



CUB SCOUT PARENTS' GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF
CUB SCOUTING!!



Where character counts
and
the adventure begins...



Pack 627 - Rancho Bernardo/Poway
District: Black Mountain
Council: San Diego Imperial County

**PACK 627 - IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**



My pack number is: **Pack 627**

My pack website is: **www.pack627.weebly.com**

My Scouting district is the **BLACK MOUNTAIN**

My Scouting council is **SAN DIEGO / IMPERIAL COUNTY**

My Cubmaster's name is **Mark Campillo**

My Cubmaster's email address is: **cubmaster.pack627@gmail.com**

My pack meets on: _____

My pack meets at the: **Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church
17010 Pomerado Rd San Diego, CA 92128**

My den number is _____ Den Leader name _____

My den leader's phone number is _____

My den leader's email address is _____

YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU SCOUTING ... AN AID TO PARENTS

Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 627! Our pack is made up of approximately 70 boys and their families, mostly from Chaparral Elementary School and surrounding schools. Cub Scouts are part of the Boy Scouts of America, and have a long tradition of providing lots of fun activities for young boys. In Pack 627 we believe Cub Scouting is fun, but it is fun with a purpose. We are guided by the rules and policies set by the national organization. BSA's website is www.bsa.org. Please visit this site for more in depth information.

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

Scouting teaches family values . . . We know that boys do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!



TIGER CUB PROGRAM



First Grade

- I. Tiger Cubs is a one-on-one program for boys and adults.
- II. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub Den which:
 - A. Has up to ten scouts per den.
 - B. Meets 1-2 times each month.
 - C. Meetings focus around Tiger Cub Motto "Search, Discover, Share".
- III. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader.
 - A. A Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings.
 - B. Each Adult takes a turn hosting a den meeting, running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader.



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM – Wolf, Bear & Webelos

Second through Fifth Grade

I. Your boy is a member of a Den which:

- A. Has up to ten boys.
- B. Meets approximately twice a month (at discretion of den leader).
- C. Is led by a den leader (usually a parent).
- D. Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First through Fifth Grade

I. Your boy is a member of a Pack which:

- A. Is made up of one or more dens.
- B. Meets once a month at the Pack meeting- all Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts and their parent(s) are expected to participate.
- C. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
- D. The Pack meeting is the pinnacle of the month's den meeting and activities.
- E. Pack meetings can have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of awards, achievements or advancements that boys have earned.

II. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee

- A. Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, and all parents.
- B. We meet once a month or more often if needed; led by a committee chairperson.
- C. The committee depends on and selects volunteer leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges and awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.



OUR CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING

Our pack meetings start promptly at 6:27 PM, and are held once a month September through June. The Pack Meeting schedule is published on the Pack website www.pack627.weebly.com

EACH PACK MEETING CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Before the Meeting Set-Up

- Set-up involves setting up chairs for scouts and parents, a table for the Cubmaster, a table for exhibits, and the sound system.

Opening

- Flag Ceremony
- Present Core Value of the Month

Announcements for Adults / Cooperative Game for Scouts

- Review upcoming activities, Leadership needs, Q&A
- Dens participate in games that require teamwork and cooperation.

Joint Meeting begins with Skits and Run-ons

- A den performs a skit.
- Scouts perform run-ons (quick jokes) between activities.

Recognition

- Beginning with Tiger Cubs, each Den has the opportunity to present their activities and achievements since the last Pack meeting
- Den Leaders and scouts give brief presentation (public speaking practice!)
- Den Leaders present belt loops, achievements, and other awards earned

Closing

- Final Announcements
- Cubmaster's Minute
- Flag Ceremony

Cleanup



TIGER CUB MOTTO



SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE

Tiger Cubs, BSA, is a 1-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include things 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 other members of the Tiger Cub group whom you see at meetings.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO



DO YOUR BEST

In society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth 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 games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the scout, his family and the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family. Parents can sign-off on achievements at the Tiger, Wolf and Bear levels.



BOBCAT

All boys, in 1st thru 5th grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, the Cub Scout: handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the scout works on the requirements based on his grade level.

TIGER CUBS

The Tiger Cub badge is earned after a scout has completed the five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and Go See It. After completing the Tiger Cub rank, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when they complete 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a scout can earn. Advancement beads are displayed on a Tiger Cub Totem, which is worn on their uniform pocket.



