your son off activity. You will work with your son on his advancement award requirements. Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

The Tiger Cub Den

Tiger Cubs is a BSA program designed for a group of first grade boys each having an adult (family member) partner. The program is designed around monthly themes. The activities are hosted by a different scout/adult partner each month. The Tiger Cub Den also attends the monthly pack meeting and participates in pack activities. This gives the younger boys exposure to the pack and prepares them to be Wolves in the second grade.

The Cub Scout Den

A Cub Scout Pack is divided into small groups called dens. Dens typically consist of five to eight boys grouped by grade level and are led by adult volunteers called Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders. Den meetings are planned around the monthly theme with games, crafts, skits, songs, hikes and outdoor fun. Dens will also learn about patriotic ceremonies and work on advancement requirements during their weekly den meetings. Dens meet 2-3 times per month at 6:30pm on Tuesday nights excluding the last Tuesday each month which is the pack meeting. The details are up to the den leaders, but usually the younger Tiger, Wolf, and Bear scouts meet twice per month for an hour, while the older Webelos scouts meet three times per month for 90 minutes.

The Cub Scout Pack

The pack is a group made up of several dens. The pack includes not only the boys in those dens, but also their families and leaders. The pack meets once per month, usually on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in Sanders Hall at Saint Paul's UMC. The pack meeting is the culmination of the month's activities. This is where the boys receive recognition for their achievements and the whole pack family participates in songs, skits, and cheers.

The Pack Committee

The Pack is run by a committee of volunteer parents, including all den leaders and the Cubmaster. The pack committee meetings are open to all who are interested in the operations of Pack 115. The pack committee meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Saint Paul's Foundation room, located in the education building. The committee plans pack meetings around the monthly theme. The committee also performs record keeping, manages finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, and helps train leaders.

The Chartered Organization

Every Cub Scout Pack belongs to an organization having similar interests as the Boy Scouts of America. A chartered organization representative (a member of the organization) acts as a liaison between the pack and the organization. Pack 115 is chartered by Saint Paul's United Methodist Church.

The District

Each council is divided geographically into districts. Pack 115 is located in the Ponce de Leon District. The scouting program in each district is carried out by a volunteer district committee with the help of professional Scouters at the council level.

The Council

The Council is a voluntary association of citizens who implement the scouting program in a specified geographic area. Pack 115 is a part of the Suwannee River Area Council, BSA, which covers Leon County and the surrounding areas. Our Council office and Scout Shop is located at 3032 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32312. The Scout Shop is the place to go for uniforms and other scouting supplies. The scout shop is open on weekdays. The scout shop is also open on Saturday mornings except for the summer months. Their web page is: www.suwanneeriver.net



The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family.

Bobcat

All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of The Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos". After receiving the Bobcat Badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.



Tiger Cub

Boys in first grade are part of the Tiger Cub program. They work closely with their adult partner to accomplish activities in their handbook. Recognition is immediate – beads are presented and worn on a totem to show their progress. After completing all 15 parts of the five achievements, the Tiger Cub has earned the Tiger Cub Badge.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf Badge by completing twelve achievements, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.



For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an *Arrow Point*. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed the second grade (or is age 9) works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear Badge. After he earns his Bear Badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.



For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an *Arrow Point*. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Webelos



When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is age 10) he joins a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The Webelos program is a two year program, typically spanning fourth and fifth grades. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos Badge, twenty activity badges, and the *Arrow of Light Award*. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting!



Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the eighteen month Webelos program. In May of a Webelos Scout's fifth grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

Optional Awards Programs

Academic and Sport belt loops are awarded for trying out a number of various sports and academic subjects and are worn on the cub scout belt. For those Scouts with more serious participation, Academic and Sport pins can be earned. Pins are usually worn on the cub scout vest. These awards are available to all Scouts of all ranks. This program is administered at the den level. Your son's den leader will be able to help you find out more about the different categories and subjects available.

The Religious Emblems program offers the scout an opportunity to study his faith in-depth. Many faiths offer the emblems, with the activities overseen by the Scout's religious leaders. BSA recognizes the achievement of these awards.

Outdoor Activity Award can be earned by all cub scouts and may be earned each year. This award recognizes the Scout's participation in outdoor recreation and conservation projects.



