 **Welcome to [Unit Name]!**

Cub Scouts is open to all kids (girls and boys) in kindergarten through fifth grade. It allows them to experience new activities, meet new friends, learn new skills, go camping, earn badges, belt loops and awards, and grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. ***Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose!***

**The ten purposes of Cub Scouting are:**

1. Character Development 6. Personal Achievement

2. Family Understanding 7. Preparation for Scouts

3. Friendly Service 8. Respectful Relationships

4. Fun and Adventure 9. Spiritual Growth

5. Good Citizenship 10. Sportsmanship and Fitness

Every Cub Scout is a member of a Pack. A Pack is a large group of kids (K- 5th grade). Our Pack typically meets on **[day of the week and location]**.

Each Pack is divided into smaller groups called Dens. Scouts in a Den are of the same age group/grade.

Lions – **Kindergarten**

Tigers - **1st Grade**

Wolves- **2nd Grade**

Bears-**3rd Grade**

Webelos - **4th Grade**

Arrow of Light - **5th Grade**

**[Insert information about your Pack’s dues and registration fees, along with what your Pack gives to all scouts]** You will need to purchase the rest of the Scout uniform at the Scout Shop (1207 Upas St. San Diego, CA 92103). We require the shirt, hat, and patches to be purchased. You do not need to purchase Scout pants, but we do require Scouts to wear blue pants, shorts, skirt, or jeans. A Cub Scout belt is not mandatory but is extremely useful so the kids can wear the belt loops they earn. **Scout Shop staff can advise about what you need for your Scout. Bringing this document will help them assist you.**

If this cost is too much for your family, our Pack has a limited “Hardship Fund” available and we have washed, used uniforms and other items available through our Closet. Please contact our Committee Chair regarding these possibilities or to contribute to the Fund.

**Fundraising:**

**[Insert information about your unit’s fundraising efforts and why it’s important to fundraise for your unit]**

This is a great way to build confidence and practice those public speaking skills while having fun at the same time!

**Campouts/Outings:**

This year we are offering several campouts that are full of learning new skills and building character, while creating and strengthening friendships that will last throughout your scouting experience. More details will follow closer to these dates. Note: starred locations and dates may change due to availability.

[dates] SUMMER CAMPING TRIP – [location]

[dates] FALL CAMPING TRIP – [location]

[date] – MIDSEASON TRIP – [location]

[dates] WINTER CAMPING TRIP – [location]

[dates] SPRING CAMPING TRIP – [location]

**Service Projects**:

Giving back to the community is an essential lesson in Scouting. We will be adding in service projects and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Please try to have your Scout attend when possible. Our current events include **[list service projects planned for the year]**. Other service projects may occur during the year as well. Let us know if there is one you would like the Pack to do this year!

**Pinewood**:

The Pinewood Derby is a great race event that gives Scouts the chance to design, build, decorate, and race cars against each other. This is a very fun, family-involved event that the kids look forward to every year. Please help your Scout with these builds but don’t make it yourself without their significant contribution to the project.

**Parent Volunteering:**

As a parent-run, all-volunteer organization, we need everyone to help. We have a wonderful bunch of parents you will meet as you become involved with the Pack. EVERYONE will have a task. Adult dues are **[dues]** for the year and we require completion of the S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training (SYT) for all adults. The State has also mandated training and livescan requirements for volunteers through AB-506. [Click here](https://www.sdicscouting.org/leading-scouts/training/mandated-reporter) for those requirements. We are very fortunate to have a terrific group of leaders, but we are always looking for fresh ideas and potential new leaders. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak with our Committee Chair. We can’t provide the Scouts with a quality program without parent volunteers. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated. If you want to help but aren’t sure how, please ask!

**Medical Release Forms:**

Before we can allow your Scout to participate in any activities outside of **[Chartered Organization]**, we need to have a medical release form filled out (Parts A&B). You can find this form [HERE](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf?_gl=1*16jdy7v*_ga*MTgwNDI4OTEwOS4xNzUyNTE5NjI2*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3NTI3OTE0ODQkbzE0JGcxJHQxNzUyNzkxNDk5JGo0NSRsMCRoMA..*_gcl_au*NzcwNDUyMjk5LjE3NTI1MTk2MjU.&_ga=2.166188727.807229673.1752690280-1804289109.1752519626). Please turn these in with your application. We will have hard copies available as well.

**Information Form:**

This form is separate from your application and available [HERE](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/Appendix/34362.pdf). We need this completed for every new Scout family, and for all returning families only if there are any contact info changes from last year. This is so that we can update and verify our roster to ensure we have ALL the contact information needed. This is vital to properly communicate information to your family. Most information will be communicated via e-mail and our website (**[website]**).

Our committee has been diligently working over the summer to develop a program for this year that provides fulfillment of the 10 Purposes of Cub Scouting. We are pleased to welcome you to our Pack (or welcome back our returning Scouts!). We have a very full, exciting year ahead of us. For more information, check out our Pack website at **[website]**. We encourage you to use this for information regarding meetings, campouts, and volunteering opportunities.

We hope that you and your child are excited to experience all that we have to offer at **[unit]**!

**To Summarize:**

Here is what you need to do to sign up your child for **[unit]**:

1. Fill out BSA youth application – new Scouts only (1 per Scout, link is on website).

2. Fill out BSA adult application – new adults only (1 per adult, link is on website).

3. Pay dues to join via PayPal/Venmo – all Scouts (or via cash/check at first meeting).

4. Fill out Scout/Family Information Form – new families (or updates) only (1 per family, form is on website).

5. Fill out Annual BSA Health and Medical Record – all Scouts (parts A&B, 1 per Scout, form is on website).

6. Complete the Youth Protection Training and AB506 Training – adults only (links are on website).

7. Show up to the meetings and have fun!

**Register Here: Website: Venmo: PayPal:**

**[update these links with your unit’s info]**