



Pack 822

Palm City, FL

CUB SCOUTING PARENTS' QUICK START GUIDE

Welcome to the Pack!

Now let's get you and your Scout setup for success...

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Your Scout, Cub Scouting, and You

Building Character Through Adventure

As a parent, you want your Scout to grow into a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Since 1910, Scouting has been weaving lifetime values into fun, educational activities designed to strengthen character, develop citizenship, and build self-esteem.

Imagine a program where your child learns and matures while having the time of their life. Every activity is a chance for you to discover and share experiences together as a family.

What Your Scout Gains

Cub Scouting is much more than crafts and games; it is "fun with a purpose". Our program is carefully designed to teach life skills that will be used forever. Through our Pack, your Scout will develop:

- **A Sense of Belonging:** Joining a positive, fun group of peers and caring adults.
 - **Social & Mental Skills:** Learning to get along with others while improving skills in planning and organizing.
 - **A Strong Value System:** Developing a foundation for making good decisions and caring for the world around them.
 - **Personal Growth:** Building self-confidence and a deeper relationship with their family's spiritual foundation.
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A Positive Path Forward

In a world of negative influences, Scouting provides a positive peer group and an adventurous program that helps your Scout "Be Prepared" to shape their own future. By using tried and proven methods, we transfer traditional values and build leadership skills in the context of family togetherness.

Getting Started & What's Next

Your First Steps

To ensure your Scout has the best experience, we recommend starting with these key items:

- **Complete Youth Protection Training (YPT):** True safety is achieved only through the commitment of everyone in Scouting. All parents who intend on camping overnight with the pack **must** complete this online training at my.scouting.org.
- **Get the Uniform & Handbook:** Purchase a Handbook to begin reviewing activities together, and a Uniform so your Scout can proudly display their awards. (See page 5, *"Look Sharp in Your Uniform"* for details).
- **Mark Your Calendar:** Find out what activities are planned for the next few months and put them on your calendar. You can always find the Event Calendar at pack822.com.
- **Invite a Friend:** Scouting is more fun with friends! Every kid can become a Cub Scout at any time, not just during the initial recruitment season.
- **Get Involved:** Your Scout's experience depends on your involvement. Please consider a leadership or volunteer role to help your Scout's Den thrive. (See page 9, *"Leadership & Volunteer Roles"* for more info).

Joining the Pack (Anytime!)

Whether you are starting in August or joining us mid-year, we want to get you plugged in right away:

1. **Registration & Placement:** Pack Leadership verifies all registrations and ensures Scouts are placed into their individual Dens based on grade level.
2. **Get Connected on WhatsApp:** Pack 822 uses **WhatsApp** as our primary communication tool for important updates. **If you have just joined, please reach out to Julia Garcia** to be added to the *Pack 822 Announcement* chat, where we share all upcoming events and essential information.
3. **Leadership Contact:** Your Den Leader will contact you via email, text, or group chat to review meeting schedules and specific den information.
4. **Orientation:** For new families, a den-specific parent meeting typically occurs during your first den meeting to dive into current details and any changes for the year.

How Cub Scouting Works

Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program. Activities are designed for the whole family to participate in together, and many of the skills your Scout learns are family oriented. As a parent, you play a vital role by working with your Scout on their various award requirements.

1. The Cub Scout Den

Your Scout is a member of a **Den**, typically a small group of children in the same grade.

- **Meetings:** The Den meets up about once a month to work on achievements, play games, and enjoy crafts.
- **Leadership:** The Den is led by a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader, both of whom are parent volunteers.

2. The Cub Scout Pack

The **Pack** consists of all the individual Dens and their families.

- **Meetings:** The Pack meets once a month for a "Pack Meeting," which is the climax of the month's activities.
- **The Experience:** These meetings include award presentations, special guest visitors, and group fun like games, challenges, and skill building activities.
- **Leadership:** The Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmasters lead the monthly Pack Meeting.

3. The Pack Committee

The Pack is managed by a **Committee** of parent volunteers.

