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Parent's Guide

Pack 149



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Welcome to Pack 149

We are excited that your family has chosen to join Scouting. It is our goal to ensure that you and your child have the best time possible in Cub Scouts. Pack 149 was chartered in July 1950. The Pack continues to thrive due to the foundation laid by the previous leaders as well as the dedication of our volunteer leaders and parents.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



Pack 149 is in the Cherokee District of the Northeast Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America. The district's website is <https://www.nega-bsa.org/Cherokee> and the Council's website is <https://www.nega-bsa.org/>

Organization & Vocabulary

Our Charter Organization

All Cub Scout Packs are chartered by an organization that sponsors them, provides a meeting space, and approves the selection of the leaders. Pack 149 is chartered by Friendship Presbyterian Church in Athens, GA. You are not required to be a member of the Church to be a member of Pack 149. The website for Friendship Presbyterian is <http://gotofriendship.org/>



Pack Organization

The pack is organized into dens. Each den is made up of a group of scouts from the same grade who are working on earning the same rank. Each den is run by a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader(s). These leaders plan and execute the den meetings. The den meetings are used to work towards completing the adventures that are needed to earn their rank. The Pack Committee is composed of interested parents, leaders, and members of the charter organization. This committee is responsible for planning and implementing activities such as popcorn sales, camping trips, pinewood derby, banquets, and more. The Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster(s) coordinate planning and implementation of the monthly pack meetings. Each of the pack meetings typically have an activity or event. It is the responsibility of the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster(s), and Pack Trainer to support the den leaders and to encourage the den leaders to take the appropriate training for their position.

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Every Parent Leads

Pack 149 is a completely volunteer-run program. It is the expectation of the pack that, “Every Parent Leads”. This does not mean that every parent must be a registered leader, but we need non-leader parents to take the lead on planning some of the events. It can be as simple as helping with a den meeting, planning a weekend hike, decorating for a special event, or helping to set up a popcorn sale. All the leaders are busy and some even travel. Planning or coordinating events can often be done via email and texts. We need your help to make our pack family as strong as possible for our Scouts.

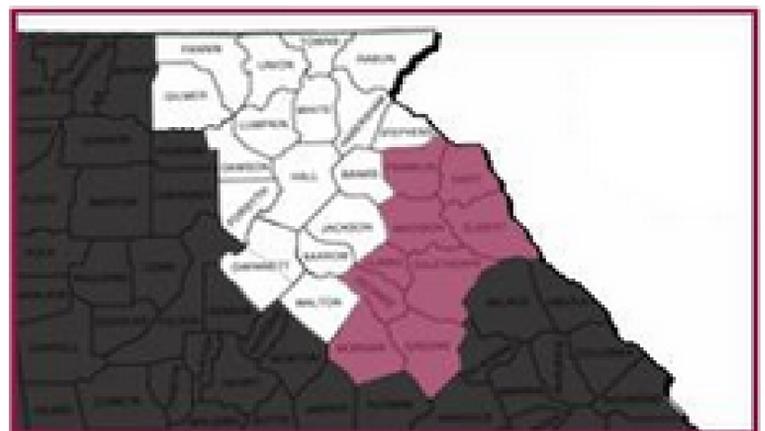
Cub Scouting Vocabulary

If you are unfamiliar with Cub Scouting, you may hear many confusing terms. This list can be used as a reference for some of the more common terms.

Den – A group of Cub Scouts in the same school grade working on the same rank. There may be multiple dens of the same rank. The dens are Lion (Kindergarten), Tiger (1st grade), Wolf (2nd grade), Bear (3rd grade), Webelos (4th grade), and Arrow of Light (5th grade). There are both Boy and Girl dens. Boy dens are noted by the rank and then Den 1. Girl dens are noted by the rank and then Den 2.

Pack – The pack is made up of all of the dens.

District – A sub-section of the Council. There are 9 Districts in the Northeast Georgia Council covering 26 counties. We are in the Cherokee District which covers 9 counties.



Cherokee District Boundaries

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Cub Scouting Vocabulary

Akela – In scouting, Akela means “good leader”. An Akela can be a parent, teacher, Cub Scout leader, or other trusted adult.

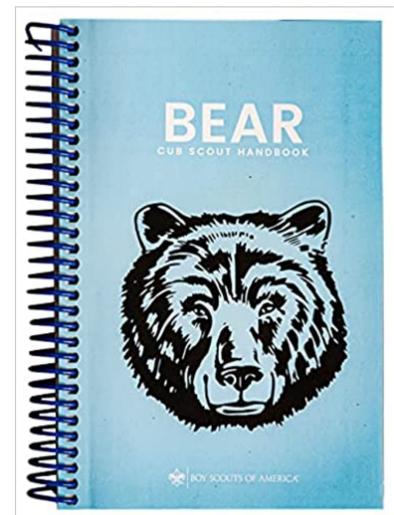
Adventure - Adventures are composed of a series of requirements that need to be completed. In general, there are 6 required and 1 elective adventure that needs to be completed to earn a rank. The requirements for each adventure can be found in the handbook for the scout’s current rank, or on Scoutbook.

