

Cub Scout Pack 254

What is Cub Scouting? Cub Scouting Means "Doing."

Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things

Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Some of activities Cub Scouts get to do are: camping, hiking, racing model cars, going on field trips, or doing projects that help the community and the people who live there. Cub Scouting means "doing." In addition to all the fun activities, the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout sign, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.

In a recent study, at least 90 percent of parents mention that because of Cub Scouting, they share time with their sons by working on projects together (95%), going places together (91%), and talking together (90%). Young boys grow up fast. Give your son a valuable gift by encouraging him to join Cub Scouting today. The time you invest in him today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow.

Do Your Best

Do Your Best is the Cub Scout Motto. Doing his best is one of the most important things for the Cub Scout to learn. Boys often becomes so interested in winning that they fail to see the importance of doing the best they can at the best of their own ability. One boy's best might be quite different from another boy's best. Cub Scouting teaches boys that no one can find fault with them if they always do their best.

Meetings

Pack meetings are held once per month beginning in September and running through May. Meetings are usually on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30pm, occur right after the second Den meeting of the month, and last approximately one hour. Pack meetings are open to parents and family members, and we encourage the entire family to attend. Den meetings are held twice per month, usually on the second and fourth Fridays at 6:30, lasting one hour. Parent meetings are held once a month, usually on the second Friday of the month at 7:30pm, occur right after the first Den meeting of the month, and last approximately 45 minutes. We hold Den, Pack, and Parent meetings at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Faith Formation Center.

Pack meetings might includes games, a skit or song performed by one of the Dens, achievement awards, focus on the theme of the month, snacks, special guests, activities, and more. Den meetings are designed with a focus on fun while learning values, faith, character, respect, and self-esteem; all while working toward earning advancement achievements.

The Pack organizes two family camping outings each year with games, hiking, fishing, and opportunities to earn belt loops and awards. A minimum of three summer activities are organized such as roller skating, swimming, kick ball, basketball and bowling outings. Cub Scouts have the opportunity to attend Day Camp each June, and Webelo Cub Scouts have the opportunity to attend Overnight Camps each summer. One of our most popular events is the Pinewood Derby in January where boys make and race their own wooden car – siblings and family members also get a chance to build and race. The Pack might also attend a civil war reenactment, a museum, the Plano Police Department Open House or other fun activities as a group, or organize spur of the moment outings to enjoy in small groups. Cub Scouting also offers discounted tickets for events like rodeos, Rangers games, Legoland, and etc. These are just a sampling of the fun things Cub Scout Pack 254 does each year!

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Pack 254 is chartered through St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Plano, Texas. And, scouts in Pack 254 have the opportunity to earn Scouting's various religious medals like the Light of Christ medal and the Parvuli Dei medal. However, neither the Cub Scout nor their parent needs to be parishioners of St. Elizabeth's or even Catholic to join Pack 254; we are open to everyone who shares the ideals of Cub Scouting, and Pack 254 does not have a religious focus or agenda. Pack 254 is a member of the Northern Lights District, Circle 10 Council, and the Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scouts is a part of Boy Scouts, with the Cub Scouts having the opportunity to join during the second half of their fifth grade year. In fact local Boy Scout Troops provide Pack 254 Webelo Cub Scouts many opportunities to learn about the Boy Scouts and attend joint Cub Scout/Boy Scout events.

Pack Structure

Boys in first through fifth grades may join a Cub Scout Pack. Packs are broken up into Dens, which are made up of boys in the same grade level. Tiger Dens are a scout/parent partnership where one parent stays with the scout at all meetings. Wolves, Bears, and Webelos parents are welcome to stay at meetings.

The Cub Scout Pack is headed by the Cubmaster and the Pack committee. The Cubmaster plans the monthly Pack meeting, assists Den leaders, and is responsible for a variety of other duties. Every Pack is under the supervision of a Pack committee, headed by a Chairman, which conducts the business of the Pack and presides over a monthly committee meeting of Pack and Den leaders. Each Den has a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader who run Den meetings and carry out the Pack program at the Den meetings. It takes help from every parent to make a successful Pack.

Pack Leaders

Every boy deserves a trained leader. Every adult leader in Pack 254 undergoes position-specific training from the Great Plains District. In addition to leader-specific Cub Scout training, all adult leaders are required to complete the annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Safe Environment Training, including background checks.

The Boy Scouts of America has adopted a number of policies aimed at eliminating opportunities for abuse within the Scouting program. Some of these policies include two-deep leadership, no one-on-one contact, respect of privacy, and prohibiting hazing.

Cost

Pack 254 knows activities for your children can be expensive. That's why we try to keep costs low for all families. Annual Pack dues for the Scout are \$40.00, which includes the yearly BSA fee and Boy's Life Magazine. If the Scout does not want Boy's Life Magazine, the annual dues for the Scout are \$30. Parent annual dues are \$30.00, if the parent would like to join and play a role within the Pack Committee or another leadership position. Pack 254 t-shirts are an additional \$15 each. In subsequent years the fee structure remains the same.

Class A Uniforms (the blue or tan uniform, depending on grade) may be purchased at the Scout Shop in Allen or on-line. First year cost is approximately \$90 (shirt, required patches, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, baseball cap, and handbook) – the uniform pants are optional items to purchase if desired, but jeans or khakis are perfectly acceptable in almost all circumstances. Subsequent years usually require a new handbook, neckerchief and neckerchief slide, depending upon growth and uniform preferences.

The Pack pays for all awards, patches, and recognition the boys earn. Minimal costs occur throughout the year and for summer activities. At this time, we do not charge Den dues, but that is up for debate as of Fall 2014. The Pack also has two fund raising campaigns per year. In fall, the Pack sells Cub Scout Popcorn to raise money toward activities and the annual Pack re-charter requirements. In spring, the Pack sells Cub Scout Camp Cards to raise money toward activities.

Questions? Contact a Leader Directly!

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