

# PACK 316 PARENT HANDBOOK

Welcome to Pack 316 and Cub Scouts!



**"The Cub scout follows Akela, the Cub Scout helps the pack go, the Pack helps the Cub Scout grow, the Cub Scout gives goodwill"**

<b>Scouts Name:</b>	
<b>Rank</b>	
<b>Den Number</b>	
<b>Den Leader</b>	
<b>Den Leader Phone</b>	
<b>Den Meeting Place</b>	
<b>Den Meeting Time</b>	
<b>Den Dues (monthly)</b>	
<b>Pack Committee Chairperson</b>	
<b>Cubmaster</b>	<b>Harley Henderson Sr.</b>

District & Pack Website: [www.spanishtrailbsa.org/](http://www.spanishtrailbsa.org/)

**Pine Burr Area Council**

**Spanish Trail District**

**Pack 316 2001-2002 Monthly Activity Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time/Place</b>

**\*Summertime Pack Activity**

NOTE: All dates and times are tentative (Get with den leader)

Monthly Leaders and Committee meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Scout Hut in Pass Christian (2<sup>nd</sup> & Fleitas by the Tennis Courts) at 7:00PM. (Parents welcome)

Monthly Roundtable meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Gulfport United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm (Parents welcome)

## **Welcome!**

Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 316! Our pack is made up of approximately 5 dens consisting of 25-30 scouts and their families. Most scouts go to DeLisle, Pass Christian, St. Paul and Pineville however attendance at the school is not requirement. Pack 316 believes that Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose. We follow the rules and policies set by the national organization. You will find that the pack is very active and there is always something going on. We recommend attendance at as many activities as possible while striking a balance with other commitments.

## **Pack 316 Organization**

Each Cub Scout Pack is sponsored by an organization. Our chartering organization is Rotary Club in Pass Christian. In February of the fifth grade school year (Annual Blue and Gold Ceremony), the scouts cross over to Boy Scout Troop 316, also sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Cub Scout Pack 316 is made up of first through fifth grade boys. Boys meet in small groups (dens) of 6 to 12 boys from the same age/grade. Each den has an adult leader and an assistant (2 deep leadership).

## **The 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 their leaders. The Pack meets once a month with Cub Scouts, leaders, parents and other family members attending. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the scouts, their parents, and their leaders for achievements. In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors certain special projects. These include community projects (e.g., Scouting For Food), outdoor activities (e.g., fishing rodeo, family campouts, etc.), and fun competitions (e.g., Pinewood Derby & Raingutter Regatta).

## **The Den**

A Cub Scout Pack is divided into small groups called dens, which meet under the direction of adult Den leaders and Assistant den leaders. The den allows scouts to get to know each other better and engage in activities that would be difficult in pack meetings. Den meeting activities are planned around monthly themes and include games, handicrafts, outdoor fun, and taking part in simple ceremonies and songs. Work on advancement requirements is included, but parents are vital helpers in completing requirements for advancement. The den leaders will ask for special assistance occasionally from parents (helping with a meeting, sharing a special skill, or providing a snack for the scouts).

Dens are organized by rank. Ranks are organized by grade and age. Keep in mind that grade is the primary determination for ranking and age is the backup.

**TIGER CUBS**—In the first grade, (or 7 years old)

**WOLF SCOUTS** -- In the second grade, (or 8 years old)

**BEAR SCOUTS** -- In the third grade, ( or 9 years old)

**WEBELOS SCOUTS I, II** —In the fourth and fifth grade, (or 10 years old) Boys can earn the Arrow of Light 6 months after completing the fourth grade, or 6 months after turning 10.

**BOY SCOUTS**—Completed the fifth grade, or age 11, or have earned the Arrow of Light.

### **Leaders**

The pack leadership consists of the Chartered Organization Representative, the Pack Committee Members, Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and Den Leader Coaches. A leader must be a U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age, appointed by the chartered organization and registered as an adult leader of the BSA. All adult leaders must attend Youth Protection and Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, a one-day training course organized by the council.