Adventure Loop – Once the Scout completes all the requirements for an adventure, they are awarded an adventure loop. The loop is intended to be worn on the Cub Scout belt. Adventure loops are used by the Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear ranks.

Adventure pin – A similar type of recognition as the adventure loop, but awarded to Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts. Adventure pins are either worn on the Webelos colors or on the front of the Webelos hat.

Rank - Each den is working on earning their rank (i.e., Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos). In general, a rank is earned by completing 6 required adventures and 1 elective adventure. The adventures need to be completed by June 1st. Scouts cannot earn previous ranks once they have crossed over into the next den.

Bobcat – The first rank that is earned no matter at what age a child joins Cub Scouts. By earning this rank, he/she will learn the fundamentals of Cub Scouts.



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Cub Scouting Vocabulary

Lion – A scout in kindergarten.



Tiger - A Scout in first grade.

Wolf – A Scout in second grade.

Bear – A Scout in the third grade.

Webelos – Scouts in the fourth grade and fifth grades. Fifth grade Webelos are usually referred to as Arrow of Light Webelos. Webelos is an acronym for We'll Be Loyal Scouts. Originally it was WBLS for Wolf, Bear, Lion, Scout. It was the bridge between traditional Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (now Scouts BSA). That is why they wear a different uniform from the other ranks.



Arrow of Light (AOL) Webelos – A Scout in the fifth grade. The Arrow of Light rank is the highest achievement in Cub Scouts. This is one of the only awards earned in Cub Scouts that can be worn on a Scouts BSA or adult leader uniform.



Crossover – A ceremony typically conducted at the last pack meeting of the year (early May). Each Scout “crosses over” from one den to the next. Ideally, a Scout has earned their rank by crossover, but if they have not, they have until 6/1 to finish any remaining requirements.

Meetings

Meeting times and locations are specified on our website. During the school year, we do our best to maintain consistent meeting times and locations. On special occasions, we may meet at an alternate location (i.e. downstairs at the church rather than outside).

During summer vacation, the pack does not meet following our usual schedule. There are sometimes “meet-up” type events during the summer.



Pack meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of the month at Friendship Presbyterian Church starting at 7:00 PM. The meetings are intended to be approximately 1 hour. Den meeting day, time, and location are set by individual dens.

Den Meetings

Most dens meet twice per month. The den meetings are when the Scouts will do most of their work towards completing their adventures. Although parent attendance and participation are not required (except for Lions and Tigers) at den meetings they are strongly encouraged.

There may be requirements that need to be completed at home. It is important that you keep in touch with your den leaders to know what activities are taking place and the progress that Scout is making. The pack and den leaders are here to support and encourage the Scouts, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual families to ensure that their Scout is completing the requirements to earn their rank.

Meetings

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are our monthly gathering of scouts and families. Pack meetings are organized around a different theme (often one of the scouting law items) each month. Each of dens are responsible for organizing a pack flag ceremony during the year. We start with the AOL den and work backwards to the Tiger den.

Pack meetings are also a time when the Scouts celebrate achieving their advancements and any other awards that may be earned. Be sure to attend the pack meetings and watch your Scout advance.

Pack meetings are usually held the 3rd Thursday of the month at Friendship Presbyterian Church starting at 7 PM. The meeting day or location may change due to holidays or other special events that may be occurring at the same time.

It is everybody's responsibility (A scout is clean) to help with clean up after pack meetings. As scouts, we will leave the church in a better condition than we found it.



Pack Committee Meetings

Each month there is a pack committee meeting. This meeting is not just for the leaders. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to give their input on our Scouting program. Activities, finance, policies are some of the issues discussed at monthly meetings.

Meetings

Holidays

Pack 149 follows the holiday schedule of Oconee County School District. If the school district is observing a holiday break (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, or other) the pack will not meet during these holiday breaks. It will be up to the overall committee to determine if the meeting will be cancelled or rescheduled. A majority of the Scouts in the pack attend Oconee County schools, so this allows Cub Scouting to correspond with school breaks.

Attendance

The Scouts in the pack are expected to attend all scheduled den meetings and pack meetings. Pack outings are often optional but highly encouraged. It is not unusual for rank requirements to be completed during pack outings such as campouts. If multiple consecutive meetings are missed, we ask that you contact your den leader otherwise the Scout may be placed into “inactive” status in the pack. We know that many Scouts also play sports. Please try to attend as often as possible during the sport season. You can discuss with your den leaders ways to continue completing rank requirements so the Scout does not fall too far behind.

Facilities

Our pack meetings are conducted at Friendship Presbyterian Church and den meetings may be held at there, library, neighborhood clubhouse, or elsewhere. Typically, we use the space free of charge. It is important that we respect the property where we meet so we are welcome to use the meeting spaces. We understand that our Scouts are young and that, at times, they may have “outbursts of enthusiasm”.

