

# Chart Your Course For Scouting Adventure



## Cub Scout Pack 3 Handbook

PACK 3 COMMITTEE

Dear Scouts and Parents,

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 3! We are happy that your family has made the choice to join us in all that Scouting has to offer. We look forward to watching your son grow with us over the next few years. Some of you may be familiar with our Pack or with Scouting but there are just as many who are new to Cub Scouts. This handbook is designed to provide you with as much information as possible so that you can help your son make the most of his Scouting experience.

There are many different activities that are important in a boy's life which your son may choose to participate in. Our Scouting program is intended to complement your son's other activities while introducing him to new and different things to expand his world and open up new possibilities. There may be times (or stretches of time) where these events conflict with a Scout events and meetings and that is okay just make contact with your son's Den Leader and let them know that you will not be able to attend. If there is a case where your son will miss multiple Scouting events, for example sports activities, let your Den leader know and continue to work with him on the requirements in his handbook so that he will not fall behind in his rank advancement.

Pack 3 is an adult lead organization that will rely on YOU as a volunteer to help make the program go and be the best it can be. We have different levels of commitment and veteran leadership willing to guide you. As a part of Pack 3, a parent from each family will be expected to participate as a volunteer in some capacity during the year. Without you, it simply will not work.

The Boy Scouts of America has a long standing tradition of helping others so throughout the year we will take part in service projects. We will also take part in fundraisers a few fundraisers. It is important to have participation in these fundraisers because they money earned determines the program activities we can partake in, if there is a fee for those activities and the dues charged. Currently our Pack dues are \$80.00 for the entire year.

Information about area events, District/Council/Pack events is disrupted at Pack meetings, Den meetings, via email and if needed phone calls. The Pack maintains a website that is intended to be a central and convenient location to display all of the information that has been handed out; our website is <http://cubscoutpack03.weebly.com>. If you have a suggestion on something we could add that would be of value to you, please bring it to our attention and we would love to find a way to add it.

If at any time you have a question or concern please do not hesitate to contact Pack leadership and we will answer your question or address your concern as quickly as possible. We also welcome your feedback, so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

Yours in Scouting,  
Pack 3 Leadership

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# Welcome to Cub Scouting

## About Scouting

Since its beginning, the Cub Scout program has been a fun and educational experience concerned with values. Besides providing a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

The color of Cub Scouts are blue and gold but they aren't just colors they have special meaning. The blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. The gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness.

## The Purpose and Benefits of Scouting

The Cub Scouting Program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America – to build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Some of the Benefits of Scouting are:

1. Strengthen Families
2. Help boys develop interests and skills
3. Build self-esteem
4. Help them gain confidence
5. Develop a sense of belonging
6. Give opportunities to experience new adventure

## Character Development

Since its origin, the Scouting program has been an educational experience concerned with values. In 1910, the first activities for Scouts were designed to build character, physical fitness, practical skills, and service. These elements were part of the original Cub Scout program and continue to be part of Cub Scouting today

Character development should extend into every aspect of a boy's life. Character development should also extend into every aspect of Cub Scouting. Cub Scout leaders should strive to use Cub Scouting's **12 core values** throughout all elements of the program—service projects, ceremonies, games, skits, songs, crafts, and all the other activities enjoyed at den and pack meetings

Cub Scouting's Core Values:

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|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Citizenship | 5. Faith              | 9. Positive Attitude |
| 2. Compassion  | 6. Health and Fitness | 10. Resourcefulness  |
| 3. Cooperation | 7. Honesty            | 11. Respect          |
| 4. Courage     | 8. Perseverance       | 12. Responsibility   |

Character is "values in action."