The pack is run by the Pack Committee, which is headed by the Committee Chairperson. In Pack 316, committee members fill the following positions: chairperson, secretary, treasurer, public relations, advancements, membership and activities. The Committee meets once each month to plan pack meetings and other pack activities. A description of each leadership element follows. If there are vacant positions we will recruit new volunteers to fill these positions as well as 2 deep leadership for the dens.

### **Chartered Organization Representative**

The chartered organization representative is the direct contact between the pack and the chartered organization. This individual is also the organization's contact with the district committee and the local council. The chartered organization representative may become a member of the district committee and is a voting member of the council. The chartered organization representative's responsibilities are to:

- Help recruit the right leadership for the unit.
- Serve as a liaison between the units and the organization.
- See that scouts graduate from unit to unit.
- Bring district help and promote the use of district personnel and materials.
- Encourage recognition of leaders.
- Cultivate resources to support the organization.
- Represent the organization at the council level.
- Support the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Pack Committee**

The Pack Committee takes care of the administrative needs of the pack and is similar to a government cabinet. It is organized and chaired by the Pack Committee Chairperson. There are positions in the committee for treasurer, secretary, advancement chairman, and religious award coordinator. The Committee doesn't "own" the pack; it is simply an administrative arm of the chartered organization. The committee is responsible for:

- Finding a meeting place and setting meeting times
- Setting the Pack policies in accordance with Boy Scouting and the chartered organization.
- Provide the finances and fundraising coordination for the Pack.
- Caring for Pack property.
- Ensuring quality adult leadership and seeing that the leadership is recruited and properly trained.
- Supporting the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Pack Committee Chairperson**

The Pack Committee Chairperson organizes and facilitates the running of the Pack Committee. This person works with the Cubmaster to make sure that the responsibilities of the Pack Committee are being met and represents the Pack to the local council. The Pack Committee Chairperson is responsible for:

- Promoting the recruiting of new scouts.
- Managing finances, maintaining adequate pack records, and caring for pack property.
- Maintaining a close relationship with the chartered organization representative.
- Developing and maintaining strong pack-troop relationships.
- Helping recruit den leaders and coaches.
- Being ready to fill in for the Cubmaster in case of emergency.
- Supporting the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Cubmaster**

The Cubmaster is actively involved with the scouts and leaders on a weekly basis. The Cubmaster is responsible for:

- Leading the monthly Pack meeting, with the help of the other leaders.
- Guiding, supporting, and motivating the other adult leaders.
- Planning the den and pack programs with the help of the other leaders.
- Coordinating the total program for the pack and making sure the dens are functioning well.
- Helping recruit den leaders and coaches and making sure they receive training.
- Supporting the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Den Leader Coach**

The Den Leader Coach is an experienced leader who helps other leaders who are taking over a new Den. The den leader coach is responsible for:

- Helping ensure stable, active, enthusiastic den leaders for all Cub Scout or Webelos dens.
- Aiding new den leaders by helping them plan and conduct their first several meetings.
- Attending den meetings as needed.
- Filling in for a den leader in case of emergency.
- Showing den leaders the importance of maintaining den records.
- Supporting the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Den Leaders**

Den Leaders plan and organize den meetings and keep track of the scouts' advancements. Den Leaders should try to engage the parents in the den meetings, both to make the Den Leader's job easier and to increase the scouts' enjoyment. The Cub Scout Den Leader is responsible for:

- Maintaining a friendly relationship with scouts and encouraging them to advance.
- Keeping accurate records and seeing that scouts receive recognition for their achievements.
- Using the talents of den families to help enrich the den program.
- Helping set a good example for the scouts by behavior, attitude, and proper uniform.
- Leading the den in its participation at pack meetings.
- Collecting weekly den dues and turning them in to the pack treasurer.
- Keeping accurate den records.