Remember, we are guests in the facilities!

Meetings

Facilities (continued)

Please avoid running and climbing on items. Also, **scouts should not be in the sanctuary unless invited up by a leader or other adult.**

Even if you are not a leader we request that you help keep control of the Scouts. If you see a Scout doing something they shouldn't, stop the action. The leaders are often engaged in another activity and may not see what is occurring. We are committed to acting responsibly and with reverence when meeting. We will clean, repair, replace, or reimburse for any damage we cause. If you see any problems, stop the action and then alert a leader right away.

You play an important role in the behavior of your child. You can help by talking with your Scout about the importance of respecting property.

Siblings

Cub Scouting is a family friendly activity and we love to allow siblings to participate in most events. At times, we will even put them to work. Please remember that there may be times when we must give priority to the Cub Scouts during activities. And now, with the expansion of Lions and to girls, we would expect eligible siblings to join if attendance becomes more than occasional. Please do not expect the leaders to oversee siblings. If you need to bring a sibling to a meeting, please bring an activity to entertain them during the meeting. We will try to include them as much as possible, when appropriate. **Remember youth protection policies apply to all children whether they are registered with scouts, or not.**

Registration & Finances

Our charter runs for a calendar year. We must recharter every year in around November. This means that we must tell the BSA which Scouts and leaders will be returning for the next year. The pack must pay a fee to BSA for our pack as a unit and for each Scout on the roster. If you have poor attendance around the time of recharter, you may be dropped from our charter (see attendance policy).

Dues

Dues are used to fund all of the activities that we do as a pack. Currently, pack dues are \$170/year. Payment of dues can be paid online with a credit card or in person with a check. Dues can also be paid with the individuals Scout account. The pack dues are reviewed every year by the Pack Committee.

Dues include:

- BSA insurance (for registered scouts and leaders)
- Pack hat or shirt
- Awards and adventure loops
- Blue & Gold banquet
- Pinewood Derby car kit
- Unit and Leader registration
- Food at Fall Family Campout
- Pack program expenses



There are no refunds of dues once paid.

If a Scout transfers to another pack or troop during the paid year, the remaining portion of the BSA registration, insurance, and Boys' Life subscription will transfer with them.

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Dues (continued)

Some outings may have additional fees that are not covered by the dues. Oftentimes individual dens may do supplemental outings that are optional and not covered by dues.

Late or Non-Payment of Dues

Since dues are the largest revenue source for the pack it is important that dues are paid on time. Payment of dues or an approved financial aid request is required to participate in pack and den activities. This includes, but is not restricted to, campouts, pinewood derby, and advancement.

Event Cancellation

Signing up for an event is the same as a promise to pay for the event. If you change your mind before the sign-up deadline, no charge will be incurred. If the deadline has passed, the Scout is still expected to pay the cost of the event or find another Scout that can take their place.

If the pack must cancel an event, every attempt will be made to reschedule. In general, refunds will not be issued for items that are covered by the dues. The Pack Committee will determine when it may be appropriate to issue refunds (i.e. refunds of the cost of additional family members for a campout that was cancelled).

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Popcorn Sales

Pack 149 is funded through dues and popcorn sales. It is important, and expected, that each Scout participates in popcorn sales. Not only does it help the pack, but it builds self-confidence and business skills in the Scout.

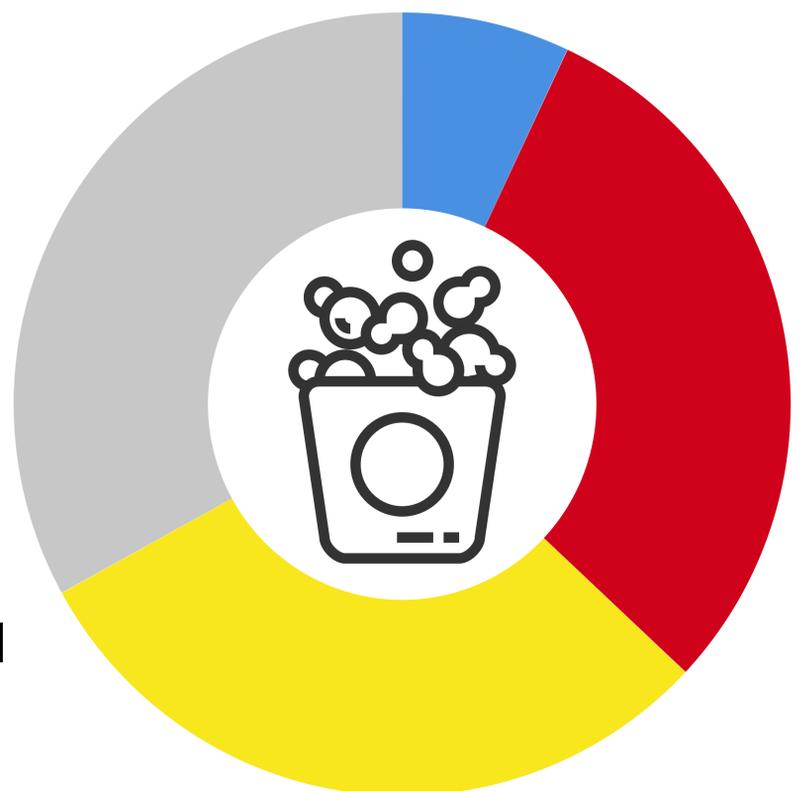
Pack 149 participates in the Trail's End Popcorn fundraiser that supports the Northeast Georgia Council. A portion of the proceeds from sales is credited back to the pack and each Scout that sells popcorn. 30% of each sale goes to each Scout and 2-7% goes to the Pack. The Council receives approximately 30% of the sale to help pay for facility improvements at the camps (ex. Rainey Mountain and Scoutland).