## Pack Structure

### Dens

1. Your son is a member of a Den that correlates with his rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos).
  - a. Typically has between 5 and 10 boys of the same age
  - b. Typically meet once a week.
  - c. The Den is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent), who is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader, and often a Den Chief (which is a trained older Scout from a Boy Scout Troop) and a Denner (a Cub Scout elected by Den Members to help for the month)
  - d. Includes games, crafts, skits, songs. Ceremonies and periodic field trips

Den Leaders are coordinate den activities; however, parents will be called upon to assist as needed. This may mean helping with a den meeting or one of the other den activities, gathering materials for a craft project, or providing snacks. Your den leader will hold a parent meeting to discuss parent participation and support. BSA Youth Protection Guidelines state that no den meeting may take place without two deep adult leadership. This means one registered Scout volunteer and at least one other adult must be present at any den activity. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule. This is for the safety of your child, as well as the other children in the scouting organization.

### Pack

1. Your son is a Member of a Pack which:
  - a. Is made up of all Dens (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos) within the Charter Organization
  - b. Meets once a month called a "Pack Meeting"
    - i. The Pack Meeting is led by the Cubmaster
    - ii. The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month
    - iii. The Pack meeting is where the Scout's earn recognition for all of the hard work they have done or a special event they would like to share.
    - iv. Pack meetings are also a chance for all of the Dens to come together for fellowship as one giant Unit.
    - v. In addition to receiving awards and recognition the meetings have activities, games, skits, and songs.

## Pack Committee

1. The Pack is run by the Pack Committee; led by the Committee Chairman
2. All parents, Den Leaders and Pack Leaders make up the committee
  - a. This requires a 30minute online Youth Protection Training on [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org)
3. The Committee typically meets once a month with a large planning session once a year
4. The Committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack finances, orders badges, coordinates fundraising projects, helps train leaders and recognizes leaders, supervising equipment, assisting Leaders, ensuring that all Cub Scouts receive a year-round program, quality program.

## Chartered Organization

1. The Chartered Organization can be parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in providing quality programing for youth. Our Chartered Organization is the United Methodist Men of Swansboro.
2. Chartered Organizations approve leadership, help secure a safe meeting place and keep the Pack within the sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
3. Charter Organizations select a Chartered Organization Representative which is a liaison between your Pack and the sponsor organization.

## Boy Scouts of America Council and District

The purpose of the District is to organize and support successful units by working through chartered organizations. Our District is White Oak River District (WORD) <http://whiteoakriverdistrict.scoutlander.com> and our Council is the East Carolina Council (ECC) <http://www.eccbsa.org/>

Districts are responsible for carrying out six standard functions:

1. Membership
2. Finance
3. Programing; Activities and Civic Service, Camping, Training, Advancement and Recognition
4. Unit Service
5. Facility Maintenance
6. Record Keeping and General Administrative functions

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1. Registration
2. Finance
3. Programing; Activities and Civic Service, Camping, Training, Advancement and Recognition
4. Unit Support
5. Facility Maintenance

## 6. General Administrative functions

### Cub Scout Rank Overview

Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with boys on advancement projects.

Here is how it works:

- Bobcat** – All new Scouts must achieve the Rank of Bobcat first no matter where they enter along the Cub Scouting Trail. For achievement of this Rank the Scout must learn the seven basic tenets of Cub Scouting: the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout sign, the Cub Scout handshake, the Cub Scout motto, the Cub Scout salute. In addition the Scout and his Parent must read the Parent Guide in the front of their handbook.
- Lion Scout** – The Lion Cub program has exciting indoor and outdoor activities specifically designed for kindergarten age boys and their adult partner. Adult partners (guardians) are there to support and guide, allowing the new Cub Scout to discover risks and rewards under the security of adult supervision. Lion Cubs learn by doing. As he learns and grows, the relationship with their adult partner (guardian) grows as well. At the conclusion of their kindergarten year, the Lion Cub will transition to Tiger Cubs where he'll earn the Bobcat badge and continue on to even more exciting and educational adventures through Cub Scouting.
- Tiger Scout** – Boys who have reached 6 years old or are entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys get their introduction to Cub Scouting in this adult-child program. Activities at this rank require that a parent or adult leader participate together with of the Tiger Scout. To earn their rank badge each Scout must complete six required adventures and one elective as outlined in their Scout handbook. There are also 12 other adventures in different areas of interest in the elective section that can be completed to earn additional recognition.
- Wolf Scout** – Entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys; to receive their rank they must complete six required adventures and one elective as in the Wolf Handbook. There are also 12 other adventures in different areas of interest in the elective section that can be completed to earn additional recognition.
- Bear Scout** – Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys; to receive their rank they must complete six required adventures and one elective as in the Bear Handbook. There are also 12 other adventures in different areas of interest in the elective section that can be completed to earn additional recognition.

