



# Pack 202

## Cary, NC



### Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Scouting and welcome to Pack 202. Our Pack is for boys and girls in grades K-5 and we are chartered by St. Francis United Methodist Church (SFUMC).

The Cub Scout program is designed to be **FUN** for the Scouts and **FUN** for the whole family. We teach skills and offer experiences through hands-on activities that engage kids in the outdoors, sports, and crafts.

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# Getting Started

## **INTERESTED IN SCOUTING, BUT NOT SURE WHAT CUB SCOUTING IS ALL ABOUT?**

Visit <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/> to find out more about how Cub Scouting works.

## **NOT SURE IF PACK 202 IS THE PACK FOR YOUR FAMILY?**

Review this packet to learn more about our Pack and join us for a Den or Pack Meeting, held on Thursday nights from September till May.

## **HOW MUCH DOES CUB SCOUTING COST?**

Scouts will pay an annual registration fee (approximately \$150), plus a \$25 one time fee. This fee goes to the national BSA organization and Occoneechee Council. In addition, scouts will pay Pack 202 dues of \$45. See page 9 for more information.

## **HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?**

Contact our pack leadership, via our [contact form](#) on our website.

## **HAVE SPOKEN WITH OUR CUBMASTER OR NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR AND WANT TO JOIN?**

Awesome! Complete the [online application](#) for your son or daughter.

## **WHAT ABOUT A UNIFORM?**

Your son or daughter will receive a Pack T-Shirt to wear on hikes and other activity outings. For Pack and Den meetings, your son or daughter will need a Cub Scout uniform. Consider getting a size large enough to last a few years as your Scout grows. Visit the [Occoneechee Scout Shop](#) in Raleigh (3231 Atlantic Ave. Raleigh, NC 27604) or the [online Scout Shop](#) for all of your uniform needs and more.

## **CAN I VOLUNTEER OR HELP OUT WITH THE PACK?**

Of course! We encourage parents and guardians to get involved. We have a variety of positions with varying degrees of commitment to fit all schedules and interests. Please speak to our Committee Chair or Cubmaster or use our [contact form](#) to volunteer.

## **CAN I SPEAK TO SOMEONE REGARDING MY CHILD'S SPECIAL NEEDS?**

Of course! Please speak to Cubmaster or use our [contact form](#) to arrange a pre-joining conference to discuss your specific concerns.

# How Cub Scouting Works

## Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family, and all are welcome to participate.
- You work with your Scout on their various award requirements, both at home and during meetings.
- Many skills they will learn are family oriented.
- A parent or guardian is required to attend all events with their Scout, including meetings, outings, and special events.

## The Den

- Dens are organized by grade level.
- Dens generally meet 2-3 times a month.
- The Den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer) and Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).
- During Den Meetings, Scouts will work on adventures and advancement requirements
- Den meetings also have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.
- A parent or guardian for each Scout is expected to attend each Den meeting.

## The Pack

- The “pack” consists of all the dens.
- The pack meets once a month – all Cub Scout families are invited to attend.
- The Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmasters lead the monthly pack meeting.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, special guests, and award ceremonies.
- A parent or guardian for each Scout is expected to attend each Pack meeting.

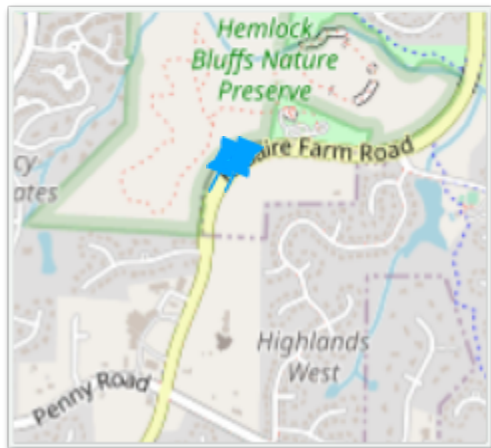
## The Pack Committee

- The committee is a group of volunteers including a Committee Chair, Treasurer, Activity & Event Chairs, plus curious and helpful parents.
- The committee generally meets once a month.
- Any parent is welcomed to attend.
- The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and sets the agenda for the coming year.

# Meetings, Outings, & Special Events

## Meetings

- We typically meet at Saint Francis United Methodist Church for Pack and Den meetings



2965 Kildaire Farm Rd, Cary NC 27518

- Pack meetings are typically held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Den meetings are typically held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of month and occasionally the 1st Thursday.
- Meeting schedule may change from month to month for holidays and school breaks.
- Meeting locations may also differ - some things are at local parks or other places for special events.

