

ESCAPE THE INDOORS

Why Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouting provides your child and you with 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	Bears – Third Grade
Tigers – First Grade	Webelos – Fourth Grade
Wolves – Second 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 Scouting 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 Elementary (LME) 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. Lion and Tiger Scouts must always be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.

How Much Does it Cost?

For school year 2022-2023, the yearly membership fee is \$195, which covers dues and your Scout's Pack T-Shirt (sometimes called a "Class B" uniform). "Class A" uniforms & Scout books are in addition to membership fees, as are campout fees - typically \$10 per campout attendee. Our overnight trip to the USS Lexington this year will be an additional \$75pp. Prices listed are cash/check prices. A surcharge will apply to online payments.

There is a Scout Life Magazine subscription available for \$15 per year. The Scouts love receiving this magazine every month!

What About Uniforms?

Scouts will present for Pack meetings, field trips, and Den meetings in "Class A" uniforms. Lions in Kindergarten have a t-shirt uniform, and the uniform for all other levels consists of an official Scout collared-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. 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 and electives can be found online (<https://www.boyscout-trail.com/cub-scouts/cubscouts.asp>).

What do I need for Campouts?

The following items are helpful to have for Pack campouts. Most items can be purchased relatively inexpensively at Academy, Amazon, Walmart or other sporting goods 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)
- 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 (we leave the smallest footprint possible at our campsites)
- Tennis shoes, hiking boots, or sturdy walking shoes
- Cub Scout uniform and Pack T-Shirt

Optional Items

- Standard toiletries. We are typically not away long enough to worry about showers, but all campsites have restroom facilities & sinks for morning/nighttime routines
- Personal medication
- Camping chairs
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent
- Mark, if desired
- Poncho or rain attire
- Change of clothes – including socks
- Long pants, fleece or warm top, jacket
- Night clothes/sleepwear



What's the Schedule?

Here is the tentative schedule for 2022-2023:

Date	Event	Location & Time
2022		
7/31	Pack Night at the Round Rock Express	Dell Diamond @ 5:30 PM
8/25	Join Scouting Night	LME @ 7:00 PM
9/8	First Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
9/11	First Den Meeting	Talleyran Park @ 4:00 PM
9/17	Camp Mabry campout	2200 W 35th St, Austin, TX 78703
10/2	Second Den Meeting	Talleyran Park @ 4:00 PM
10/20	Pack Meeting – Bottle Rocket Launch	LME @ 5:45 PM
11/17	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
12/3	Camp Tom Wooten campout – BB Gun activity	785 FM 1441 Bastrop, TX 78602
12/8	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
2023		
1/19	Pack Meeting – Pinewood Derby car cutting	LME @ 6:45 PM
1/28	USS Lexington campout	2914 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78402
2/11	Pack Meeting – Pinewood Derby	LME @ 9:00 AM
2/23	Court of Honor / Welobelos Crossing Over	TBD
3/23	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
4/13	Pack Meeting – Egg Drop Challenge	Kelly Reeves Stadium @ 6:00 PM
4/15	Smilin V Scout Ranch Campout	250 County Rd 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642
5/11	Pack Meeting – Rank Awards	LME @ 6:45 PM
5/21	2023-2024 Planning Meeting - All Welcome	TBD

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!

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.

Interested in Joining?

We'd love to have you! Please complete the following steps to join our Pack!

1. Register using our Pack 169 Check-Out form
Tinyurl.com/joinpack169



Pack 169 Austin - Check-Out Form
docs.google.com

2. Pay annual membership dues using our Square payment site
Pack169.square.site



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pack169.square.site

3. Your Den leader(s) will reach out to answer any other questions you have about joining Scouts
4. You will be given access to TroopTrack, our online tool for managing the pack calendar and your Scout's achievements.

Pack Contact Information for 2022-2023 school year

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