- Supporting the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Den Chief**

Must be an older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Explorer who has been a Boy Scout. Preferably a former Cub Scout, ideally at least First Class rank. Selected by the senior patrol leader and Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach or Explorer Advisor upon request by the Cubmaster. Approved by the Cubmaster and Pack Committee for recommendation to the den leader. Registered as a youth member of a troop, team, or post. The Cub Scout den chief's responsibilities are to:

- Know the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings.
- Set a good example by attitude and correct uniform.
- Be a friend to the boys in the den.
- Take part in weekly den meetings.
- Assist the den in its part of the monthly pack meeting.
- Know the importance of the monthly theme and pack meeting plans.
- Meet regularly with the den leader to review den and pack meeting plans. Meet as needed with adult members of the den, pack, and troop.
- Encourage Cub Scouts to become Webelos Scouts when they are eligible.

### **Parents**

Parents play an important role in Pack 316. Most, if not all the leadership positions in the pack are held by parents of the scouts in the pack. If you are interested in filling a leadership position that you find appealing, let the Cubmaster or any pack committee member know. The leaders will do their best to provide a quality program, but all the leaders are volunteers and have other obligations. We depend on parents to help maintain the excellent program we have established. We ask every parent to help the pack in some capacity. You should do your share in organizing den meetings and working with the den leader of your son's den. In addition, you should help with at least three pack activity a year (e.g. Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Dinner, or an outing). A parent should attend the pack meetings together with the Cub Scout.

### **Meetings**

#### **Den Meetings**

Most dens meet three times a week at the Scout Hut, Den Leader's home or other agreed location. At least two adults are required to be present at all times. In Pack 316, each den has a designated den leader. Den activities are for the scouts present. Parents are asked to understand that the scout's siblings that attend can detract from the experience for the scout and take the leaders time away from their job. In addition, many activities are not age-appropriate for younger children. Parents may want to bring a quiet activity for siblings.

Each Den sets its' own schedule for meetings. You should contact the Den Leader for your son's grade level for the latest information on meeting times.

#### **Pack meetings**

The Pack meetings are held at various dates, times, and places depending upon the activity. Pack meetings are for all the scouts of Pack 316. We expect a parent or the whole family to attend the pack meeting. Please arrive early so the meeting can start on time. Pack meetings generally consist of awards ceremonies, group projects, and announcements about Pack activities. There are many special events: family campouts,

field trips, etc. We usually have one special event each six weeks and three major events over the summer break.

### **Committee Meetings**

Leaders of Pack 316 discuss organizational matters, future events and exchange ideas.

These meetings are held monthly.

### **Roundtable**

Roundtable is for the exchange of information and announcements for leaders of the whole district. Leaders are encouraged to attend roundtable. Parents are welcome.

### **Ranks and Advancement**

Boys work their way through Cub Scouts doing activities that are fun and challenging. The activities are carefully chosen to be age-appropriate and emphasize learning by doing. They are designed to:

- Influence a boy's character development and spiritual growth.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- Improve understanding within the family.
- Strengthen a boy's ability to get along with others.
- Show a boy how to be helpful and do his best.
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do.

In addition to the activities that contribute to advancement in rank, the scouts can earn belt loops, pins and letters in the optional academic and athletic program. The purpose of these awards is to encourage Scouts to try new activities and learn new skills. As in all activities in Cub Scouting, this is not meant to be a highly competitive program, instead the scouts are encouraged to "do their best".

Pack 316 also encourages every scout to earn the Cub Scout religious awards for their faith. We strive for maximum participation in this program.

### **Recognition:**

Pack 316 will initiate a new program for Pack Activity recognition. After attending 3 Pack events (Activities/Pack Meetings) the Cubscout will earn the appropriate segment (A segment is a small patch for recognition of participation in a Pack activity.). After attending the second Pack event the Cub scout will earn a round Spanish Trail District Patch. The third activity earns the scout their Red Vest. The Red Vest is not part of the official uniform but can be worn with it. All patches, segments, ribbons, awards and pins can be placed on this Red Vest. The District patch is the only one that has a designated place centered on the back of the Vest. The segments will circle the District patch creating an Activity wheel.