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf 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 10 electives a scout completes, he earns an Arrow Point. There is no limit on the amount of Arrow Points a scout can earn.

ARROW POINTS

Wolf and Bear rank - for every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. There is no limit on the amount of arrow points a scout can earn.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works to complete 12 of 24 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 10 electives a scout completes, he earns an Arrow Point. There is no limit on the amount of Arrow Points a scout can earn.



WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The scout works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every Cub Scout deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

At the Webelos level, completion of activities are signed-off by their den leader(s) or an assigned adult within the den only; in preparation for Boy Scouting, where older scouts sign off on achievements.



CUB SCOUT ACADEMICS AND SPORTS PROGRAM

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scout program. The Academics subjects and Sports activities allow boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship and have fun. Boys participating in the program will be recognized for enjoying teamwork, developing physical fitness, and discovering and building new talents. The Academics and Sports program encourages a boy to **do his best**.

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Your scout's den leader must be informed when a belt loop or pin is earned so that they can be recognized at the next pack meeting for their achievement.



For more information on the Academics program visit:
www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/academics.html



For more information on the Sports program visit: <http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/sports.html>

EXPECTATIONS FOR PACK 627 SCOUTS

- Attend with your parent(s) the monthly Pack meeting in uniform each month. The meeting begins at 6:27 PM sharp! Meetings are typically 1 hour.
- Attend den meetings. Typically, these are held one or two times per month. Meeting days vary by den. Meetings last between 1 and 2 hours. Your den leader will coordinate and publish their den schedules on the pack website: www.pack627.weebly.com
- Read your handbook and work on achievements to earn your scout rank badge and other awards. Your parent(s) will have the opportunity to assist you.
- Participate in community service projects organized by the Pack, District, and/or Council.
- Attend Pack outings which are learning experiences, adventurous and fun. The whole family can attend Pack outings. Some outings may have a minimal fee depending on outing.
- Participation in annual fundraising events, as coordinated by the pack.
- **HAVE FUN !!**

OUTINGS

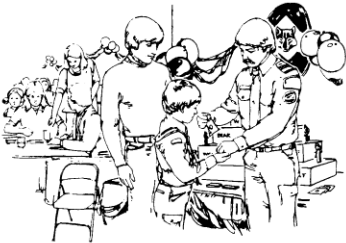


CAMPING

We offer several weekend overnight camping experiences for cub scouts and their families. Activities include games, hiking, sports, crafts, campfires and great fun!

OUTINGS

These are typically day trips. Activities include morning hikes, tours, sporting events, etc.

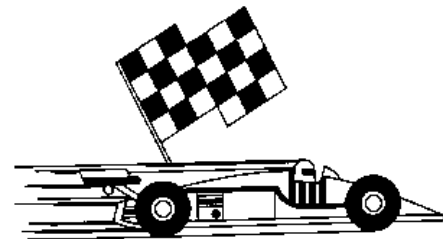


BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held during February/March's Pack Meeting, with a dinner and Webelos II scouts bridging ceremony into Boy Scouts.

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby so be there the day of the big race!



BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE

A monthly 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. The cost of the magazine is included in the registration.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP



CUBMASTER

Leads the pack. Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees monthly pack meeting and attends the pack Parent/leaders' meeting.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER

Assists with planning and executing pack meetings and outings. Emcees pack meeting when Cubmaster is not available.

DEN LEADER (S)

Leads the den at den meetings and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack Parent/Leaders' meeting.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Presides at all pack committee meetings (Parent/Leader meetings). Helps recruit adult leaders, interfaces with District and attends pack meetings.

TREASURER

Keeps all financial records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack Parent/leaders' meeting.

SECRETARY

Records for the pack, the minutes from committee meetings. Attends pack meetings and pack Parent/leaders' meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR

Community service is an important part of scouting. The community service coordinator coordinates pack community service projects. Also attends pack meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all awards and advancements. Attends pack meetings and Parent/leaders' meeting.

CAMPING /OUTINGS COORDINATOR

Schedules campouts for the year. Coordinates logistics. Communicates camping details to parents. Organizes group meals and camping activities

RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

Plans and executes recruitment activities at the beginning of each scout year. Registers all new scouts. Liaison between pack and school for recruitment activities/materials.