Activities and Programs

This year, Pack 115 will be participating in a variety of programs and activities. Our calendar of activities lists all the scheduled events for the year. Some of these are listed below.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is an annual parent/son project where you can design and build a race car from a block of wood. Cub Scouts learn the valuable lesson of sportsmanship, racing their cars on a gravity track against their fellow Cub Scouts. They can receive prizes for speed, design, originality, etc. Our pack sometimes holds additional derby races like the Raingutter Regatta (wooden sailboat race), Origami Regatta (paper sailboat race), or the Space Derby (balsa wood rubber band powered rockets).



Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by our pack in February. Our pack encourages scouts to complete the requirements for their badge so that it can be presented during our Blue and Gold Banquet.

Scouting For Food

This food drive is held each year in February to benefit Second Harvest of the Big Bend. This is part of a nation-wide program of the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the Hungry.

Service Projects

In addition to the Scouting For Food drive, Pack 115 participates in a variety of service projects. They include Christmas caroling to shut-ins, Florida Coastal Cleanup, Saint Paul's UMC Fish Fry, and Saint Paul's UMC work days. These projects help other people and help the scouts give goodwill.

Camping Trips

We believe that Scouting is Outing. We get out as often as we can through our den and pack activities. We will have numerous pack sponsored camping opportunities throughout the year. Our camping trips are a great source of fun and learning for our boys. Our council also has a variety of camping opportunities at the Wallwood Camp in Quincy, Florida.



Cross Over Ceremony

Cross Over is the ceremony of advancing from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. Our Cross Over Ceremony will occur in May, at which time we will celebrate the advancement of the other dens – Tigers to Wolves, Wolves to Bears, and Bears to Webelos.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Each summer, the Suwannee River Area Council sponsors a Cub Scout Day Camp. The Ponce de Leon District camp is typically held at the Wallwood Camp in Quincy, Florida. This camp is a wonderful opportunity for our scouts to meet others in our district while working on skills and requirements for badge achievements. We are required to send one adult volunteer to help run the daycamp for every four scouts that attend camp, so volunteers are always welcome.

Fund Raising

Our primary source of funds (outside of dues) is the annual Trail's End Popcorn Sale that is sponsored by the Scout Council. The popcorn sale supports not only our pack but the council as well. Seventy percent of the money from the popcorn sale comes back to our council (35%) and pack (35%). This money goes a long way to provide a quality program for the youth of our community. These funds also help fund many of the activities of our pack. To inspire our kids to get out and sell, our pack offers some additional incentives to the prizes that are offered by Trail's End. We will have special prizes for the top three sellers as well as our annual "trip" prize for each scout selling \$600 or more. For the "trip" prize, the pack will pay the fee for a special overnight trip.

This year, the pack will also sponsor a variety of smaller fund raisers to help fund pack activities, reducing the cost to families as well as purchasing items for the pack to use during camping trips. Typically the small fund raisers include a car wash and pancake breakfast.

Boys' Life Magazine

This is a magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. There is a special Tiger Cub and Cub Scouting edition. The magazine subscription is included in your pack dues.

Summer Activities

The pack usually schedules about six activities during the summer. Past activities have included bowling, Mission San Luis, FSU Planetarium, Physical Fitness, Map&Compass, Ceramics, Pizza&Movie, Swimming, Photography, Hiking, Fishing, Sleepover, etc. Scouts who participate in at least three summer pack activities will earn the Summer Pack Activity Award.

Our Pack Operations

Dues/Registration

Registration paperwork should be turned into the Pack leadership during the first meeting. Annual Dues are \$50 payable to "Pack 115" should accompany the registration form. Dues are a primary source of income to the pack and are used to pay for den and pack activities and awards throughout the year. Annual Health and Medical Forms (parts A and C) for scouts and registered adult volunteers are also required as part of the registration paperwork. The health forms provide emergency contact information as well as information on allergies or other health conditions important during medical emergencies especially while camping.

Uniforms

The Class A scout uniform shall consist of the following items as a minimum: shirt, neckerchief with slide and belt. Tiger/Wolf/Bear scouts wear the blue shirt, but WEBELOS scouts have the option of either blue shirt or Boy Scout tan shirt. In addition to the shirt, parents are responsible for purchasing the council patch, pack numerals, and den patch. Parents are encouraged, but not required, to buy additional uniform items such as a hat. Dark blue, green, or black colored pants or shorts may be worn in the place of BSA pants and/or shorts. The Class A uniform is required for most pack functions. Uniforms for den meetings shall be determined by each Den Leader.