## Camping, Hiking, and outings

- We typically go on a Fall camping trip, a Spring camping trip, and a unique overnight outing (e.g. Aquarium, Museum).
- There will also be several day hikes and other day trips throughout the year.

## Special Events

- Throughout the year, we will be holding several special events, such as:
  - Blue & Gold Banquet
  - Service Projects
  - Pinewood Derby
  - Local Parades
  - Sporting events
  - ...and more!

## Summer Camp

- During the Summer, Scouts and their families have the opportunity to attend resident or day / twilight camps run by the Occonechee Council or the Cardinal District.

Check out our [calendar](#) for the latest information, and be sure to lookout for our weekly e-blasts!

Attendance for all meetings and events is encouraged, but optional.

# Expectations

## Basic Rules

- All participants MUST have a [medical form](#). This includes siblings, mom, dad, etc.
- Cub Scouting is a “1 to 1” program based on parent (or guardian) and child participation. It is the policy of Pack 202 that a parent, guardian or an adult family member accompanies the Scout on all pack activities, including pack meetings.
- No pets at meetings or outings without prior approval of Cubmaster or Committee Chair.

## Cub Scouts should

- Abide by the Scout oath and law
- Treat other Scouts and your Leaders with respect
- Listen, pay attention, and follow instructions (follow Akela)
- Participate in meetings and activities, work together with fellow Scouts
- Arrive on time to events
- Show respect for your surroundings, indoors and out, leaving them in as good or better condition than when they were found -- “Leave No Trace”.
- Wear scout uniform to meetings and when otherwise required
- Be positive
- Do his or her best
- Bring your scout handbook to all den meetings

## Parents, Guardians should

- Assist your Scout in learning and following their expectations and the Pack 202 Code of Conduct.
- Act as role models, demonstrating proper behaviors, language, etc.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for the conduct of their Scouts and non-Scouts before, during, and after the meeting.
- Parents and guardians may be asked to remove disruptive children from these events.

# Uniforms

Pack 202's uniform requirements follow the [official BSA uniform requirements](#). The Pack T-Shirt serves as our activity uniform, otherwise known as 'Class B'. We typically wear our Class B uniforms on hikes and other outdoor outings. The official BSA uniform list below is also known as 'Class A'. We typically wear our Class A uniform for meetings.

## Lion - Kindergarten

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### **Required**

- The official Lion t-shirt.
- Official navy-blue belt
- Neckerchief (provided by Pack 202)
- Neckerchief slide or woggle (provided by Pack 202)

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### **Recommended / Optional**

- Official navy-blue Lion hat.
- Official blue pants, shorts, or shorts (or a similar color)
- Official Cub Scout socks

## Tiger, Wolf, Bear - 1st through 3rd Grade

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### **Required**

- The official blue uniform shirt (short-sleeves recommended)
- Official navy-blue belt
- Neckerchief (provided by Pack 202)
- Neckerchief slide or woggle (provided by Pack 202)

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### **Recommended / Optional**

- Official hat with rank emblem.
- Official blue pants, shorts, or shorts (or a similar color)
- Official Cub Scout socks

## Webelos, Arrow of Light Uniforms

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### **Required**

- The official tan uniform shirt (short-sleeves recommended)
- Official green belt
- Neckerchief (provided by Pack 202)
- Neckerchief slide or woggle (provided by Pack 202)
- Webelos Colors (Provided by Pack 202)

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### **Recommended / Optional**

- Official green hat with Webelos plaid front and Webelos emblem.
- Official green pants, shorts, or skorts. (or a similar color)
- Official green socks

Our pack maintains a uniform exchange. If you are in need of a uniform part, please see our Cubmaster.

# Patches

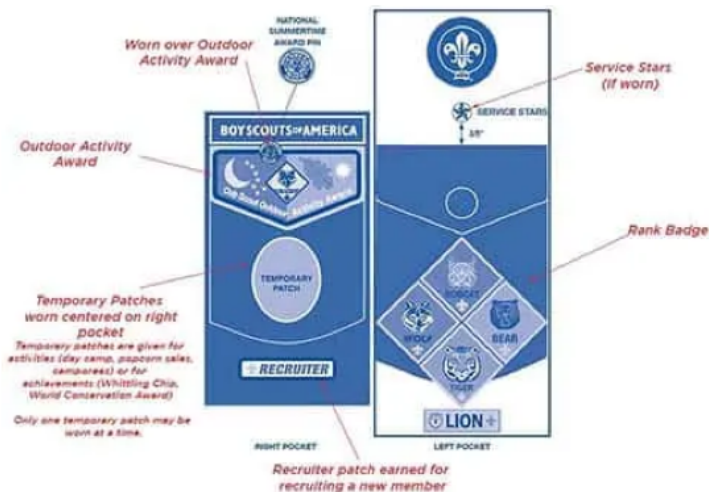
The BSA provides an official [Cub Scout Insignia guide](#) (pdf). For additional help, check out Cub Scout Ideas' [Cub Scout Patch Placement Guide for Parents](#).