In 2022, an individual Scout that sells \$570 in popcorn will cover their annual dues. This is approximately 2-4 hours of sales at a storefront that our Popcorn coordinator arranges.

Historically, we have not had to raise any funds for the pack other than through dues and popcorn sales.



■ Pack (7%) ■ Council (30%) ■ Scout (30%)
■ Product Cost (33%)



Percent of Popcorn Sales

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Scout Account

Each scout that participates in fundraising will get a Scout Account within the Pack bank account. This account is where the funds from fundraising for individual scouts will be kept. These funds can be used for any scouting need, including dues, uniforms, activities, or gear. Account balances that remain will be transferred to Troops when crossing over to BSA. The Pack Treasurer will reimburse expenses when presented with a receipt for gear or other approved expenses.

Financial Assistance

Each family's financial situation is different. It is the policy of the Northeast Georgia Council that no child will be denied the Scouting experience for financial reasons. If you believe that you may need financial assistance, please contact the Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or Treasurer. Your request will be handled confidentially. The type of financial assistance may vary by request. Assistance may allow for payment of dues over an extended period of time, volunteering of time, or some other arrangement. If financial assistance is given for an event and the Scout does not attend, the parents are responsible for refunding the funds to the pack.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is an annual fundraiser for the Northeast Georgia Council. These funds are used to pay for the many services that are provided by our council to us. It also ensures that any child has the opportunity to be a Scout no matter their financial situation.

Registration & Finances

Financial Records

The Pack Treasurer will maintain the pack financial records. The records are periodically reviewed by the Pack Committee during committee meetings. The pack budget is reviewed at least once a year. Parents are encouraged to participate in the planning sessions related to pack finances.

Advancement & Awards

Working towards and completing adventures (belt loops) are fun and exciting for the Scouts. For Lion, Tigers, Wolf, and Bear years, the parent is considered an Akela and may sign off on completion of requirements. The den leader must sign off on completion of Webelos requirements. Once a requirement is completed, the information should be entered into Scoutbook to ensure the Scout is given proper credit for their accomplishments.

In Cub Scouts, a rank is earned by completing a certain number of required adventures (usually 6) and an elective adventure (usually 1 - 3). Scouts have until June 1st to complete the requirements to earn their rank. Scouts may not work to earn previous ranks, and they may not work ahead on future ranks. For example, a Scout that joins the pack in the second grade as a Wolf may not work on Tiger requirements and may not work on Bear requirements.

Scouts that do not complete the requirements by June 1st will move up to the next class, but will not get to wear the rank emblem on their uniform.

Advancement & Awards

Advancement

Prior to the pack meeting the advancement chair will send out a reminder to enter all completed requirements into Scoutbook. The advancement chair uses this information to purchase all the belt loops and rank patches that will be presented at the pack meeting.

The standard to apply when determining if your Scout has accomplished a requirement is “did he do his very best”? If the answer is yes, then you may sign off on the requirement. It is understood that this standard is subjective and may be different from Scout to Scout.

Once a requirement is completed it should be entered into Scoutbook. Ideally, you will add a picture or a note in Scoutbook to show the Scout working on the requirement.



This is a great way to keep a history of their accomplishments.

Awards

The pack budgets for the cost of awards and will purchase awards up to the budgeted amount. If the budget is exceeded it is at the discretion of the Pack Committee to decide if more awards will be purchased. Awards are usually presented at pack meetings. The pack will not pay for the replacement of lost awards.

Please refer to the Cub Scout insignia placement guide to determine where to place any awards on the uniform.

Uniform & Handbook

Cub Scouts is a uniformed organization. It is highly recommended to purchase a uniform by the second meeting. Uniforms can be purchased at the Scout Shop in Lawrenceville or Jefferson. Cub Scouts wear the blue uniform shirt. NOTE: The Scout store in Lawrenceville is in the Northeast Georgia Council but sells the Atlanta Area Council patch too.

