

Pack 822



Welcome to Cub Scouting Parent's Orientation Handbook

So, You're the Parents of a New Cub Scout!!

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Your Scout, Cub Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your scout to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them. Since 1910 we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth.

Imagine a program that can help your child learn, grow and mature while they are having fun. There are activities in which you and them can participate together with the rest of the family and get to know each other even better. This is exactly what Scouting is. Every activity gives you and your scout the chance to discover and share together.

What does your scout learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your scout will participate are carefully designed to teach your scout something they will use throughout their life. Here are just a few of the things your scout will gain through Cub Scouting.

-  A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of kids and caring adults.
-  New social skills that will help them get along with others.
-  Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
-  A greater understanding of other people and the world around them.
-  A system of "values" that will help them grow and make good decisions.
-  A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
-  Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.
-  A deeper relationship with their family and their family's spiritual foundation.








With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your scout with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps them to "be prepared" to shape their own future.

Cub Scouting is fun! But it is fun with a purpose.








Woven through all the fun is an inspired program that really works.

Tried and proven methods are used that transfers traditional values, builds character, and develops leadership skills ~ all in the context of fun and family togetherness.

Getting Started




-  Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and how your scout can get the most out of it.
-  Purchase a Cub Scout Handbook now and begin reading about and reviewing the activities in it with your scout.
-  True Youth Protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in scouting. In order to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at all levels within scouting, ALL PARENTS who intend on camping with the pack **must** complete online Youth Protection Training. Visit my.scouting.org to complete this mandatory training.
-  Find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout Pack is doing in the next few months and put them on your calendar so you can participate. Once registered you will be emailed updates on activities or you can always find out what's going on via the Event Calendar on the website <https://pack822.wixsite.com/scoutmein>.
-  Scouting is more fun with friends! Every kid can become a Cub Scout at any time, not just on School Night for Scouting. Talk with other parents and friends and have them join your scout's Cub Scout Den now to make Cub Scouting even more fun.
-  Consider being a Cub Scout leader for your scout's Cub Scout den. Your scout's experience in Cub Scouting depends on your involvement. Details are on the following pages.
-  Purchase a Cub Scout Uniform for your scout to wear their awards on. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your scout grows. Visit Day Dreams Uniforms, the Gulf Stream Scout Shop or shop online at www.scoutstuff.org for all of your uniform needs and more. (see page 7 "Look Sharp in Your Uniform")

What's Next?





-  Pack Leadership verifies all children are registered members of BSA Scouts and are sorted into individual Dens.
-  Parents who volunteer to be Den Leaders meet with Pack Leadership.
-  Den Leaders will contact each parent via email, text or group chat to review den meeting schedules and important information.
-  Pack 822 uses WhatsApp as group chat to help communicate important den and pack information. Please download the app so you can be added to your den's specific chat group.
-  If you haven't done so already, please review and bookmark the pack calendar at <https://pack822.wixsite.com/scoutmein/calendar>.
-  Don't forget to complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) on my.scouting.org.
-  Typically, there will be a den specific parent meeting to dive into detail and changes specific to the year. This usually occurs during your first den meeting.

How Cub Scouting Works






Scouting is Family Oriented

-  Activities are intended for the whole family.
-  You work with your scout on their various award requirements.
-  Many skills they will learn are family oriented.

Your scout is a member of a Cub Scout Den





-  The Den meets up to once a week.
-  The den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer).
-  The den leader functions best when assisted by an Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).
-  Den meetings include working on den achievements/activities, games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, skits and lots of fun.

Your scout is a member of a Cub Scout Pack





-  The "pack" consists of all the dens and other leaders. The pack meets once a month - all Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend.
-  The Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmasters lead the monthly pack meeting.
-  The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
-  Pack meetings include games, skits, songs, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the scouts have earned that month.
-  Pack meetings will also have special guest visitors that enhance the scouting experience.

The pack is run by a Pack Committee (group of parent volunteers)

The pack committee is made up of a Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Treasure, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Event Chairs and many other positions. Most of these leaders are parents of scouts in the pack. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.