- Lion Scouts do not wear patches.
- Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are required to wear the following patches:

- Right shoulder: American Flag (pre-sewn), Den Number, Journey to Excellence (if applicable).
- Left shoulder: Occoneechee Council, Pack Number ("202", either a single patch or individual digits).



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- Right pocket: optional outdoor activity award, optional temporary patch (only one; may hang from button), optional Recruiter.
- Left pocket: World Crest, World Crest Ring (or Messengers of Peace Ring if applicable), optional service stars, rank badges.

## Communication

The pack and dens try to communicate with scout families and the community through various channels depending on the scenario.

### Pack website

<https://www.pack202cary.org/>

Our website is one of our primary tools for promotion and registration of upcoming events. Additional information on Cub Scouting and how our Pack works can be found on the website.

### Scoutbook

<https://scoutbook.scouting.org>

The primary tool for tracking advancement is Scoutbook. When you register your scout, each parent will receive access to the scout's advancement record via Scoutbook.com, a tool provided by BSA.

### Discord

<https://discord.gg/NhzmWTbC>

Our pack uses Discord for quick communications, committee member and leader discussions, and for virtual committee meetings.

### Calendar

<https://pack202cary.org/calendar>

We use our website for our Pack calendar to keep organized. [Subscribe](#) to our calendar so you can see upcoming events on your smartphone or other device.

### E-Blasts & Emails

We have weekly e-blasts from our website that contain announcements and upcoming events. Add noreply@trooptrack.com to your contacts, safe sender to ensure the e-blast does not go to your junk folder.

Leaders will also use emails to individually announce and provide details for upcoming events.



## Finances

### Our budget

A scout is thrifty. The pack committee does their best to good financial stewards while providing a great program to the scouts in our unit. For more details, see the Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or Treasurer.

### Registration and dues

The financial commitment to scouting is similar to other youth activities. As of 2021, scouts pay registration to the national BSA, local BSA Council program fee, dues to their local unit (Pack), and material costs for their uniform.


In addition, new scouts will pay an initial registration fee based on the time of year they register, plus a \$25 one time fee. This fee goes to the national BSA organization.

All scouts pay the following annual fee:

- \$80 National BSA Fee (as of August 1, 2023)
- \$66 Occonechee Council program Fee (as of August 1, 2023)
- \$45 Pack 202 dues
- Optional \$15 Scout Life Magazine Subscription

The Pack dues cover:

- Pack T-Shirt (1st year joined)
- Rank Handbook
- Neckerchief and woggle
- Awards and advancements
- Program supplies for Pack and Den (e.g. Pinewood Derby kits)

 Annual fee is due annually on the anniversary of your registration date. Pack 202 dues are typically paid in September or when you join and can be paid via Cash, Check, Credit Card / PayPal via website (+ ~3% PayPal fee).

### New Scouts

New scouts will pay

- \$25 new scout fee (paid with application)
- Registrations fees described above
- Pack 202 dues as described above

## Popcorn and Fundraising

Our pack participates in the BSA annual popcorn fundraiser, selling Trails End popcorn. The fundraiser occurs in the fall beginning mid-September and wraps up by November.

Our pack earns ~30% on all popcorn sold. Money raised during our popcorn fundraiser supplements the dues and allows the pack to provide a more enriched program throughout the year without as much of a monetary burden on the pack families. Additionally, another 40% goes to our Council for our camps and Council resources.

Through successful popcorn fundraising, we are able to regularly go on camping trips and other outings with zero additional out-of-pocket costs for our registered Scouts. In addition, popcorn fundraising covers the costs of Pack equipment and supplies, trailer maintenance, IT costs, and leader training.

All scouts are encouraged to participate in our fundraising as the experience provides growth opportunities and gives the scout ownership in supporting the pack.