### **First Graders**

Cub Scouts joining as first graders enter the Tiger Cubs. Tiger Cubs have a new program this year. Tiger Cub dens meet as a Den and participate in all pack activities. Tiger Cubs introduces boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they "Search, Discover, and Share" together as well as new program initiatives. They will earn the rank of Tiger Cub and complete Bobcat requirements during this first year of scouting.

### **Second Graders**

Cub Scouts in the second grade or above begin advancement by earning the Bobcat Badge (if not already earned). As part of the Bobcat Badge requirements, they must learn the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto.

In the second grade, Cub Scouts work toward the Wolf Badge, then toward a Gold Arrow Point and one or more Silver Arrow Points. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass twelve achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. The requirements for these badges are found in the Wolf Cub Scout Book. Boys working towards their Wolf Badge are called Wolf Cubs.

### **Third Graders**

In the third grade, Cub Scouts are called Bear Cubs and work toward the Bear Badge, after which they work toward earning a Gold Arrow Point and one or more Silver Arrow Points. There are 24 Bear achievements in 4 different categories. The Cub Scout must complete 12 of these to earn the Bear badge. The requirements for these badges are found in the Bear Cub Scout Book. Boys joining in the third grade must earn their Bobcat Badge before working towards the Bear Badge.

### **Fourth and Fifth Graders**

The Webelos Program is a 2-year program for fourth and fifth graders. First, they earn their Bobcat if they have not done so in a previous year. Then in both years, they work toward earning Webelos Activity Pins in 20 different areas, arranged in 5 groups, and toward one of two different cloth Badges.

Fourth grade boys work toward the Webelos Badge. After earning the Webelos Badge, boys work toward Compass Point emblem and compass points by earning additional Activity Pins.

Fifth graders, after earning the Webelos Badge, earn the Arrow of Light. The Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouts. The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout Badge that may be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. The requirements for these badges are found in the Webelos Cub Scout Book.

The scouts and leaders should wear their uniforms to all Pack meetings, den meetings, Roundtable, and outings. For activities like the beach cleanup, or camping activities that may cause damage to the uniform, we would like the boys to wear their official scout caps to identify them as scouts. Scout T-shirts are available for sale where uniforms are sold. A Pack 316 T-shirt, may be worn for such activities as well when designated by Cubmaster (Class B uniform).

Scouts in Pack 316 buy their own uniform, including general patches. The pack provides advancement badges. Tiger cubs have an orange Tiger T-shirt. Wolf and Bear cubs use the blue Cub Scout uniform, while Webelos can choose whether to wear a blue Cub Scout uniform or tan Boy Scout uniform shirt. Pack 316 accepts any dark blue pants or shorts worn with the blue Cub Scout shirt.

### **Cub Scout Uniform**



Pack 316 highly encourages all scouts to wear their uniforms smartly and proudly. Once a quarter, each pack activity will begin with a uniform inspection.. We can consider the first Wednesday of each month as being designated by the pack as "Wear your scout uniform to school day".

This infom is designed to inform and educate scouts, leaders, and parents alike in the proper wear of the uniform. There is a specific way to wear the uniform and correct placement of awards is very important.

Recycled uniform items should be turned in to den leaders or Cubmaster.

### Why Do Cubs Wear Uniforms?

The Boy Scouts of America have always been a uniformed body. There are many reasons for this. One reason stands out above all the rest. We wear the uniform because it is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles to which we are committed: character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.