-  The committee meets once a month.
-  The committee plans pack meetings around the monthly theme (core value).
-  The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and has fun!
-  The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

The pack is owned by a Chartering Organization

-  Charter organizations include education centers, parent associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.
-  The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and Scouts BSA.
-  The chartered organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and the organization. The Chartered Organization appoints and approves of the adult leadership group that leads the pack.
-  Pack 822 is chartered by Palm City Presbyterian Church.

Information Regarding Your Scout's New Pack

My Pack number is: [Pack 822](#)

Website Address: <https://pack822.wixsite.com/scoutmein>

My Cubmaster's name is: [Todd Batchelder](#)

Email Address: pack822leader@gmail.com

My Council is: [Gulf Stream Council](#)

Website Address: <https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/>

My Scouting District is: [Sailfish](#)

Website Address: <https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/sailfish>

My Den/Rank is:

Kindergarten	Lions
1 st Grade	Tigers
2 nd Grade	Wolves
3 rd Grade	Bears
4 th Grade	Webelos 1
5 th Grade	Webelos 2/Arrow of Light (AOL)

"Huskies" is Pack 822's general den name for the girls dens within all of the various rank levels.

My Den Leader's Name, Phone # and Email is:

Lion Den			
Tiger Den	Jason Dickinson	704-779-2077	dickinsonjason@gmail.com
Wolf Den	Dave Wilson		wilson851@bellsouth.net
Bear Den	Kevin Sanderson	407-230-6800	kevinsanderson@hotmail.com
Webelos Den	Louis Rosainz	954-326-6917	lrosainz@gmail.com
AOL Den	George Sanders	561-704-8239	hokieflorida@comcast.net

**Pending Charter Organization Approval*

My Pack meets at: [Palm City Elementary](#)

Pack Meetings are typically held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 7:45. Please check the pack website calendar for exact dates.

My Den meets at: [Various Locations](#)

Your Den meetings will be organized by your Den Leader. Times and Dates will be sent to you directly from your Den Leader.

Note: We do not hold regular pack or den meetings during the months of June and July, but there are tons of summertime activities going on. We start back soon after school starts in August.

Look Sharp in Your Uniform

NEW MEMBER CHECKLIST FOR THE BEST SCOUTING EXPERIENCE!

Council: [Gulf Stream Council](#)

District: [Sailfish District](#)

Cub Scout Pack 822

Name: _____

UNIFORM CHECKLIST

Employees of the uniform or scout shop are always happy to assist you.

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Lions T-Shirt - Lions Only <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Short Sleeve Button-up Shirt - Tiger/Wolf/Bear <input type="checkbox"/> Tan Short Sleeve Button-up Shirt - Webelos	<input type="checkbox"/> Den Handbook - Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shorts, Skorts, or Pants - Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear <input type="checkbox"/> Green Shorts, Skorts, or Pants - Webelos (you can get a pair of "Switchbacks" which is a combination of pants that convert to shorts or vice versa)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: (Left Shoulder) Gulf Stream of America Council Patch (Right Shoulder) Pack Numbers 8,2,2 (Above Left Pocket) World Scout Crest Emblem
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief - Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos	
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief Slide - Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos	<input type="checkbox"/> Den Cap -Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Scout Belt - Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Scout Belt - Webelos	<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Colors (optional)

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

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Pack 822 STRIVES to make scouting the lowest cost experience as possible!

Registration/Application Fee: \$105 per scout for the first year. (Plus a one time \$25.00 registration fee)

Pack Dues: We rely on our Cub Scout Popcorn Sales as our main Fundraiser for the program. If we do not make our goal, then Pack dues may be necessary (\$450.00 last year) . **If each scout hits their goal of popcorn sold, they are fully funded! (Usually \$600-\$700 per scout.)**

Re-charter Fee: Typically no additional charge! This fee is paid to the Council in November to cover our insurance & membership. These charges are covered by your Registration Fees and Popcorn Sales. The Pack also pays for all Leadership position registrations. Again, as long as we hit our Popcorn Sales goal, we don't have to charge for these fees!