The Webelos program is split between two years; Webelos and Arrow of Light. The same book will be used for both years.

**Webelos Scout** – Entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys; Webelos (pronounced WEE-buh-lows) stands for "WE'll BE LOyal Scouts." To earn this rank they have to complete five required adventures and two electives. The Scouts and/or their Den can choose between 18 different electives. As well as some other requirements to help prepare them for their important transition into Boy Scouts.

**Arrow of Light** – Entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys. To earn this rank they have to complete four required adventures and three electives. The Scouts and/or their Den can choose between 18 different electives. The highest and final rank a Cub Scout can achieve. Upon completion of this coveted award Cub Scouts will have a special ceremony called an Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony where the Pack will say goodbye and take pride in presenting the new prepared Scout to his Boy Scout Troop, who are eager to welcome him.

For each rank along the Cub Scout trail there is a handbook that contains information about the different achievements and activities each Scout needs to complete in order to achieve their rank badge. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the handbooks and help their Scout and Den.

## Other Scouting Awards and Recognition

As the Pack's Adult Leadership is focused on providing fun programing while building on Scouting's Core Values and purposes; the Scouts are focused on something else entirely:

### **AWARDS.**

In addition to the respective rank badges your son will earn he has the opportunity to earn many other awards and recognitions. Other program opportunities are NOVA Awards, Religious Emblems, Outdoor Activity Award, Emergency Preparedness and many more. For a complete list with links to more information about these programs please visit the "Special Programs" page on our website.

If you decide to do a program and need help acquiring additional information, materials or resources please contact any Pack Leadership and we will find you and your Scout the materials that you will need.

## How is Scouting Funded?

### **Fundraisers**

At the Pack level we conduct a few fundraisers to generate an income so that the Pack can provide good programing for the Scouts and their families. The Boy Scouts of America holds a nationwide fundraiser with Trails End Popcorn. The popcorn sale occurs during September and October. The Pack also holds a "Charge-for-Parking" fundraiser in October during the Mullets Festival. There may be additional fundraisers during the year as needed. It is important that we get maximum participation in fundraiser because they help determine the amount of dues that is necessary for the Pack to charge in order to



provide fun programming your Scout and family as well as all necessary materials and awards for your Scout.

## Friends of Scouting

Our Council operations are based on an annual budget. Expenses are mostly for programs and activities, some administrative costs and maintenance expenses at camp. Our income sources vary from United Way to corporations and foundations, but mostly from the generosity of individuals and families like yours. Each year a personal appeal is made to parents and leaders at a pack meeting. When you hear “Friends of Scouting” please consider contributing to the growth of Scouting. Make an “Investment in Character!”

## United Way

Each year United Ways throughout the East Carolina Council, BSA holds their campaigns. We would ask Scouters to support their local United Way Campaign. In 2012 United Way allocations will provide 7% of the dollars needed for our operating budget.

## Special Events and Programs

In addition to monthly Pack meetings there are annually scheduled Cub Scout events listed below:

### Pinewood Derby

This is a Parent/Son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. The car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. The Pack holds a race that all Cub Scouts can take part in. There are extras with the race like the Parent/sibling race and the leader’s race.

### Scout Week

This is a weeklong celebration, sometimes referred to as *Scouting Anniversary Week*, of the Boy Scouts of America’s founding on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Scout week starts with the distribution of Scouting for food flyers and ends the following weekend with food pick-up.