The fact that youth and adult members of Scouting wear a uniform doesn't mean that we're all alike. We come from different ethnic and racial backgrounds. We have our own religious beliefs and political views. All of us are individuals with our own family traditions and loyalties. So the uniform is not intended to hide our individuality. But it is a way we give each other strength and support. It is a bond that ties us together in spite of our differences. It is a way of making visible our commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and to helping other people.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform, we are openly identifying ourselves with those values where everyone can see us. We stand together, not alone, in encouraging others to live by those same principles. Boys and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.

### Pack 316's Uniform Policy

Our pack highly encourages all leaders and scouts to wear the **full** uniform. Due to scouting-age boys growing rapidly and some pricey items, many families wear the uniform from the waist up. Whatever uniform is worn-it should be worn correctly. Uniform items can be purchased new or used. Many thrift stores carry scouting uniform items at very affordable prices. Uniforms should be worn by all cubscouts and adult leaders at all Den and Pack Meetings, when traveling and on any outings. The pack T-shirt may be designated as the "uniform of the day" by the cubmaster.

## What to Wear

### **Tiger Cubs (and Parents)**

- Orange Tiger Cub T-Shirt
- Tiger Cub Hat
- Official Cub Scout belt

### **Wolves - 2nd Grade**

- Blue Cub Scout Shirt, with US flag - long or short sleeve

- Pine Burr Area Council Patch
- Pack 316 (red and white numbers)
- Your Den Number
- World Scout Crest Emblem (purple patch with the *fleur-de-lis* symbol)
- Yellow Cub Scout Neckerchief and Cub Scout Slide
- Honor Unit Patch (when earned by the Packs)
- Official Cub Scout hat
- Official Cub Scout belt and pants - optional

### **Bears - 3rd Grade**

- Blue Cub Scout Shirt, with US flag - long or short sleeve
- Pine Burr Area Council Patch
- Pack 316 (red and white numbers)
- Your Den Number
- World Scout Crest Emblem (purple patch with the *fleur-de-lis* symbol)
- Blue Cub Scout Neckerchief and Cub Scout Slide
- Honor Unit Patch (when earned by the Packs)
- Official Cub Scout hat
- Official Cub Scout belt and pants - optional

### **Webelos I, II - 4th and 5th Grade**

- As determined by each Den or Patrol, Blue Cub Scout or Tan Boy Scout Shirt - long or short sleeve
- Pine Burr Area Council Patch
- Pack 316 (red and white numbers)
- Your Den Number or Patrol Patch
- Webelos Colors (place activity pins on)
- World Scout Crest Emblem (purple patch with the *fleur-de-lis* symbol)
- Checkered Webelos Neckerchief and Webelos Slide
- Honor Unit Patch (when earned by the Packs)
- Official Cub Scout hat
- Official Cub Scout belt and pants - optional

### **Adult Leaders**

- Shirt
  - Cub Scout Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders - Yellow Cub Scout or Tan Boy Scout Shirt
  - Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmasters, Pack Committee Chairman and (optional) Other Pack Committee Members - Tan Boy Scout Shirt
- Pine Burr Area Council Patch
- Pack 316 (red and white numbers)

- Your Den or Patrol Number (for Den Leaders and Assistants)
- Leadership Insignia (e.g., Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee Member, etc.)
- World Scout Crest Emblem (purple patch with the *fleur-de-lis* symbol)
- Honor Unit Patch (when earned by the Packs)
- Blue Shoulder Loops

## **Handbooks**

Parents purchase the Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos books as needed. Handbooks can be bought at Jerome's Department Store in Bay St. Louis or through the official BSA catalog (refer to website for other locations). Used items can be purchased from local thrift stores as well. The parents and the leaders track the scout's progress by "sign-off" of rank requirements in the handbooks. 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 includes a parent guide.

## **Fees**

The 2001—2002 registration fee is \$ 11.00  
Boys Life \$14.00 (optional but encouraged)

## **Dues**

Each Den pays monthly dues to the pack. The pack collects \$3.00/scout per month from the den leaders. Each den leader sets a monthly dues amount as agreed upon by the parents for their respective dens. For a den to set a monthly dues of \$6.00 is not unreasonable. \$3.00 to pack \$3.00 for Den supplies. Each den sets up its own workable situation.