Individual Activity Charges: Paid on an event by event basis. Many of our activities are free, and most of our paid activities qualify for group or reduced admission so there is a savings vs. paying for these events individually (like a St. Lucie Mets game or Special Pack Campout). A typical event ticket costs less than \$15 per person. We try to make our Pack campouts free since we budget for food costs!

Scouting Class A Uniforms: You will need to purchase the shirt and patches, cap, neckerchief, slide and handbook. The pack provides the scouts with their new neckerchief at the crossover/bridging ceremony to next rank.

Class B Shirts: For many of our events, when a full uniform isn't practical, but we still want to be identified as cub scouts, we encourage all scouts, parents and siblings to wear Pack 822 "class B" scout t-shirts. These shirts are available for purchase on our Pack website.

Tax Deductions: Most scouting items such as uniforms are tax deductible. Save all scouting receipts even for scouting events and activities. Always check with your tax advisor to see what can or can't be claimed.

The Advancement Plan

The Cub Scout Advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your scout. A scout advances through activities that are completed either through den activities or on their own. Den leaders will create activities that will help scouts advance, but if your scout misses these opportunities, you may do these activities at home. For each special skill or activity your scout completes, either the den leader or you can sign off on the completed requirements they need to earn their next award.

As a result, the awards they earn increase their knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. The responsibility of a scout's advancement in Cub Scouting ultimately lies with the family and not with the pack. You can be a part of it by participating in the Cub Scout program with them. The rank awards they earn are listed below.



BOBCAT (Earned by ALL NEW Cub Scouts)

All scouts, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, the child safety requirement and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the scout works on requirements based on their grade or age.



LIONS (Kindergartners)

Lions are Kindergartners that are just starting on the road of scouting. Their meetings are focused on activities geared towards their age.



TIGERS (First Graders)

The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade (or age 7) Cub Scouts and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with their adult partner, completes 15 requirements with these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a scout in the first grade.



WOLVES (Second Graders)

A Cub Scout, who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. Each achievement is designed to teach simple skills and initiate family discussion on values, drug awareness, health, etc.



BEARS (Third Graders)

The Bear Rank is for Cub Scouts who have completed second grade (or is age 9). There are 24 Bear Achievements in four categories. The scout must complete 12 of the 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are somewhat more difficult and challenging than those for Wolf Rank.



WEBELOS (Fourth & Fifth Graders)

Webelos stands for "**WE'll BE LOyal** Scouts". This program is for Cub Scouts who have completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old). A Cub Scout may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as they join a Webelo den. This is the first step in their transition from the Webelos den to a BSA Scout Troop. As they complete the requirements found in the Webelos Handbook, they will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by an adult Webelos leader, and become familiar with the BSA Scouting requirements - all leading to the Arrow of Light Award.

ARROW OF LIGHT (Fifth Grade)



When a scout earns the Arrow of Light Award, they may graduate from Cub Scouts to BSA Scouts at an impressive graduation ceremony during our Blue and Gold event. We aim to graduate every Cub Scout to a BSA Scout. Generally your scout will be prepared to join a BSA Scout Troop in March of their fifth grade year. The Arrow of Light is the only award from Cub Scouting that Cub Scouts can wear as a BSA Scout and as an Adult Scout.



HUSKIES (Girls Den - all ages/grades)

"Husky" (originally chosen by the first girls den in the pack) is Pack 822's general den name for the girls dens within all of the various rank levels.



Cub Scout Special Activities & Awards

(in which you and your scout can participate)

Special Opportunities for Cub Scouts

- ✿ Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
- ✿ Emergency Preparedness Award
- ✿ Scout Advancement Weekend (SAW)
- ✿ Cub Scout Learning Adventure Workday (CLAW)
- ✿ Leave No Trace Awareness
- ✿ Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards
- ✿ Duty to God/Religious Knot Award
- ✿ Whittling Chip Card
- ✿ World Conservation Award

Service Projects

- ✿ Periodically the pack will organize a project to benefit the community, such as a park clean up, church project, Scouting for Food, attending an Honor Flight, etc.