Previous uniforms are still considered to be official uniforms (Grandfathered) Therefore, you do not have to purchase a new uniform if you have access to a used uniform. Our pack has a used uniform collection. Various items are available at a reduced cost. All items of the uniform should be clean and in good repair (no large holes or stains).

Lion Scouts

A Lion will wear a Lion T-shirt, neckerchief and slide.

Tiger, Wolf and Bear Scouts

A Tiger will wear the blue uniform shirt for 3 years, a Wolf 2 years, and a Bear 1 year. It is recommended that you buy a shirt large enough to last until they become a Webelos Scout.



Lion

Tiger

Wolf

Bear

Webelos / AOL

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Tiger, Wolf & Bear Scout Class A Uniform

- **Shirt** – Official navy blue Cub Scout uniform shirt.
- **Pants** – Official navy blue uniform pants or shorts. Also acceptable are navy blue pants or shorts, jeans, and khaki shorts.
- **Belt** – Official navy blue uniform belt with Cub Scout emblem. **NOTE: Tiger Scouts do not need to purchase the Tiger belt buckle. The Cub Scout belt buckle is appropriate.** The belt is the correct size for the adventure loops.
- **Socks** – Cub Scout socks are an optional item.
- **Cap** – Our Pack has its own hat that is included in dues.
- **Neckerchief** – Official Cub Scout neckerchief with the correct emblem for their current rank.
- **Neckerchief slide** – Official Cub Scout slide with the correct emblem for their current rank. A custom handmade slide is also acceptable.

Webelos Scout Class A Uniform

- **Shirt** – Official tan Scouts BSA uniform shirt. The navy blue epaulets will continue to be worn.
- **Epaulets** (shoulder loops) – Navy blue
- **Pants** – The official Scouts BSA olive green pants are preferred. Jeans are also acceptable.
- **Belt** – Official Scouts BSA olive green web belt, or nylon belt purchased from a scout camp (i.e. CRM belt). The BSA belt buckle should be worn with the web belt.
- **Socks** – The official BSA socks are optional.
- **Cap** – Our Pack has its own hat that is included in dues.
- **Neckerchief** – Official plaid Webelos neckerchief.
- **Neckerchief slide** - Official Webelos slide. A custom handmade slide is also acceptable.

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Adult Leader Class A Uniform

- **Shirt** – Official tan Scouts BSA uniform shirt. Women have the option of choosing the yellow blouse, but most in Pack 149 choose the tan shirt.
- **Pants** – The official Scouts BSA olive green pants are preferred. Jeans are also acceptable.
- **Belt** – Official Scouts BSA olive green web belt, leather belt, or nylon belt purchased from a scout camp (i.e. Bert Adams belt) is optional, but preferred. The BSA belt buckle should be worn with the web belt.
- **Socks** – The official BSA socks are optional.
- **Cap** – Official BSA or Pack cap (may include Wood Badge or Campaign Hat)
- **Neckwear** – Official neckerchief or bolo are optional. Neckerchief should be navy blue Cub Scout leader, plaid Webelos Leader, or Wood Badge (if earned) neckerchief. Other neckerchiefs (i.e., Scout Sunday, Messengers of Peace, etc.) from official BSA events may also be acceptable.
- **Neckerchief slide** - Official slide for den, official BSA slide, or Wood Badge woggle (if earned). A custom handmade slide is also acceptable.



NOTE: Only registered adult leaders should wear the BSA uniform. All other adults should wear activity (Class B) t-shirts to activities.

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Pack Activity Shirts (Class B Uniforms)

A pack activity shirt (Class B) (or Pack hat) is provided to the Scout as part of the dues each year. Additional shirts and hats for family members are available for purchase. It is encouraged that all family members have a shirt and wear them on events and outings. The shirts allow for quick identification of our group during den and pack activities.



Wearing the Uniforms

The field uniform (Class A) is the default uniform for all events. This includes meetings, parades, flag ceremonies, and events in which we are representing the pack. Depending on the activity, den leaders may choose to allow activity (Class B) uniforms for den meetings.

Here are a couple of notes about the uniform:

- Put your name on items (caps and neckerchief slides) that can be easily lost or mixed up.
- Put the neckerchief slide on and then tie an overhand knot in the neckerchief to help secure slide.
- Uniform shirts should be tucked in.
- Do not alter the uniform.
- Do NOT wear non-BSA patches on the uniform. Temporary BSA patches (those with the button loop) can be worn on the right pocket (the one with Boy Scouts of America above it). Only 1 temporary patch should be worn at a time.
- Do NOT wear uniform parts inappropriately or disrespectfully.
- You may also ask your den leader or the Cubmaster for guidance.

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Purchasing Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased from a variety of places. The closest location to purchase a uniform is the Scout shop located at:

148 Boy Scout Trail,
Pendergrass, GA 30549
706-693-2446



The Scout shop also offers a service to sew on the patches. They usually have twice a week pickup and delivery of uniforms. They will also ship items to you free of charge.

All purchases at this shop will support our council. Purchases made online will only support BSA at a national level.