During the popcorn fundraiser, you will get an invite to register your scout at Trails-End.com. After registering, you can promote online sales for your scout to friends and family outside of your area. All popcorn storefronts events will be available for sign-up via the app/site. More information will be delivered during popcorn kickoff.

Check out the app at <https://app.trails-end.com>.

## Pack 202 Leadership

All leadership positions within Pack 202 are served by parent volunteers. As current leaders move up and on to Scouts-BSA or age out, new positions in the Pack and Committee become available. Please check with the Committee Chair to see what is open. We can use all the help that we can get. There may just be a position that suits you!

**CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE** - the liaison between the church and the Cub Scout Pack.

**CUBMASTER, ASSISTANT CUBMASTER(s)** - Primary leadership of the Pack program, provides guidance to other Leadership positions and keeps up-to-date on Den activities.

**DEN LEADERS, ASSISTANT DEN LEADERS** - Responsible for leadership of their den. Coordinates all den related activities, outings, and coordinates with parents on a regular basis.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR** - Heads the Pack Committee and responsible for leading committee meetings and supporting Pack leaders. The Committee Chair also maintains open communication between the District, Council, and the Church.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR / NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR** - A Pack Committee position responsible for the pack sign up for Scouting and for coordinating year-round recruitment, growth and retention.

**SECRETARY** - A Pack Committee position responsible for taking minutes of pack committee meetings, maintaining Pack inventory, and maintaining Pack Record Book consisting of membership, leadership, and medical records.

**TREASURER** - A Pack Committee position responsible for the annual operating budget, dues collection, record keeping for all revenues/expenses made by the Pack throughout the scout year.

**FUNDRAISING CHAIR (POPCORN KERNEL)** - A Pack Committee position responsible for conducting the annual popcorn fundraising campaign and ensuring that every Cub Scout has the opportunity to sell popcorn.

**ACTIVITIES/OUTINGS CHAIR(s)** - A Pack Committee position responsible for the coordinating and scheduling of all Pack related events, outings, and entertainment activities.

**PACK TRAINER** - A Pack Committee position responsible for helping pack leadership BSA meet their training requirements for their position responsibilities.

**WEBMASTER** - A Pack Committee position responsible for operating and maintaining the Pack's website, Scoutbook, & Pack Calendar

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIR** - Coordinates monthly ordering and distribution of awards approved by den leaders each month. Prepares awards to be presented at Pack meetings.

**BLUE AND GOLD CHAIR** - Coordinates the annual Blue and Gold Banquet held in February in celebration of the founding of BSA on February 8, 1910.

**GRUBMASTER** - Responsible for coordination of all food and cooking for Pack related outings.

**QUARTERMASTER** - Responsible for maintaining and organizing the Pack storage area and pack trailer.

**HIKING CHAIR** - Responsible for coordinating, scheduling, and leading pack hikes.

**PARENT HELPERS** - Each year the pack undertakes several short-term activities such as Scouting for Food, Service projects, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, camping trips, and other fun outings. Parents are expected to help with at least 1 activity to help ensure a vibrant and fun program for our Scouts.

## Current Pack 202 Leaders

### OUR PACK LEADERS ARE

Cubmaster	Eric Witherow	ewitherow7@gmail.com
Assistant Cubmaster	Matt Kauffman	mgktdk@gmail.com

### OUR PACK COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE

Committee Chair (outgoing)	Allen Davis	davis.rallen@gmail.com
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Secretary	Jenni Davis	jenni.fox.davis@gmail.com
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New Member Coordinator	vacant	contact Cubmaster
Advancement Chair	Jessica Makinson	jessicamakinson@gmail.com
Webmaster	Clint Hargrove	chargrove@gmail.com
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Blue & Gold Chair	Kim Gupton	kingupton@gmail.com
Outdoor / Activity Chair (Hiking & Camping)	Allen Davis	davis.rallen@gmail.com
Outdoor / Activity Chair (Camping)	Christina Holzer	cmholzer@gmail.com
Outdoor / Activity Chair (Summer)	Jessica Makinson	jessicamakinson@gmail.com
Fundraising Chair	Stuart Spencer	stuart.spencer@gmail.com

### OUR DEN LEADERS ARE

Kindergarten	Lions, Den 3	Vacant
Grade 1	Tigers, Den 7	Vacant
Grade 2	Wolves, Den 4	Chris Gmyr, Eric Witherow
Grade 3	Bears, Den 2	Jessica Makinson
Grade 4	Webelos, Den 8	Christina Holzer, Marshall Pergerson
Grade 5	AOL, Den 1	Pam Callaway, Stuart Spencer
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