### Scouting for Food

This is an annual two weekend food drive that takes place in February. The first weekend flyers will be distributed to area homes and the following weekend the same homes will be visited for food collection. It is part of a nationwide program, “Good Turn for America” of the Boy Scouts of America, is to help feed the hungry.

## Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 as Scout Sunday. (The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches celebrate Scout Sunday following February 8<sup>th</sup>) Scout Sunday reinforces portions of the Scout Law “a Scout is Reverent” and Promise to do their “Duty to God.” Scout Sabbath is a similar program set up for those Scout’s in the Jewish faith.

## Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a party that celebrates the birthday of Cub Scouting and is held during Scout Week. The Banquets is usually a covered dish dinner that often includes a special program or entertainment.

## Day Camp

This is an exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, archery, BB-gun shooting, sports, and performances. The camp is 5 days long and is held in June.

## Cub/Parent Weekend Camps

Typically the held in the fall and the spring Cub/Parent weekends offer a chance for a parent/family and their Scout to camp and participate in many different activities. There are two a year.

## Cub Scout Resident Camp

We encourage all of our Scouts to attend this Camp which is held the first weekend in August.

# Welcome to Pack 3

## Dress Code

Pack 3 would like each Scout to wear the official Cub Scout Shirt (Class A Uniform), complete with the required insignia (Council Patch, Pack Number, and Den Number), Cub Scout neckerchief with a slide and hat. Pants can be dark blue kakis or blue jeans (official Cub Scout pants can be purchased but it is not necessary). This uniform is mandatory when the Scouts are on an outing and highly encouraged at all Pack and Den meetings.

Certain activities may require that the boys wear closed toed shoes and socks. The Pack also has for purchase Pack T-shirts (Class B Uniform) which can be worn under certain circumstances.

Uniforms and other Scout items can be purchased at **Sound Ace Hardware**, 300 Emerald Plantation Rd, Emerald Isle, NC 28594, (252) 354 – 4640. They are open Monday – Friday 7am to 7pm and Sunday 8am to 6pm.

## Tracking Your Scouts Progress

The Pack has a subscription with a website called ScoutTrack.com. When your Scout's application has been submitted his name will then be added to the ScoutTrack program and an email will be generated to you with your login information. Den Leaders will enter in the activities that are done within the Den but if you complete activities at home with your Scout you can logon to the website and check off those completed activities. The site is very user friendly and offers a number of features. Your Scout's awards are ordered directly from what is imputed on this site so it is important that the information stay as up to date as possible so that your Scout can be recognized for all of his hard work.

## We Want to Know

If your Scout has done something outside of Scouting that you feel displays the character development and values that Scouting tries to ensile we want to know. It is important to the Pack to make sure that our Scout's know that they have done a good job no matter where they are. So if they make the All-Star team, get on the Principles list, help a person who needed it without being asked to please let us know.

## Service Projects

A Scout promise to do their duty to their country and to help others. With this in mind we like to make sure that the Scouts have opportunities to help others and give back to the community that is very supportive of them. One of the Service Projects that our Scouts have had the honor in participating in for the past six our years is Operation Cookie Drop sponsored by the USO in Jacksonville. The Pack bakes sweet treats and deliver them to the Jacksonville USO. The USO then deliver the cookies and other sweet treats to troop members who are on duty over the Christmas Season from Cherry Point, Camp Lejeune, New River and in between.

## Pack Dues

In order to provide a quality program for your Scout and your family we have Pack dues. The dues are \$80.00 for the year and you have the option to pay half (\$40.00) in September and the second half (\$40.00) in February.

Here is how your money is spent per year:

BSA Membership	\$ 25.00
Awards/Advancements Price	\$ 55.00
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

Fundraising is an important part of creating a successful program as the dues cover very little of the programming supplies, trophies, camp-outs, Den resources and special celebrations. If you have any questions or concerns about the dues please feel free to contact the Committee Chair or your Den Leader. Any concerns expressed will be brought before the Committee for discussion without identifying where the concerns came from. Thank you for your support.