- **Operations:** They handle the "behind-the-scenes" work, including record-keeping, managing finances, ordering awards, and planning monthly themes.
- **Involvement:** All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend the monthly committee meetings.

4. The Chartering Organization

Our Pack is "owned" and operated by a **Chartering Organization**.

- **Pack 822 Sponsor:** We are chartered by **Palm City Presbyterian Church**.
- **Support:** The organization provides a meeting place and approves our adult leadership.
- **Liaison:** A Chartered Organization Representative serves as the bridge between the Pack and the Church.

Pack 822 Directory & Information

Keep this page handy for quick access to your leadership team and meeting locations.



Our Organization

- **Pack Number:** 822
- **Cubmaster:** Danny Eisenshtat (pack822leader@gmail.com)
- **Chartering Organization:** Palm City Presbyterian Church
- **District & Council:** Sailfish District, Gulf Stream Council
- **Websites:** [Pack 822 Official Site](#) | [Council Site](#)



Meeting Information

- **Pack Meetings:** Typically held on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month from **6:30-8 PM**.
- **Pack Meeting Location:** Palm City Elementary (Cafeteria)
- **Den Meetings:** Held at various locations and times as organized by your specific Den Leader via WhatsApp or email.
- **Summer Schedule:** We do not hold regular meetings in June or July, though many summer activities are available. Regular meetings resume in August shortly after school starts.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Den Leader</i>	<i>Contact (Phone / Email)</i>
Lions	Kindergarten	Nathan Blessing	918-850-0757 / nwblessing@gmail.com
Tigers	1st Grade	Nathan Blessing	918-850-0757 / nwblessing@gmail.com
Wolves	2nd Grade	Danny Eisenshtat	713-502-0825 / danny@eyesindesign.net
Bears	3rd Grade	Julia Garcia	772-486-7762 / juliagarcia26@gmail.com
Webelos	4th Grade	Arthur Gagol	609-922-3645 / agagol@hotmail.com
AOLs	5th Grade	Kevin Sanderson	407-230-6800 / kevinsanderson@hotmail.com

Look Sharp in Your Uniform

The uniform is a point of pride for our Scouts and a place to display their achievements. Use this checklist to ensure your Scout is ready for our next meeting.

New Member Uniform Checklist

Employees at the uniform shops listed below are always happy to assist.

<i>Rank & Grade</i>	<i>Shirt Style (Class A)</i>	<i>Bottoms & Belt</i>
Lions (Kindergarten)	Blue Lions T-Shirt	Blue Shorts, Skorts, or Pants / Blue Belt
Tigers, Wolves, Bears (1st-3rd Grade)	Blue Short Sleeve Button-up	Blue Shorts, Skorts, or Pants / Blue Belt
Webelos & AOLs (4th-5th Grade)	Tan Short Sleeve Button-up	Green Shorts, Skorts, or Pants / Green Belt

Every Scout also needs:

- **Rank Accessories:** Neckerchief, Neckerchief Slide, and Den Cap.
- **Handbook:** A Den Handbook specific to their rank.
- **Required Patches:** Gulf Stream Council Patch (Left Shoulder), Pack Numbers 8-2-2 (Right Shoulder), and World Scout Crest Emblem (Above Left Pocket).
- **Class B Shirts:** These Pack 822 branded performance tees are supplemental to our scouts standard Class A uniforms listed above and are typically worn by everyone in the Pack during the day at campouts or other designated events where a Class A might be too cumbersome. These can be purchased for the entire family [HERE](#).

Pro Tip: Consider getting *Switchbacks*—pants that zip off into shorts—for an all-season option.



Where to Shop

<i>Shop Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Day Dreams Uniforms - Stuart	2780 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart 34994	M-F 9:30-6:00 Sat 10:00-4:00
Day Dreams Uniforms - PSL	6911 Heritage Drive, Port St. Lucie 34952	M-F 9:30-5:30 Sat 10:00-4:00
Gulf Stream Scout Shop	8335 N Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens 33410	M-F 9:00-6:00 Sat 9:30-3:00

Online shopping is also available at www.scoutstuff.org.