## **Pack Fundraiser(s)**

For the leadership to conduct a quality program, a certain amount of funds is needed. The pack holds an annual fundraiser to be determined by Pack Committee (Spaghetti Dinner). Parents in the pack, who own businesses, can make tax-free donations to Pack 316. The monies collected are used towards conducting the monthly pack activities (rental fees, supplies, etc.) and to purchase all awards and advancements. The scouts who participate in the fundraiser are fulfilling the Law of the Pack by "helping the pack go".

## **Pack 316 Scouting Practices**

### **Use of Knives by Cub Scouts**

To earn the right to carry a pocketknife at Cub Scout functions, the scouts must be in third grade and have earned the Whittling Chip by completing the Shavings and Chips Achievement 19 in the Bear Cub Scout Book. Please don't give the boys knives until they meet these requirements.

In return for the privilege of carrying a pocketknife at Cub Scout functions, the Cub must understand the rules for safe use of a pocketknife and handle his pocketknife with care. Failure to follow the guidelines will result in suspension of the carrying privilege.

BSA guidelines provide that the knife must be a folding knife with a blade shorter than the palm of the boy's hand.

### **Inappropriate Behavior**

The goal of the adult leaders is to have a safe, fun Pack program for the Scouts. The adult leaders have the right to intervene in any situation that they deem unsafe. If a Scout is unwilling to abide by the requirements of the adult leaders in charge, the leaders may require a parent to come get the Scout.

### **Entertainment Electronics**

Pack 316 does not allow the use of "entertainment" electronics (Walkman, Gameboys, tape players, CD's, electronic games, headphones, etc.) at scout meetings, scout sponsored functions, or scout outings, including camping trips. This goes for the leaders as well.

Electronic devices such as two-way radios, cellular phones, radios used to check weather reports or other devices that are used to insure the safety of the scouts, parents, or leaders are allowed.

### **Camping Guidelines**

Pack 316 participates in several camping trips each year (these are not mandatory). The scout and his entire family are encouraged to attend. The Boy Scouts of America has established the guidelines for its member's participation in camping activities.

A Cub Scout may participate in overnight camping when supervised by his mother or father. If a parent cannot attend, the boy's family must make arrangements for another adult relative to be a substitute for a parent at the campout. It is essential that each Scout be under the supervision of an adult. Cub Scouts are limited to boy-parent excursions or program-managed family camping designed for the entire family.

When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian. There are exceptions for Webelos Scouts at approved outings.

### **Internet Guidelines**

We maintain a current pack calendar and lots of useful information on our web site at <http://www.spanishtrailbsa.org/>. We follow the Internet guidelines of the BSA and the local council. Our web site is linked with several other scouting webbrings and provides an excellent resource for scouts, leaders, and parents.

The basic pack webpage guidelines are as follows:

- No last names for the boys or adults are used on the site.
- Pictures are identified by the event only and no names (first or last) are associated with photos.
- The web site is administered and managed by a registered leaders of Pack 316 and District Committee assistance.
- Send an e-mail to the webmaster from the home page if you need additional information.

### **Boy Scouts of American Safe Scouting Policies**

The following key items, marked with the symbol are extracted from A Unit Leader's Guide for Current Policies and Procedures to Safe Activities (ISBN 0-8395-4416-2, © 1998 Boy Scouts of America Revised 2001). Leaders should have access to a copy of this document for additional safety topics (swimming, boating, climbing, etc.).

These are national policies enforced by the adult leaders of Pack 316 and violation of these policies by the boy or his parent will result in the removal of the scout from the pack. Repeated violation by members of a Pack can cause the revocation of the Pack charter by the Boy Scouts of America.

### **Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use and Abuse**

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances 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.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all youth participants.