Uniforms can be bought at the Scout Shop on Thomasville Road. We have a small exchange closet for used uniforms. Consider giving outgrown uniforms to our exchange closet. We also have a small fund for scholarships for extreme or hardship cases. Please contact the pack leadership for more information.

The Class B scout uniform consists of a Pack 115 T-shirt and are available for \$15. The Class B scout uniform is generally worn for outdoor activities like camping, car wash, etc.

Pack 115 Den numbers for the 2011-2012 scouting year :

Tiger	den 5
Wolf	den 4
Bear	den 3
Webelos1	den 2
Webelos2	den 1

Uniform inspection sheet for Tiger/Wolf/Bear:

<http://www.cubpack115.com/docs/cub-scout-uniform.pdf>

Uniform inspection sheet for WEBELOS:

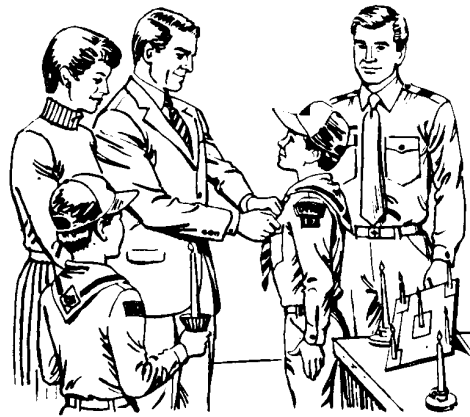
<http://www.cubpack115.com/docs/webelos-uniform.pdf>

Handbooks

Each Scout should have a Tiger, Bear, Wolf or Webelos handbook that can be purchased from the Scout Shop. We recommend that parents read the books for their child's age group cover-to-cover and follow the boy's progress carefully. Every handbook has a parent guide at the beginning.

Recruiting

If your boy has a friend who is interested in Cub Scouts, bring him to any pack or den meeting. Don't wait for the next year's membership roundup. Any Cub Scout who gets a friend to join earns a recruiter patch that is worn below the right pocket.



Pack Meeting Etiquette

Pack Meetings include boys from all the dens and are held once a month. Families are asked to attend so that they may see what their Scout has accomplished and to obtain information about upcoming events. However, if you are unable to attend, please notify your Den leader. Scouts are asked to sign an attendance sheet prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Pack meetings will begin promptly at 6:30pm Pizza will be available at 6:15 to allow scouts time to get to the meeting and eat before it begins. Uniform inspection will take place at 6:25 prior to the beginning of the pack meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Scout families are expected to be on time for all meetings and functions. Scouts in uniform are expected to be an example of decorum. Polite behavior is expected. Parents are expected to be an example for the scouts by keeping side conversations to an absolute minimum. Appreciation of other dens' activities and other Scouts' awards through attention and applause is encouraged at Pack meetings.

We ask all parents attending meetings to sit with their child's den and help the den leaders by maintaining a respectful and attentive atmosphere during the meeting. Those who choose not to comply may be asked to leave by the Cubmaster, the Committee Chair, or any Assistant Cubmaster.

Camping Etiquette

Camping is a major part of the Scouting program for Pack 115. Information on each camping trip will be distributed in advance. Fees associated with each camping trip should be paid prior to the trip so that food may be purchased in advance and fees for the campground may be paid in a timely manner.

Camping is a family experience – all family members are welcome! The pack has established guidelines for camping for the safety and enjoyment of all scouts and their families. Details can be found at the back of the Handbook.

Scouts should leave all electronic devices at home. Entertainment can be found in the outdoors! Safety is also a primary concern. Scouts should be supervised at all times, particularly around campfires and the kitchen area. No firearms, fireworks, drugs or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the campsite. Adults are required to take Youth Protection Training every two years so they are aware of scouting rules designed to mitigate the risk of child abuse.

Camping is also a time for learning. Cub scouts are expected to participate in various areas. Dens will be assigned duties such as clean-up of the camp area and clean-up of the cooking utensils (KP). Time will be set aside for Pack activities as well as Den activities.