Pinewood Derby & Rocket Launch

- ✿ In February, parents and scouts work together to build and race a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. In August, bring your rocket and get ready to launch!

Blue and Gold Banquet

- ✿ This is a party for Cub Scouting held at the end February. It is a seated dinner with a cake decorating contest and a special program to honor scouts who are crossing over into BSA Scouts!

Holiday Parade

- ✿ Each year our Wolf Den is responsible for creating and decorating a float to be entered into the Stuart Holiday Parade.

Family Camping – 3 to 4 times per year!

- ✿ Here is an opportunity for the whole CUB SCOUT FAMILY to camp together. Activities may include crafts, games, fishing, hiking, working on den achievements and of course, campfires and s'mores!

Cub Scout Special Events

- ✿ These are generally special events that are not covered by regular pack dues. Things such as camping on the Daytona Speedway infield, sleeping under the Atlantis Space Shuttle at the Kennedy Space Center or getting to present the colors at a St. Lucie Mets game!

Cub Scout Day Camp

- ✿ Day camp is a local and exciting summertime activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, skits, songs, and sports. Cub Scout Day camp is an excellent way to introduce youth to the outdoors and teach them new skills. It also helps strengthen the pack's summer program. Day Camp or Resident Camp is required for the Outdoor Activity Award.

Cub Scout Summer/Resident Camp

- ✿ Four days and three nights of pure Scouting fun. Drop off your Scout and pick them up when the event is over. Scouts have many activities to do and most go toward Rank Advancement, Electives, and Belt-loop requirements. Day Camp or Resident Camp is required for the Outdoor Activity Award.

Positions in the Pack



As current leaders move up and on to BSA Scouts, new positions in the pack and committee become available. Please check with the Committee Chair to see what is open. There may just be a position that suits you!

CUBMASTER & ASST CUBMASTER- Help plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. MC's monthly pack meeting, and attends pack leaders meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.

DEN LEADER(S) - Leads and coordinates their dens to ensure their scouts stay active and participate at den meetings and monthly pack meeting. Lay a solid foundation of cub scouting values. Attends den meetings, pack meetings and pack leader meetings. They are also encouraged to attend roundtable meetings.

DEN LEADER ASST(S) - Meets with den leaders monthly to plan pack program with the help of the pack committee. They are encouraged to attend pack meetings, pack leaders meetings, and roundtable meetings. The Cubmaster may perform this function in a small pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIR - Presides at all pack leaders meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Ensures the Pack is fulfilling its duty to the scouts and their families. Also helps lead the pack meeting and attends roundtable meetings.

SECRETARY CHAIR - Take minutes of the pack leaders meeting and record key items such as things needing follow-up or items for the history of the pack. Maintain an inventory of pack property. Handle correspondence for the pack. This may include writing letters of appreciation and requests for reservations, or ordering supplies through the local council service center.

TREASURER CHAIR - Keeps all records for the pack. Including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack leaders meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR - Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and pack leaders meetings.

POPCORN CHAIR - Works with the district and council popcorn chairs to coordinate and execute the pack popcorn fundraiser. Coordinates with the committee and den leaders to communicate with and support all scouts in their fundraising efforts. Attends council/district popcorn meetings, pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

PARENT HELPERS - Each year the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as, Scouting for Food, Service Projects, Pinewood Derby, Rocket Launch, Holiday Parade Float, Beach Clean Up, Blue and Gold Banquet, Summer Camp help and Camping programs. These jobs are of short duration, and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

OTHER COMMITTEE POSTIONS - Training Chair, Website Chair, Outdoor Activities Chair, Events Chair, Camp Master Chair, Friends of Scouting (FoS) Chair, etc.

GENERAL - Do you have a special skill or talent? Check with your Den Leader or Cubmaster to see all the different ways you can help. We often create positions so you can be involved and help to take on some of the Pack's responsibilities. The more help, the easier it is!

Thank you for taking the time to go through our Parent's Orientation Handbook.
We look forward to seeing you and your new cub scout at our next Pack Meeting!

If you have any questions, please contact us at pack822leader@gmail.com.

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