Handbook

The handbook details the requirements that need to be met to earn adventure loops. It also provides detailed explanations and activities that can be used to accomplish the requirements. It is easy to get books mixed up, so please write your Scout's name in the front of the book in permanent ink.

Completion of requirements can be noted in the handbook but must be entered into Scoutbook for credit to be logged.

Health & Safety

Guide to Safe Scouting

The safety of our scouts is our #1 priority. The BSA publishes The Guide to Safe Scouting (GSS) which provides the safety policies and guidelines for Scouting. While it is not possible to remove all risk from any activity, the policies have been established to provide as safe a Scouting experience as possible.

All adults should be familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting.

A printable copy of the GSS can be found here:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>

In addition to the GSS, it is important that you be aware of Federal, State, and Local regulations which would supersede BSA policies and guidelines. **All leaders are expected to be familiar with the GSS and follow it strictly. Non-adherence to the GSS puts leaders at a personal liability risk.**

Youth Protection

The BSA has established youth protection policies that Pack 149 follows. The policies are in place to protect both our Scouts and adults.

All adults in Pack 149 are expected to have taken Youth Protection Training (YPT). Additionally, friends and family members that may interact with the Scouts during activities (camping, day camp, etc.) are expected to have taken YPT. A copy of your YPT training certificate should be given to the Committee Chair, or their designee.

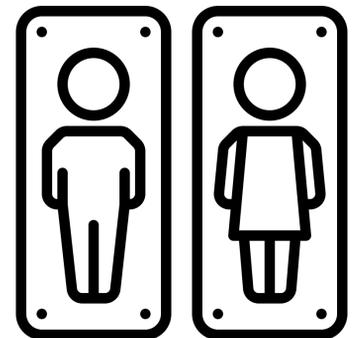
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Youth Protection (continued)

Leaders in Pack 149 must retake YPT every 2 years. All adults are asked to take YPT as well. The training can be taken at my.scouting.org. The training is now available for mobile devices, as well. All adults and leaders are expected to be familiar with YPT and strictly adhere to the policies. You may be told that you can't do something because of YPT policies. Please do not take offense to this. It is for the protection of everyone.

Some frequent areas where YPT policies are violated include:

- Using the same bathroom during campouts. There are designated youth and adult bathrooms. Youth are expected to use their own bathroom and get ready for bed on their own. Youth should never be in the adult bathrooms. Additionally, adults should not be entering the youth bathrooms.
- No one-on-one contact during carpooling. It is acceptable to bring other children to and from the meeting, but you must not have one-on-one contact with any child that is not your own (i.e., your child should be in the car with you).



Two-Deep Leadership

As part of the youth protection program, two-deep leadership is required. This means that there needs to be 2 registered leaders (or 1 leader and the child's parent) present for any interaction with Scouts.

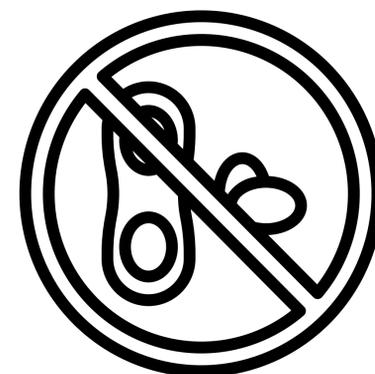
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Two-Deep Leadership (continued)

If we are unable to have at least 2 registered leaders at an event, then the event will be cancelled. In cases where there needs to be individual interaction with a Scout and 2 leaders are not available, two-deep leadership is satisfied by having the scout's parent/guardian present along with the leader.

Two-deep leadership is the reason why it is required for all dens to have a minimum of a leader and an assistant leader. It is allowable, and preferred, to have more than 1 assistant leader for each den.

Allergens



The BSA has developed guidelines for managing food allergies.

The guidelines can be found at:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/2013Guidelines_Managing_Food_Allergies.pdf

It is the responsibility of the Scout and/or the parent/guardian to be prepared for unintentional exposure to an allergen. Due to the nature of the food preparation during campouts it may be difficult to avoid cross-contact of allergens. It is appropriate for any parent/guardian to bring their own food to a campout. In most cases, a reduction on campout costs will not be offered. If your child has a severe food allergy, please document it on the health forms and alert the Cubmaster and Committee Chair.

Health & Safety

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco Use & Abuse

Alcoholic Beverages & Controlled Substances

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted 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.

Drugs

During any Scouting activity, it is unacceptable for anybody present to be under the influence of any controlled substance (including medicinal marijuana).

Tobacco

It is understood that adults have the freedom to choose if they use tobacco, or not. It is the policy of Pack 149 to support the belief that adults and youth are better off without tobacco use in any form. Tobacco should not be consumed in the presence of youth during any activity. If needed, tobacco should only be consumed in designated locations or in your own vehicle. This includes the use of smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.



All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities will be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from participants.