### **Guidelines for Safely Using Chemical Stoves and Lanterns**

Use compressed or liquid-gas stoves or lanterns with knowledgeable adult supervision only and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted.

Never fuel a stove, heater, or lantern inside; always do this outdoors. Never fuel, ignite, or operate a stove, heater, or lantern in a tent. Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.

### **Flammability Warning**

No tent material is completely fireproof. The most important safeguard is to keep flames away from tent materials. For this reason, the following safety precautions are emphasized:

- Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in tents.
- Never use liquid-fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, matches, and other flame sources in or near tents.
- Do not pitch tents near an open fire.
- Only use battery operated devices in tents.

### **Fireworks**

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use, and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.

### **Guns and Firearms**

The Boy Scouts of America adheres to its long-standing policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, air-guns, and BB guns in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs.

Gun-shooting sports are not an approved part of the Cub Scout program except at council-approved Cub Scout camps. At camp, Cub Scouts may have an opportunity to take part in a BB gun (rifle) safety and marksmanship program under the direction of a trained and certified BB-gun range officer.

Cub Scouts are not permitted to use any other type of handgun or firearm.

Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities.

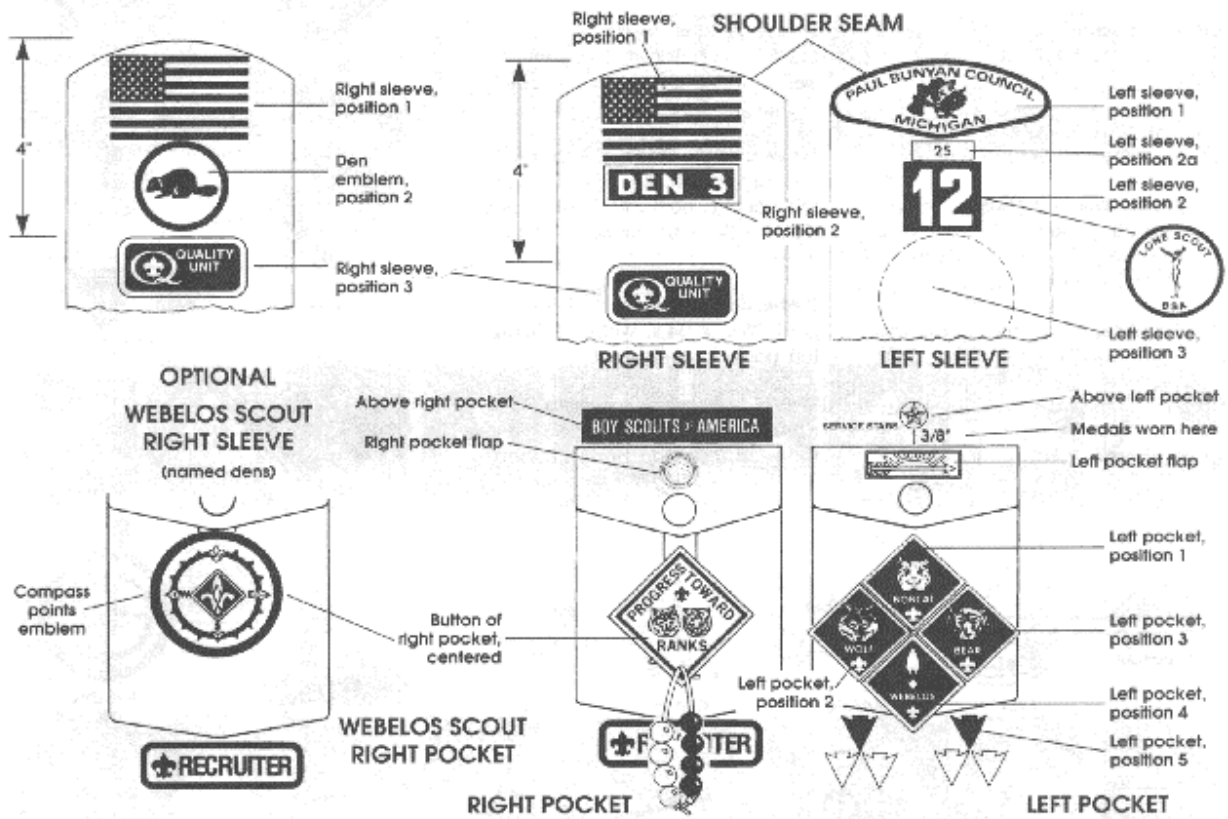
### **Transportation**

Seat belts are required for all occupants. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. Passenger cars or station wagons

may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of station wagons. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. Do not exceed the speed limit.

If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 persons, including the driver, the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL). An adult leader must be in charge and accompany the group. The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age.

## Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Insignia





## **CUB SCOUT SPORTS AND ACADEMICS PROGRAM**

Cub Scout Sports and Academics is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scout program. The sports and academics areas provide experiences for boys to learn new techniques, develop sportsmanship, increase scholarship skills, and have fun. Participating in the program allows boys to be recognized for enjoying teamwork, physical fitness, and talent-building activities. The Cub Scout Sports and academics program encourages a boy to do his best.

The main concepts of the Cub Scout Sports and Academics program follow:

- It supplements the existing advancement and recognition program for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, but does not replace it. The program is one part of Cub Scouting, as are den and pack meetings, day camp, and other activities.