The Popcorn Fundraiser: "Learning to Lead"

At Pack 822, we rely on our annual **Popcorn Sale** as our primary fundraiser. While it ensures we don't have to "nickel and dime" families, its true purpose is to provide a hands-on leadership lab for our Scouts.

Why We Sell: More Than Just Popcorn

When your Scout puts on their uniform to sell, they are developing essential life skills:

- **Earning Their Way:** Scouts learn the value of hard work and the pride of earning their own activities and gear.
- **Building Confidence:** Parents often watch their children grow from shy to speaking with a clear, confident voice.
- **Handling Rejection:** Learning to hear "no thanks" and responding with a polite "Thank you!" builds incredible resilience and grace.

The "Popcorn Advantage"

- **Fully Funded Scouts:** If a Scout hits their individual sales goal (typically \$600–\$700), their Pack dues are **fully funded** for the year.
- **Pack Dues:** If goals aren't met, dues may be required to cover the program (\$450.00 last year).
- **Activity Costs:** We budget to keep Pack campouts **free**; other special events are usually **under \$15** per person.
- **User-friendly App:** Download the **Trail's End mobile app** and be sure to join us for our *Popcorn Kickoff Event* in September, when the fun begins.

Uniforms & Tax Benefits

- **Class A Uniform:** You will need to purchase the official shirt, patches, cap, neckerchief, slide, and handbook. Note: The Pack provides the new neckerchief at each "Crossover" ceremony.
- **Class B Shirts:** We encourage Scouts and families to wear Pack 822 t-shirts (available on our website) for less formal events.
- **Tax Deductions:** Most Scouting items, including uniforms and event fees, are **tax-deductible**. Keep all receipts and consult your tax advisor to see what can be claimed.

The Advancement Plan

The Cub Scout Advancement program is a powerful way to spend quality time with your child. As a parent, you are the primary guide on this journey. While Den Leaders plan activities to help Scouts advance, the responsibility ultimately lies with the family. If your Scout misses a meeting, you can complete those activities together at home.

How to Advance

For each rank, Scouts now complete **6 required adventures** and **2 elective adventures**. These are designed to increase their knowledge, skills, and self-esteem as they grow.

Bobcat: The Foundation

Bobcat is no longer a one-time "joining rank." It is now a **required Adventure** that every Scout (from Tiger to Arrow of Light) completes at the start of *every* year. The requirements are age-appropriate for each grade, ensuring that the core values of Scouting are reinforced annually.

The Ranks by Grade

- **Lions (Kindergarten):** Focuses on fun, age-appropriate adventures designed for our youngest Scouts and their adult partners.
- **Tigers (1st Grade):** Scouts complete adventures in five core areas alongside an adult partner to earn the Tiger badge.
- **Wolves (2nd Grade):** Achievements teach simple skills and initiate family discussions on values, health, and community.
- **Bears (3rd Grade):** Requirements become more challenging, focusing on increasing independence and outdoor skills.
- **Webelos (4th Grade):** Now a standalone 4th-grade rank. Webelos stands for “**WE’LL BE LOyal Scouts**” and begins the transition toward a Scouts BSA Troop.
- **Arrow of Light (5th Grade):** This is now its own separate rank for 5th graders. It is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only one that can be worn on a Scouts BSA or adult uniform. Scouts typically graduate to a Troop in March of their 5th-grade year during the Blue & Gold Banquet.

Cub Scout Special Activities & Awards

Scouting is an adventure that offers unique opportunities for your Scout to grow, learn, and have fun with the whole family. Beyond regular den meetings, there are several special programs and events designed to challenge and inspire them.

★ Special Opportunities & Awards

In addition to rank advancement, Scouts can work toward various special recognitions:

- **Outdoor & Nature:** Earn the *Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award* or the *World Conservation Award* by participating in outdoor events and service.
- **Safety & Preparedness:** Awards like the *Emergency Preparedness Award* and *Leave No Trace Awareness* teach Scouts how to stay safe and respect the environment.
- **Skill Building:** Earn the *Whittling Chip Card* (3rd grade and up) to learn knife safety or work toward *Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards*.
- **Faith & Service:** Honor your family's spiritual foundation with the *Duty to God/Religious Knot Award*.
- **Council Events:** Participate in large-scale events like **Scout Advancement Weekend (SAW)** or the **Cub Scout Learning Adventure Workday (CLAW)**.