Code of Conduct Statement

The Cub Scout program is a privilege, not a right, for those boys and their guardians willing to accept the high standards of Scouting with the required behavior. The pack's code of conduct is necessary to ensure that Scouting's high ideals are fulfilled by all participants.

Code of Conduct

Scouts are required to use the following code of conduct.

1. Always attempt to be on time.
2. When wearing the Scout uniform, wear it with pride.
3. Always behave and follow instructions.
4. Always Do Your Best.
5. No use of alcohol or tobacco products is permitted while at Scout functions.
6. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.
7. Destruction of public, private, or personal property is strictly prohibited.

Disciplinary Procedures

Failure to follow the established codes of conduct shall result in the one of the following disciplinary procedures.

1. Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will result in a warning, followed by a time-out or removal from the activity. In cases of repetitive behavior, guardians may be called to pick up the scout.
2. Destruction of property will result in the guardian being called immediately to pick up the scout. Guardians of Scouts are financially responsible for the actions of their children.
3. At the den leader's discretion, guardians may be required to attend den functions with their Scout.
4. Den leaders have the right to exclude a Scout from their den for reasons of conduct.

How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer Cub Scout leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. Volunteer positions in the pack are held by parents like you, who work directly with the boys and organize activities in which they participate.

What does it take to be a volunteer? A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

What Do You Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding! Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are only 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 boys' accomplishments.
- ⇒ The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- ⇒ A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- ⇒ The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- ⇒ A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- ⇒ The satisfaction of being a member of a world wide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this 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.

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Cubmaster

Plan and conduct the pack program according to the policies of the Boy Scouts of America. Plan and lead the monthly pack meeting with the help of other adult leaders. Supervise the support of the Tiger Cub Den.

Assistant Cubmasters

Every pack must have at least one Assistant Cubmaster; most packs find three to be an optimum number. Responsibilities can then be divided among: Handling specific parts of the pack meeting, e.g. cheers, ceremonies, jokes, etc. Coordinate pack level activities such as service projects, summertime activities, etc. Lead pack meetings in the absence of the Cubmaster.

Tiger Den Coordinator

Attend the annual council-sponsored Tiger Cub orientation and provide an orientation for Tiger Cubs and their adult partners in the pack. Organize and assign the monthly Big Ideas to a parent-child Tiger Cub team. Serve as the liaison between the Pack leaders and the Tiger Cub Den. Report on the progress of the Tiger Cub Den at the monthly Pack leaders' meeting.

Cub Scout Den Leader/Assistant Cub Scout Den Leader

Plan and execute a den program that supports the Pack program. Maintain a positive, mentoring relationship with the cub scouts. Keep accurate advancements and attendance records; submit monthly advancement reports at the pack leaders' meeting. Encourage den parents to be involved in the pack.

Webelos Den Leader/Assistant Webelos Den Leader

Plan and execute an 18-month Webelos Scout program, which supports the pack program. Encourage Webelos Scouts to advance. Maintain high standards of achievement to prepare the boys for Boy Scouts. Coordinate den visits and activities with local Boy Scout Troops into which the Webelos Scouts may graduate. Keep accurate advancements and attendance records; submit monthly advancement reports at the pack leaders' meeting. Encourage den parents to be involved in the pack.

Pack Committee

Pack committee members (listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack.

Pack Committee Chair

Maintain a close relationship with the Chartered Organization Representative. Confer with Cubmaster regarding pack policies and relations with the Church. Supervise pack committee operations including monthly pack leaders' meetings. Conduct the annual pack planning conference for the upcoming school year.

Secretary

Keep notes on the monthly pack leaders' meetings. Handle correspondence for the pack.

Treasurer

Develop and propose a sound financial program for committee approval at the annual pack planning conference. Approve all budget expenditures. Keep accurate and up-to-date financial records. Produce periodical financial reports. Collect registration fees and other income as required. Manage our unit checking account and fund account at the Scout Shop.

Advancement

Have a working knowledge of the Tiger Cub, Cub Scout and Webelos advancement plans. Help plan and conduct advancement and recognition ceremonies. Collect Den Advancement reports at the monthly pack leaders' meeting. Purchase badges and awards at the Scout Shop using the Advancement Report and unit funds in the Scout Shop account.