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Violation

Any violation of the alcohol, drug, and tobacco use policy may result in immediate dismissal from the event without refund. It may also be referred to the pack committee and/or law enforcement, as necessary. If you have any questions, please refer to the GSS.

Knives, Axes & Saws

Under no circumstances should Lion, Tiger or Wolf Scouts be handling knives, or other sharp-bladed objects. Bear and Webelos Scouts may use knives if they have earned their Whittling Chip card.

Knives can only be used under adult supervision. If a Scout is observed handling a knife improperly, it will be taken away and returned to the parent/guardian. If this occurs a corner of the Whittling Chip card will be snipped.



If all 4 corners are snipped the Scout loses the privilege of handling a knife and will need to repeat the Whittling Chip lessons.

Any adult may ask a Scout handling a knife to see their Whittling Chip card. If the Scout is not able to show their card, the knife will be taken away and returned to the parent/guardian.

Fixed-blade sheath knives are not allowed on any Scout activities. Knives are not allowed on school grounds. Axes and Saws are not allowed to be used by Cub Scouts. Only adults and BSA Den Chiefs with their Totin' Chip may use axes and saws in a designated and roped off area.

Health & Safety

Firearms

Except under very specific demonstration conditions by qualified individuals, firearms are not permitted at Scouting activities. Cub Scouts are not permitted to handle firearms. Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms, firearms should not be in the possession of any person engaged in camping, hiking, or any other Scouting activity.

Aquatic Activities

All aquatic activities must be conducted following the BSA's Safe Swim Defense Plan for swimming activities and Safety Afloat for boating. Aquatic activities also must be conducted under the supervision of qualified and trained adults. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training classes may be found at my.scouting.org.

Annual Health & Medical Record

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B must be updated and turned in every year. We also need a copy of both sides of your insurance cards. These must be completed for all Scouts and family members (includes adult and siblings) that attend campouts or other events. In some cases, Part C must be filled out and signed by a physician. You will be informed if this section must be filled out.

The health forms may be found at:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Behavior & Discipline

At the beginning of each meeting, the Scouts recite both the Scout Oath, and Scout Law. It is expected that the Scouts, adults, and leaders do their best to follow both the Scout Oath and Law. **It is also understood that nobody is perfect, and each situation is different.**

We encourage parents/guardians to be present and active at meetings. Ultimately, the behavior the Scout at meetings and activities is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. If a parent is not present or chooses not to intervene with poor behavior, the Scout leader may act as necessary within the GSS and YPT policies. This may include asking the Scout to leave the meeting or not attend future meetings. If a den leader asks that a Scout not attend future meetings, the Cubmaster and Committee Chairs will be informed. Appropriate actions will be discussed at the next pack committee meeting. The Scout may be suspended from activities until the next pack committee meeting. Any Scout that is suspended from school should not be attending, or participating in, Cub Scout activities. **Please remember all leaders in the pack are volunteers.**