SCOUT UNIFORM

The Cub Scout uniform gives boys a true sense of belonging to their Dens and to a Pack. When people see a Scout in uniform, they expect someone of good character who is prepared and helpful to those around him. Cubmasters and Leaders in full uniform set a good example for the pack and are perceived as community leaders. Pack 627 T-shirts (the Class “B” uniform) are available and can be worn to den meetings and to more casual events such as the pack’s annual picnic. At most pack outings the scout should wear their Class “B” uniform. Please note that Webelos scouts can wear either the blue uniform shirt or the tan uniform shirt option.



UNIFORM

Our Pack adopted a “waist-up” uniform policy, which means as a minimum the following uniform items (note: For your reference the Scout Shop’s official uniform checklist is attached to this guide):

- Tigers & Cub Scout shirt (blue) – short sleeve \$23.00
(note: Webelos Scouts have the option of blue or tan shirt)
- Scout cap (based on rank) - * provided by pack
- Scout belt with buckle - \$6.15 to \$8.45
- Neckerchief (based on rank) – * provided by pack
- Neckerchief slide – * provided by pack
- Scout Handbook (based on rank) - * provided by pack
- Webelos colors*

*provided to Scout by Pack 627

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

- Scout trousers - \$30.45 to \$33.50
- Scout shorts - \$25.35 to \$27.80
- Patch vest – \$12.25
- Scout socks - \$4.20 to \$5.45

Note: If uniform pant and/or shorts are not purchased, please insure scout wears uniform appropriate pant/shorts with his uniform shirt, such as blue jeans.

Insignia

World Crest Emblem



Council Shoulder Patch



Den Numeral Patch

(Scout’s den number)



Unit Numeral Patch

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Note: Three separate number patches are needed



SCOUT UNIFORM - WHERE TO PURCHASE

STORES

San Diego Imperial Council's Scout Shop

Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mon, Wed & Fri

9:00 AM to 7:00 PM Tues & Tues

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sat

1207 Upas Street, San Diego

Telephone: (619) 294-3806

Fax: (619) 294-3011

www.bsasdic.org/sshop/ScoutShop.asp



For a complete list of locations/dates or contact information, visit the San Diego Imperial Council's website: www.bsasdic.org/sshop/content/Mobile.htm

ONLINE

Boy Scouts of America Retail Store online: www.scoutstuff.org

Insignia and Patch Sewing Service

Bobi's Tailoring offers a service to sew on scout patches at \$1.00 per patch. They know the correct insignia placement for the Cub Scout uniform. You bring in the uniform, insignia and/or patches and they'll do the rest.

Direction: 15 Frwy., exit Mira Mesa Blvd., head East. Right turn at first driveway (Hibert Street; parking lot where Play It Again Sports is), walk down stairs to the businesses below along the sidewalk.

Bobi's Tailoring

9803 Mira Mesa Blvd., San Diego 92131

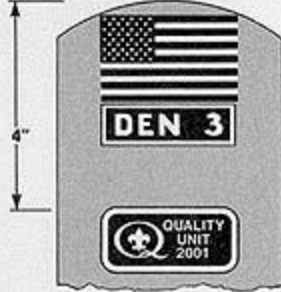
Phone: (858) 578-1244

Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

INSIGNIA PLACEMENT ON UNIFORM

CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT INSIGNIA

SHOULDER SEAM



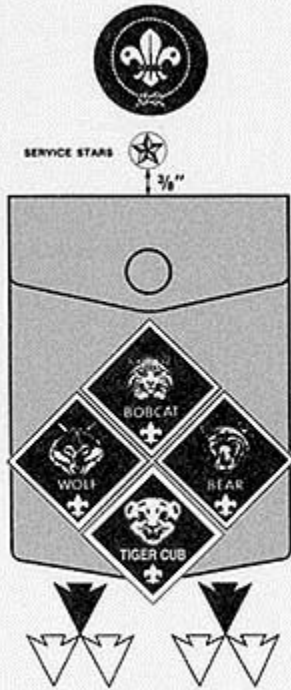
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OR WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