Membership

Prepare re-registration and re-chartering paperwork. Collect annual dues. Arrange for an annual uniform inspection and membership reconciliation.

Recruitment

Develop and propose a sound membership growth plan for approval at the annual pack planning conference. Conduct an annual "Cub Scout Roundup" at Saint Paul's UMC shortly after the school year begins.

Parent Helpers

Each year the pack will undertake many short-term projects. Parents are needed for a variety of activities. These jobs are of short duration and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

Popcorn – Coordinates the annual popcorn sale. Handles publicity, distributes and collects packets and money. This is our pack fundraiser for the year. This is what pays the bills.

Blue & Gold – Organizes the February Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. This is a celebration of the founding of scouting. It takes place at our February pack meeting.

Pinewood Derby/Space Derby/Raingutter Regatta – Coordinates and makes sure that the pinewood derby runs like a fine piece of machinery. Sets up/coordinates pit stop day for cutting & painting cars. Gets necessary volunteers. Orders trophies. Organizes events.

Program – Plans/coordinates the monthly pack meeting programs.

Camping – Plans/coordinates the pack camping trips. Secures reservations, plans food and logistics.

Newsletter – Coordinates publishing the monthly newsletter.

Webmaster – Updates and maintains the pack website.

You Are NOT Alone

- ⇒ Staff is available at the Suwannee River Area Council Scout Service Center to assist you with Scouting questions. The Service Center is located at 2032 Thomasville Road and is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 6pm.
 - Phone – 850-576-4146
 - Toll Free: 1-888-272-4269
 - Website – www.suwanneeriver.net

- ⇒ Roundtable meetings – a monthly leaders’ meeting for all adult volunteers. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It’s a great place to ask questions and share ideas. The monthly meeting for our district is held at Faith Presbyterian Church on the second Thursday of each month.

- ⇒ The Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide contains meeting plans for den and pack meetings and gives step-by-step instructions for crafts, games, and skits. Our pack purchases this guide for each den leader.
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources>

- ⇒ The Council has Fast Start and Basic Leader Training available plus other supplemental training programs through the website and workshops held throughout the year.

- ⇒ Monthly podcasts called “Cubcasts” are available on the Boy Scouts of America website, www.scouting.org. This podcast can be used as a supplement to the Program Helps in planning den and pack activities around the monthly themes. Also, items of interest to the Cub Scout community are highlighted each month.

Calendar 2011-2012

To see the most current calendar and activity details, please visit our pack web page at WWW.CUBPACK115.COM.



Monthly Program Themes

August 2011 - *Perseverance*
September 2011 - *Cooperation*
October 2011 - *Responsibility*
November 2011 - *Citizenship*
December 2011 - *Respect*
January 2012 - *Positive Attitude*
February 2012 - *Resourcefulness*

March 2012 - *Compassion*
April 2012 - *Faith*
May 2012 - *Health and Fitness*
June 2012 - *Perseverance*
July 2012 - *Courage*
August 2012 - *Honesty*

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

1. **Citizenship:** Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. **Compassion:** Being **kind** and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others.
3. **Cooperation:** Being **helpful** and working together with others toward a common goal
4. **Courage:** Being **brave** and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.
5. **Faith:** Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.
6. **Health and Fitness:** Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies **clean** and fit.
7. **Honesty:** Telling the truth and being **worthy of trust**.
8. **Perseverance:** Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. **Positive Attitude:** Being **cheerful** and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. **Resourcefulness:** Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. **Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. **Responsibility:** Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

Academics and Sports Program Awards List

For details on the belt loop and pin awards, see the 2009 edition of the *Academics and Sports Program Guide* (blue cover). You can find worksheets for many of these awards here:

<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-sindex.asp>

Art	Badminton
Astronomy	Baseball
Chess	Basketball
Citizenship	Bicycling
Collecting	Bowling
Communicating	Fishing
Computers	Flag Football
Disabilities Awareness	Golf
Family Travel	Gymnastics
Geography	Hiking
Geology	Hockey
Good Manners	Horseback Riding
Heritages	Ice Skating
Language and Culture	Kickball
Map and Compass	Marbles
Mathematics	Physical Fitness
Music	Roller Skating
Nutrition	Skateboarding
Pet Care	Snow Ski and Board Sports
Photography	Soccer
Reading and Writing	Softball
Science	Swimming
Video Games	Table Tennis
Weather	Tennis
Wildlife Conservation	Ultimate (Frisbee)
	Volleyball

Pack Leadership Roster

These are the current leaders of the pack. There is certainly room for you!

