

# ESCAPE THE INDOORS

## Why Cub Scouts?

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

Our cub scout motto is: "Do Your Best!"

## What is the Structure of Cub Scouts?

Your child will be a part of a **Den**, a group of Scouts in the same grade. Dens are led by parent volunteers who coordinate and schedule activities. The combined Dens of each grade make up our **Pack**.

## How Does My Scout Advance?

### Ranks

<b>Lions</b> – Kindergarten	<b>Bears</b> – Third Grade
<b>Tigers</b> – First Grade	<b>Webelos</b> – Fourth Grade
<b>Wolves</b> – Second Grade	<b>Arrow of Light</b> – Fifth Grade

Scouts work on themed requirements called "Adventures" throughout the year to earn 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 full Pack also meets once a month – typically at Laurel Mountain Elementary (LME) from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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

## How Much Does it Cost?

For school year 2023-2024, membership fees for new Scouts will be \$220. This includes \$115 for local dues to Pack 169 and \$105 that will be collected separately by the national Scouts BSA organization later this fall. The local Pack dues include a Pack t-shirt (referred to as a "Class B" uniform). The cost of "Class A" uniforms & Scout books are in addition to these membership fees. Fees for optional activities such as campouts will be collected based on attendance - typically \$10 per campout attendee. Annual Scout Life Magazine subscriptions are also available for \$15 through the Scouts BSA organization.

## What About Uniforms?

Scouts present for Pack meetings, field trips, and Den meetings in "Class A" uniforms. Kindergarteners have a Lion t-shirt uniform. 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 Scouts.

We encourage Scouts to get a Scout book (containing all Adventures and electives) appropriate to their rank, but all Adventures and electives can be found online at <http://www.ussscouts.org/advance/cubscout/intro.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 campsites 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
- 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 2023-2024:

Date	Event	Location & Time
2023		
8/31	Join Scouting Night / First Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
9/21	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
9/10	First Den Meetings	Talleyran Park @ 4:00 PM
10/14	Camp Mabry campout	<a href="#">2200 W 35th St, Austin, TX 78703</a>
10/19	Pack Meeting - Bottle Rockets	LME @ 6:00 PM
11/16	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
12/7	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
12/9	Camp Tom Wooten campout – BB Gun activity	<a href="#">785 FM 1441 Bastrop, TX 78602</a>
2024		
1/18	Pack Meeting	LME @ 6:45 PM
1/27	San Antonio Zoo campout	
2/10	Pack Meeting – Pinewood Derby	LME @ 9:00 AM
3/21	Pack Meeting - Crossing Over Event	LME @ 6:45 PM
4/18	Pack Meeting - Egg Drop Challenge	<a href="#">Kelly Reeves Stadium @ 6:00 PM</a>
4/20	Smilin V Scout Ranch Campout	<a href="#">250 County Rd 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642</a>
5/9	Pack Meeting – Rank Awards	LME @ 6:45 PM

## About our events

As you can see, Pack 169 has a full year of a broad range of fun activities planned. 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.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)) – Every parent **must** complete Youth Protection Training every 2 years. Training is online and takes about 1.5 hours. Email certificates of completion to: [pack169austin.training@gmail.com](mailto:pack169austin.training@gmail.com).

## We hope you'll join us!

Please complete the following steps to join Pack 169!

1. Register using our Pack 169 Info form



2. Profiles for Scouts & Parents will be created in TroopTrack, our online portal for managing the Pack calendar, each Scout's achievements, event RSVPs and other items. Annual Pack 169 membership dues will be paid using TroopTrack
3. Your Den leader(s) will reach out to answer any other questions you have about joining Scouts
4. You will receive separate communication from the Scouts BSA organization sometime around November regarding additional annual fees due to the national scouting organization

## Pack Contact Information for 2023-2024 school year

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