



**Pack 1776 Handbook
2019-2020**

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Pack Leadership & Committees

What is a Pack? The Pack is designated as the collective unit of adult volunteers, scouts and parents. Each Pack consists of Dens, which are smaller groups of scouts based on their grade level and gender. Boys will be in a den with other boys, and girls will be in a den with other girls.

Lion = Kindergarten, Tiger = 1st Grade, Wolf = 2nd Grade, Bear = 3rd Grade, Webelos = 4th Grade, and Arrow of Light = 5th Grade.

Den Leaders (and Assistant Den Leaders) play a special role in the Den. These adult volunteers are instrumental in the advancement of their den. If you are looking for a rewarding experience, and an opportunity to create lifelong memories with your scout, please consider volunteering.

The Pack Leadership Team is defined as Committee Chair, Cubmaster, and Assistant Cubmaster (if applicable), Treasurer, and Secretary. Other positions recognized as key roles are those such as Den Leaders, Treasurer, and Advancement Coordinator.

We need your help!! Without volunteerism, our Pack wouldn't function. If you would like to help make a difference, consider helping out with a committee. Whether you have a lot of time, or just a little, there is something for everyone. Examples include: Outdoor Committee, Special Events Committee, Blue & Gold Committee, Fundraising Committee, etc.

Uniforms

All Scouts will need an Official BSA Uniform (Class A). These are to be worn at Pack Meetings, and at other formal scouting events. The Pack tee-shirt (Class B) is worn while at camp and other outdoor activities. Uniforms can be purchased at Scout Stores throughout the city. Our Pack only requires from belt up: belt, shirt, neckerchief, slide, and hat. The uniform for Lions is the Lion teeshirt and hat. If you need affordable solutions to the cost of the uniform, please ask any member of the leadership team for help.

Advancement Tracking

Achievements toward rank will be tracked using Scoutbook. Only Den Leaders are able to record the achievement progress for scouts. If parents work on achievements at home, they are responsible for communicating with their Den Leader for tracking purposes. Should any disagreements arise, the Advancement Coordinator will work with Den Leaders and Pack Leadership to resolve the issue. Parents are encouraged to create an account and follow along in your scout's journey.

Awards and Recognitions

As scouts journey toward their rank, they will have many achievements along the way. Belt Loops/pins are used as recognition along the way. Our Advancement Coordinator works with Den Leaders to ensure your scout is being recognized at Pack Meetings. Our advancement ceremony is typically at our spring campout. Please be aware, that a scout must attend a minimum of 51% of their den meetings to be eligible for advancement.

Registration and Dues

Registration fees for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts is \$100 for the scouting year. Fees for Arrow of Light Scouts are \$65. Your assistance with fundraising supplements the funding we require to run a successful scouting unit.

What does registration include? Nearly everything. We do our best to make sure your scout is fully covered by his registration – including a free Pack tee shirt (Class B Uniform). Also included is: pinewood derby car, rocket engines, all achievement awards, food and entertainment at special events (minus the pinewood derby), activity fees, camping fees, Pack dues to the BSA, subscription to Boys Life Magazine (name change expected this year), etc.

Some additional fees may be incurred by the adult leader (and/or siblings) accompanying your scout. However, the cost of those activities is always done at cost to save our families money.

Fundraising

Fundraising is critical to the success of the whole Pack. Registration dues only cover half of our programming budget. While we don't have a minimum requirement for fundraising, we do ask that you actively participate in the fundraising efforts. Our Pack generally participates in two fundraisers a year: Popcorn Sales in the fall, and Coupon Book Sales in the spring.

Cub Bucks

Cub Bucks are used as part of a reward program, and are earned throughout the year. Scouts can be awarded by any member of the leadership team, and for a variety of reasons. Den Leaders are also given cub bucks to hand out during your den meetings too. Scouts will redeem their Cub Bucks for prizes at our End of Year Auction.

Fundraising and participating in scouting events is another great way to earn extra Cub Bucks!

Cub Buck Awards:

Fundraising: Popcorn and Coupon Books

- Scouts will earn double the Cub Bucks for each dollar earned in fundraising.
 - Ex: \$400 in fundraising sales earns \$800 in Cub Bucks.
- Top fundraiser in each Den (for each fundraiser) will receive a bonus of \$500 Cub Bucks
- Top fundraiser in the Pack (for each fundraiser) will receive a \$1000 bonus

Additional prizes and/or awards may be given. Those will be announced at the Pack meetings.

Parental Involvement

Cub Scouting is very family oriented, and parents are encouraged to participate in both Den and Pack activities. Whether it's helping in your Den, or helping with the Pack, we are all responsible for helping the pack grow. Volunteerism and service to others are important values in scouting, and your scout looks to you for those examples. Pack leadership and Den Leaders already do so much for our scouts, please consider a small amount of time to help out.

Also note that Lion and Tiger scouts are required to have an adult partner with them at all times.

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for all adult leaders, and any adults that attend a council sponsored camping event. BSA requires "two deep leadership" at all times. This means that a minimum of two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a participating Scout's parent, or another adult is required for all trips and outings. It also requires that **one-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.**

Pack Information

www.shacpack1776.org

Here you will find news, announcements, calendars, forms, and other pertinent information for the pack. Monthly emails/newsletters will also be sent via email.

www.facebook.com/groups/pack1776/

This is a closed group, and adults will only be allowed on the page if they have a scout in our Pack.

Decisions / Conflicts

All decisions will be made for the Pack by a majority decision of Pack Leadership and Committee (where applicable). No one party can make a decision without the consent or knowledge of the other leaders.

Should a conflict occur, information will be gathered and discussed by Pack Leadership. It is the responsibility of Pack Leadership to decide the best course of action for the Pack. Pack Leadership reserves the right to include any party they deem necessary or valid in the making or voting on a decision.