- Any registered Cub Scout or Webelos scout has an opportunity to participate in the Sports and Academics program.
- Participation may take place at home, in a den or pack, or in the community.
- Adult participation is strongly encouraged. The adult should be a parent or relative if possible.
- Emphasis is placed on *introducing* a boy to a sport or academic subject, allowing him to participate in it, and encouraging him to do his best. The Cub Scout Sports and Academics program does not emphasize winning.
- The primary focus of the program is on sportsmanship and scholarship.
- Each Cub Scout and Webelos Scout is presented the appropriate recognition item for participating as an individual Scout, with his den or pack, or in his community.
  
- The Sports portion of the program includes summer and winter sports, indoor and outdoor sports, active and less active sports, and team and individual sports.
- The Academics portion of the program covers a variety of areas including Art, Citizenship, Communicating, Geography, Heritages, Math, Music, and Science.

Pack leadership determines how the Cub Scout Sports and Academics program is implemented in the dens and pack. Pack leaders define what level of participation is appropriate, how dens can

be involved, what constitutes a den or pack tournament, when and how recognition takes place, how costs of the program are budgeted, and how requirements are verified. The booklets for the sports and academics subjects contain information, suggested activities, and the specific requirements to earn the recognition for the particular activity. In the back of each booklet is a record form where the boy and his adult partner can track their progress.

Generally, each sport or academics subject has two levels of involvement:

- At the first level, a Cub Scout is encouraged to do his best to learn about the activity as discussed in the booklet. He then takes part in the sport or academic subject in practice or play. Remember, the Cub Scout can take part in one of three places--individually or with the family, in the den or pack, or in the community. Once he has done these two steps of learning and participating, he is awarded the Sports or Academics belt loop.
- At the second level, A Cub Scout (and his adult partner, if he chooses) may continue with extensive participation in the activity and earn a Sports or Academics pin.

In the sports areas, the points requirements are easy---just remember "**30/60/90**." One point is earned for each 30 minutes spent practicing or participating in the given activity. The Cub Scout must earn **60** points in a 90-day period to be eligible for a Sports pin (roughly 30 hrs. in 3 months or 1 hour every 3 days for 90 days).

The requirements for earning an Academics pin are very similar, although some academics subjects require completion of a project rather than earning 60 points.

There are also Sports and Academics letters and a Sports or Academics participation patch available. Additional information on how to use this program in the den and pack program is contained in the *Cub Scout Sports and Academics Leader Guide*.