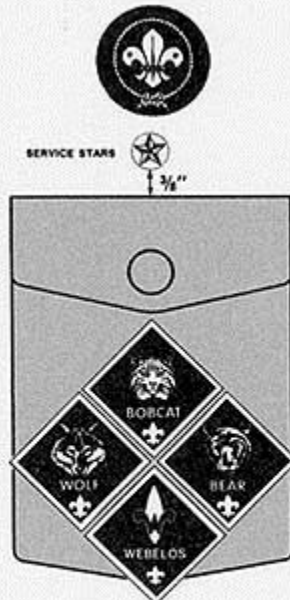
WEBELOS SCOUT
RIGHT SLEEVE



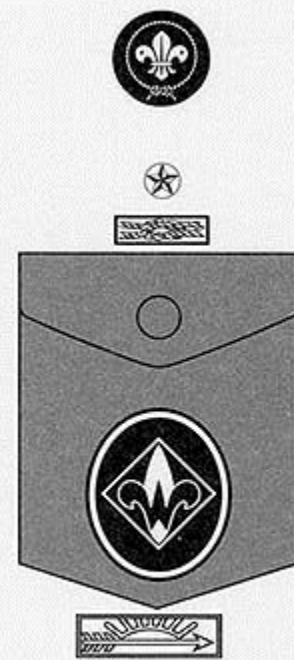
LEFT SLEEVE



CUB SCOUT
LEFT POCKET



WEBELOS SCOUT
LEFT POCKET
(OPTIONAL)



WEBELOS SCOUT
LEFT POCKET

WHAT IS THE COST FOR SCOUTING?

Scout:

\$65 year, includes BSA registration, pack dues Boy's Life Magazine, insurance, pack meeting Activities and supplies. NOTE: Campouts may have an additional fee for site costs/food.



Adult Leaders:

Pack pays BSA registration fee of \$10/year

Pack dues are distributed as follows:

- Pack - helps pay for awards, pack meeting and camping supplies, camping fees
- Den - helps pay for supplies used in den meeting activities (as agreed by den parents – not a pack expense).

SITES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Boy Scouts of America, National Council: www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart
(The Fast Start training in general is for new leaders; however it provides information for parents)

San Diego Imperial Council: www.sdicbsa.org

Black Mountain District: www.blackmountain.sdicbsa.org

Other sites: www.thescoutzone.org

www.scoutstuff.org

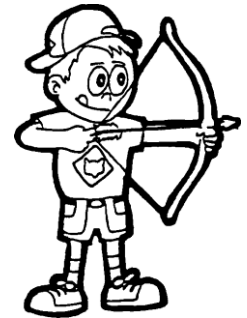
www.joincubscouting.org

www.macscouter.com

Cub Scout Academics & Sports program. This program is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scout program. For more information on this program visit:

www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/academics.html

www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/sports.html



GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Akela	Cubmaster, a Leader, a teacher, a coach, a parent.
Blue & Gold	A special event held by all Packs once a year in February to celebrate the anniversary of Scouting. In addition, this is when second year Webelos bridge over to Boy Scouts.
Bobcat	The very first achievement ALL cub scouts must earn.
Council	Our Pack is part of a District (Black Mountain) which is part of the San Diego Imperial Council under the Boys Scouts of America.
District	Our Pack is part of the Black Mountain District, within the San Diego Imperial Council.
Flag Down	The ceremony that ends meetings in which the U.S. flag is taken down.
Flag Sales	An annual fund raiser
Flag Up	The ceremony that starts meetings in which the U.S. flag is displayed and the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
Friends of Scouting	The Council's annual fund raising effort to achieve financial support for scouting.
Headquarters	Council Headquarters is located at 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103.
Pack Committee	Each Pack has a committee made up of volunteer leaders. This group is led by a chairperson. The Pack Committee members perform the administrative responsibilities of the pack.
Pack Meeting	Where all dens in a Pack meet once a month, the first Friday of every month in Adobe Bluffs' multipurpose room at 6:48 PM.
Pinewood Derby	An annual Pack event at which scouts can race pinewood cars they have designed and carved.
Round-Up	Cub Scout recruiting.
Scout Fair	An annual event held in April at which Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops host activity booths. All scouts can participate in the activities at this event.
Scout's Own	A non-denominational spiritual program held at scouting events that promotes personal growth.