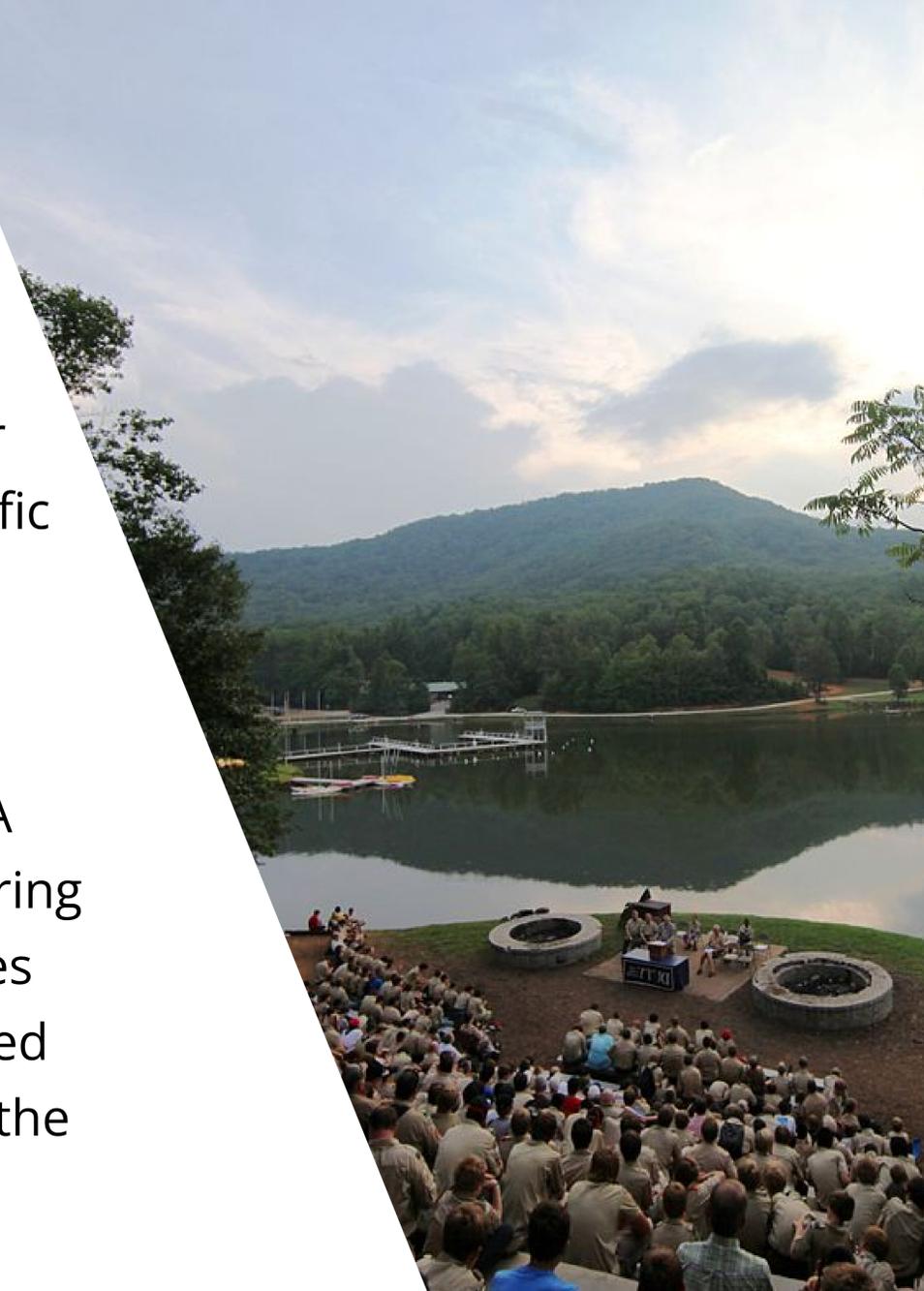
Electronics

Unless specifically allowed, use of electronics by Scouts at pack and den events is not permitted. Use of electronics by adults and leaders should be limited at pack and den events. If you have time to use electronics and socialize during meetings, please make sure you are taking the time to ask the leaders how you can help during meetings.



Events

Per BSA policies, den camping is not allowed for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts. For all campouts, unless specific permission is granted by the Pack Committee, 2 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)-trained adults are required to be present. BSA has specific rules and prohibitions during camping. It is expected that these rules and prohibitions will be strictly followed by adults and leaders. Please consult the GSS if you have questions.



Fall Family Camping is a council-run campout at Camp Rainey Mountain Scout Camp. It is located in beautiful Clayton, Georgia. For more information about this camp visit: <https://www.nega-bsa.org/campraineymountain>

Fall & Spring Campouts

In the fall, we usually participate in Fall Family Camping which is a council-run family campout at Camp Rainey Mountain Scout Camp. This means that the council plans the activities (BB guns, archery, and more). Fall Family Camping is a large event and we will be camping near other packs. Most other times each family chooses what activities they want to participate in. In the spring, we usually camp as a pack. We plan our own activities and meals. The campgrounds tend to be less crowded at the spring campout compared to Fall Family. How much you participate in camping is up to you. There is no obligation to be there the entire time. Some families camp both nights while other camp one night. Other families only come for the daytime activities and do not camp.

Events

Meals

We prepare meals as a pack. Friday night dinner is on your own. The meals are planned by the camping committee. Each den or rank is assigned a meal to prepare and cleanup duties.

Tents

You are responsible for bringing your own tent and sleeping gear. Members of our pack have a wide range of tents from very large “luxury” tents to smaller backpacking tents. It is up to you to decide what level of comfort you would like to have when camping. Some outdoor outfitting companies such as REI rent tents. This may be a good option if you do not own a tent. Another option is to see if you can borrow a tent.



Day Camp / Resident Camp

These are camps that are run during the summer and are run either at the district or council level. Typically, the Scouts that attend these camps complete several adventures, and earn their shooting (BB guns and archery) awards.

Day camp is completely volunteer-run. We must send at least 1 full-time adult volunteer for every 3 Scouts that we send to camp. Those Scouts that attend the camp have a great time. If you're planning on having your Scout attend day camp, please also consider being a volunteer.

Events

Pinewood Derby

Pinewood Derby is one of the iconic events for Cub Scouts. It is also one of the most popular events that the pack does each year. Organizing the Pinewood Derby event is done by the Derby chairman. Volunteers are needed for set-up and breakdown. It is highly encouraged to have a Tiger parent that will shadow and assist in the preparations.



There will be a weigh in the night before the race. Once weighed in, cars will be impounded for the night. At the end of registration, we will have community Volunteers judge the cars for looks.

Race heats are held by a rank. For example, the Tigers will race against other Tigers but will not race against the Bears.

Each racer will get to race multiple times (at least once per lane). The average speed will determine the winners of each grouping.

The races will be held from Lions first to Webelos last.

Once the official races are complete there may be unofficial races such as a sibling race or an Extreme rules Parents' race.