Chartered Organization Representative – Crill Merryday

Pack Committee Chairperson – Eric Reed

Cubmaster – Raymond Curci

Assistant Cubmaster – TBA

Secretary – TBA

Treasurer – Deana Rohlinger

Finance Committee – Renee Gadson

Webelos II Den Leader – Linda Doyle

Webelos II Assistant Den Leader – Steve Bullen

Webelos I Den Leader – Kent Childers

Webelos I Assistant Den Leader – TBA

Bear Den Leader – Dave Swanson

Bear Assistant Den Leader – Erica McCaul

Wolf Den Leader – Kaye Hogan / Elliott Hogan

Wolf Assistant Den Leader – Jack Rohlinger

Tiger Cub Den Leader/Coordinator – Layla Baker Swisher

Popcorn “Kernel” Committee – Linda Doyle / Erica McCaul

Camping Coordinator – Andrew Schindler

Camping Program Coordinators – TBA

Pack Trainer – TBA

Membership – Hope Carrasquilla

Recruitment – Layla Baker Swisher

Advancement Chair – Cheryl Swanson

Uniform Closet – TBA

Newsletter – TBA

Webmaster – Cheryl Swanson

Derby Coordinator – Jack Rohlinger / Ray Curci

Big Trip Coordinator – TBA

Pack 115 Rules of Camping

- ⇒ No axes to be used in the presence of the youths.
- ⇒ Youths can sleep only with other youths or with their parents or guardians.
- ⇒ No youths allowed in the kitchen area while cooking without adult supervision.
- ⇒ No playing in the Campfire. Youths may not throw sticks in the fire. Once a stick is placed in the fire it must **STAY** in the fire! An adult must stay with the fire at all times. Youths may not walk in the fire ring. Do not shine flashlights around the campfire.
- ⇒ No vehicles in campsite. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- ⇒ No radios, tape players or electronic games.
- ⇒ No rock throwing of any kind.
- ⇒ No knives – Cub scouts that have earned their whittling chip and are supervised by their parent are allowed to have knives.
- ⇒ No firearms or ammunition.
- ⇒ No fireworks of any kind.
- ⇒ No drugs or alcoholic beverages.
- ⇒ No fires, grills, Coleman lanterns or open flames in tents or Adirondacks.
- ⇒ Shoes must be worn at all times in camp. No sandals or crocs, please.
- ⇒ Adult supervision at all times.
- ⇒ No Smoking in any buildings or in the presence of Scouts.
- ⇒ No digging whatsoever.
- ⇒ No cutting of standing trees, alive or dead.
- ⇒ Pets should be left at home.

Cub Scout Campout Checklist

Recommended Items:

Tent & tent pegs/stakes
Tarp for under Tent
Sleeping Bag
Air mattress, Cot, or Sleeping pad
Extra Blankets
Pillows
Bug Repellant & Sun Screen
Flashlight
Camping Chairs
Canteen or water bottle
Cooler with drinks
Cups, plates, utensils, bowls (disposable items are discouraged)
Coffee Cups
Extra change of clothes
Dry sleep clothes-you will stay warmer
Extra socks, shoes, underwear
Rain gear – poncho recommended
Hats
Towels and washcloth
Personal items & toiletries
Camera & film
Fishing gear (depending on campsite)

Optional Items -

check with pack to avoid duplication

Lantern
Stove and fuel or metal grate to put over campfire
Charcoal or wood for campfire
Matches
Cord, rope, clothes pins
Long fork or hangers for roasting marshmallows
Small tools hammer, wrench
Bucket – for water to put out fire
Shovel, to put out campfire
First Aid Kit
Pack and Den Flags
Food, Snacks, Beverages, Coffee
Salt, pepper, condiments
Cookware & cooking utensils
Hot Pads or gloves
Paper towels, napkins
Toilet paper
Soap
Dish rags & Dish soap, Brillo Pad
Can opener
Garbage bags
Baby wipes