

ESCAPE THE INDOORS

Why Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouting provides your child and you exciting opportunities to enjoy activities together. Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Cub Scouts is inclusive, develops character, and teaches citizenship and personal fitness. On top of all that - it's fun!

Instead of being all about winning, our motto is: *"Do Your Best!"*

What is the Structure of Cub Scouts?

Your child will be a part of a **Den**, a small group of Scouts (6-12) in the same grade level. Den leaders are parents who coordinate the schedule and meeting places, and look to other parents in the Den to help with activities. All Dens make up our **Pack**.

How Does My Scout Advance?

Ranks

Lions – Kindergarten, **Tigers** – First Grade

Wolves – Second Grade, **Bears** – Third Grade

Webelos – Fourth Grade, **Arrow of Light** – Fifth Grade

Scouts work on themed requirements called "Adventures" throughout the year for their rank badge. In our Pack, Dens complete requirements for rank badges in time to receive them in a formal ceremony in May.

How Much Time Does it Take?

Our Dens typically meet once a month for 1 to 2 hours at a time and place deemed convenient by Den parents. The Pack meets once a month--typically at Laurel Mountain from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cub Scouts is a family-oriented program. Families are expected to help with Den activities and attend Pack meetings and events with their Scout. Lions and Tiger Scouts must always be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.

What About Uniforms?

We expect Scouts to turn out for Pack meetings, field trips, and Den meetings in uniform (sometimes called a "Class A"). The uniform consists of an official Scout shirt, a neckerchief and slide appropriate to rank (Tiger neckerchiefs are orange, Wolves are red, Bears are blue, Webelos are plaid), and a Cub Scout belt for their belt loop awards. Lions have their own t-shirt uniform. Tigers, Wolves, and Bears wear a blue shirt. Webelos should choose the khaki shirt, as a way to distinguish themselves from the younger kids.

We encourage Scouts get a book (containing all Adventures and electives) appropriate to their rank, but all Adventures/electives can be found online (<https://www.boyscouttrail.com/cub-scouts/cub-scouts.asp>).

How Much Does it Cost?

The yearly membership fee is \$169, which covers dues, and your Scout's Pack T-Shirt (sometimes called a Class "B"). *Campout costs are in addition to membership fee. Prices listed are cash/check prices. A surcharge will apply to online payments.

There is a Scout Life Magazine subscription available for \$24 per year. The Scouts love receiving this magazine every month!

Safety and Youth Protection

Training (online at www.My.Scouting.org) – Every parent **must** complete Youth Protection Training. Training is online and takes about 1.5 hours.

Email certificates of completion to pack169austin.training@gmail.com.

COVID Concerns: Masks are strongly recommended for each person at all Pack events/activities.

Contact Information

Pack website: www.pack169.com

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What's the Schedule?

Here is the tentative schedule for 2021-2022:

Date	Event	Location
2021		
Sep. 2	Join Scouting Night	Mikey's - LME
Sept. 9	First Pack Meeting	Mikey's - LME
Sept. 18	Outdoor Activity	TBD
Oct. 21	Pack Meeting – Bottle Rocket Launch	LME
Oct. 23	Campout	(TBD)
Nov.	Service Project	TBD
Nov. 18	Pack Meeting	LME
Dec. 9	Pack Meeting	LME
2022		
Jan. 20	Pack Meeting	LME
Jan 29	Campout	TBD
Feb. 5	Pinewood Derby	LME
Feb. 12	Cross Over/Blue and Gold Banquet	TBD
Feb. 26	Campout	Green Dickson
Mar. 24	Pack Meeting	LME
Apr.	Service Project	TBD
Apr. 21	Pack Meeting – Egg Drop Challenge	Kelly Reeves Stadium
Apr. 23/30	Campout	TBD
May 12	Final Pack Meeting	LME

About our events

As you can see, Pack 169 has a full year of a broad range of fun activities. Our goal is to give families chances to experience things they might not otherwise get to do and have a GREAT time doing them!

ATTENDANCE: You're welcome to attend the events and outings that match your family's schedule, budget and interests. Pack Meetings are important to make sure your Scout receives deserved recognition.

WE VALUE YOUR INPUT: Each month, all parents are invited to attend our Pack planning sessions where we ask for feedback and assistance on upcoming events. We're always open to new suggestions for fun places to go and neat things to do!

What do I need for camping? (IF we can do it!)

Here is a list of items that would be helpful to have for camping during the year. Most items can be purchased relatively inexpensively at Academy, Wal Mart or other sporting good stores. There is no need for "top of the line" equipment in this Pack.

- *Essentials*
 - Tent (inexpensive, large, family tents are best at this age). Families will tent together.
 - Sleeping bag
 - Sleeping pad / mattress (optional)
 - Pillow
 - Illumination (flashlight, headlamp, lantern)
- *Toiletries*
 - Toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush/comb, soap and towel. We are typically never away long enough to worry about showers.
 - Personal medication
- *Food/Hydration*
 - Water bottle - filled with water at home. There will be water at camp sites but most people prefer at least to start on home water.
 - Reusable food utensils/plates/cups
- *Other Items*
 - Mask
 - Camp chair
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Sun Screen, hat, sunglasses
 - Insect repellent (optional)
- *Footwear*
 - Tennis shoes, hiking boots, or sturdy walking shoes
- *Clothing*
 - Cub Scout uniform and Pack T-Shirt
 - Poncho or rain suit
 - Change of clothes – in case of water or food accident
 - Long pants
 - Fleece or other warm top
 - Night clothes/sleep ware

Interested in Joining? Please complete our Pack 169 Check-Out form:



Pack 169 Austin - Check-Out Form

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