🤝 Service Projects

Our Pack believes in giving back. We periodically organize community projects, such as beach clean-ups, **Scouting for Food**, flag retirements, or attending an **Honor Flight** to support our veterans.

🚀 Pack 822 Signature Events

- **Rocket Launch (August):** Build your own rocket and watch it soar toward the stars!
- **Stuart Holiday Parade (December):** Our Wolf Den leads the charge in creating a custom float for this local tradition.
- **Pinewood Derby (February):** A highlight of the year! Scouts and parents build and race gravity-powered miniature cars.
- **Blue and Gold Banquet (March):** A celebration of Scouting with a seated dinner, cake decorating contest, and a "Crossover" ceremony for our graduating Scouts.
- **Family Camping:** We camp **3 to 4 times per year!** These trips include fishing, hiking, s'mores, and campfire programs. A helpful camping checklist is available at pack822.com.

Beyond the Pack: Special Trips & Camps

- **Cub Scout Special Events:** These optional "bucket-list" trips have included camping at the **Daytona Speedway**, sleeping under the **Atlantis Space Shuttle**, bunking up with Dolphins and Penguins at **Sea World**, or presenting the colors at a **St. Lucie Mets** game.
 - **Day Camp (Summer):** A local week of archery, BB guns, sports, and crafts—an excellent introduction to the outdoors.
 - **Resident Camp (Summer):** A four-day, three-night adventure where Scouts can focus on rank advancement and outdoor electives while experiencing independence in a camp setting.
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Leadership & Volunteer Roles

Executive Leadership (The "Key 3")

1. **Cubmaster & Asst. Cubmasters:** The "Master of Ceremonies" who plans and carries out the monthly Pack meetings.
2. **Committee Chair:** Presides over all leader meetings and ensures the Pack is fulfilling its duty to our families.
3. **Chartered Organization Representative:** Acts as the liaison between Pack 822 and Palm City Presbyterian Church.

The Pack Committee (The Support Team)

- **Treasurer:** Manages the Pack bank account, financial records, and dues.
- **Secretary:** Records minutes for leader meetings, handles correspondence, and maintains an inventory of Pack property.
- **Advancement Chair:** Keeps accurate records of Scout progress and orders all badges and insignia for ceremonies.
- **Popcorn Chair:** Coordinates our vital popcorn fundraiser and supports Scouts in their efforts.
- **Additional Roles:**
 - Communications, Website, Social Media, etc.
 - Special Events Chairs (Pinewood Derby, Rocket Launch, Beach Clean-up, etc.)
 - Campout Coordinator, Campout Chef, Medical, etc.

Den Leadership

- **Den Leaders & Assistants:** Parent volunteers who lead monthly Den meetings and lay the foundation for Scouting values.
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How You Can Help!

You don't need a formal title to make a difference. We rely on **Parent Helpers** for short-term projects that fit into any schedule:

- **Event Support:** Help with the Pinewood Derby, Rocket Launch, or Holiday Parade float.
 - **Service & Outdoors:** Assist with "Scouting for Food," beach clean-ups, or organizing food for a family campout.
 - **Get Trained:** The more leaders we have with specific levels of training the more access Cub Scouts will have to specialized activities like Range Sports, Watercrafts, etc.
 - **Your Unique Skills:** Do you have a special talent? Let us know! We often create custom roles to help take the load off our current leaders.
 - **Connections:** We are always looking to invite experts to speak or present to our scouts as a special guest speaker during one of our Pack Meetings. If you know someone the kid would enjoy learning from (e.g. Wildlife, Martial Arts, Engineer, Creator, Survivalist, etc.), please let our Cubmaster know.
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Thank you for taking the time to join our mission. We look forward to seeing you and your Scout at our next Pack Meeting! For any questions, please contact us at

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