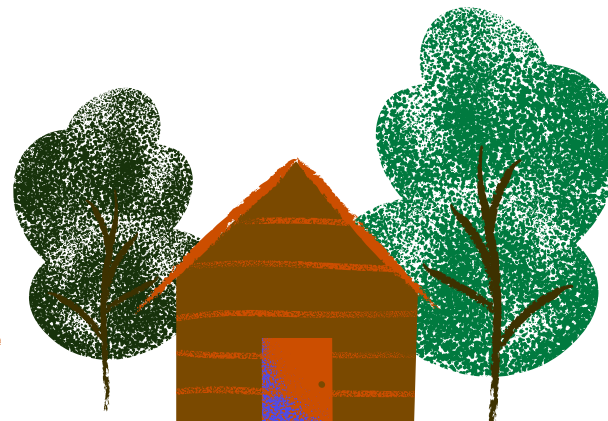




READY, SET, SCOUT!

CUB SCOUT
ADVENTURE AWAITS

Pack Planning Guide





WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS!

Pack Planning Guide

This is a parent-friendly guide to help us get started together. This guide is a way to get organized and figure out some important decisions about our Cub Scout Pack.

Our motto is **Do Your Best** - perfection is not the goal.

How our Pack is Organized

Pack Meetings are when everyone comes together (all families, all ages). This meeting is typically led by the Cubmaster, with help from parents and Den Leaders.

- How often should we meet as a Pack?

- What day works best?

- What works best?

- Where do we meet?

Den Meetings are smaller groups of kids in the same grade working on Adventures throughout the year. Den Leaders typically lead this meeting

- How often do Dens meet?

- Where do Den meetings happen?

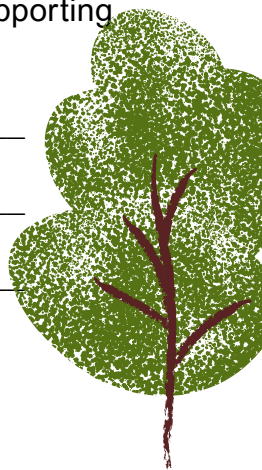
- Den Leader(s)?

Committee meetings are typically once a month for just the parents who help keep the Pack running smoothly. We check in on the calendar, upcoming events, supplies, and logistics so meetings are prepared and fun for the kids. This is about staying organized and supporting our leaders.

- What day and time work best?

- Location/Format?

- Who plans or facilitates:





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Sharing the Work: Pack Leadership

Required Roles:

1. Cubmaster: helps lead Pack meetings, supports Den Leaders, and keeps things fun.
2. Committee Chair: helps organize the adults and logistics
3. Den Leaders: work directly with your child and other kids in their grade level (Den)

Helpful Support Roles:

1. Treasurer: tracks Pack money, pays expenses, and keeps things transparent
2. Advancement Coordinator: helps make sure adventures, badges, and awards get recorded and handed out
3. Communications Lead: sends reminders, updates, and calendar info to families
4. Outdoor Coordinator: helps find locations or ideas for outings and field trips
5. Committee Members: parents who keep the Pack running smoothly.

Notes: _____

Postion Title	Name	Contact Information
Cubmaster		
Committee Chair		
Den Leader - Lions (K)		
Den Leader - Tigers (1st)		
Den Leader - Wolves (2nd)		
Den Leader - Bears (3rd)		
Den Leader - Webelos (4th)		
Den Leader - Arrow of Light (5)		



PACK PLANNING GUIDE

How We Communicate

Clear communication helps our Pack run smoothly and keeps everyone on the same page. We'll choose one primary way to share information, so families know where to look.

Our primary communication method:

- Email (Pack email?)
- Messaging app (GroupMe, WhatsApp, Band, etc.)
- Facebook page
- ScoutBook+
- Other _____

What we'll use it for: meeting reminders and Schedule updates, event details and sign-ups, and important Pack announcements.

- Who sends Pack-wide updates?

- How often can families expect messages?

- Questions or notes:

Costs & Basics

We'll keep costs transparent and simple. Today's goal is awareness, not final decisions.

Basic costs to be aware of:

- Registration fees: \$170 for Scouts, \$100 for adults; an additional \$15 can be added for Scouts Life magazine
- Uniform pieces (not required immediately)
- Occasional activity costs
- Many Packs have their own dues, so they can collect money up front to pay for expenses that will come up later in the year, like awards, Pinewood Derby cars, campouts, activities, etc.

How Pack expenses will be handled:

- Covered by funding
- Covered by dues
- Combination of both
- To be decided

If cost is a concern at any point, please let us know. We want every child and family to be able to participate in Scouting.



PACK NORMS & SHARED EXPECTATIONS

Every Pack operates a little differently. These are general decisions that help set expectations for families and leaders.

Uniform Expectations

[Uniform expectations \(required/encouraged/optional\).](#)

When uniforms are typically worn (Pack meetings, events, etc.)

Family Participation Expectations

Do parents stay at meetings?

Photos & Social Media Use

Photos shared internally/social media/not shared?

Attendance Expectations

How our Pack approaches attendance:

How we handle missed meetings or activities:

Anything families should know about attendance:





PACK NORMS & SHARED EXPECTATIONS

Advancement Pace

How our Pack approaches advancement:

Where advancement will typically happen (meetings, at home, both):

Anything families should know about advancement expectations:

Notes:

Planning the Next Few Months

Dates to put on the calendar:

1. First Pack Meeting: _____
2. Regular Pack meeting schedule: _____
3. Den Meetings begin: _____

Activites/Events (1-2 to start)

1. _____
2. _____

School breaks/conflicts to note:





PROGRAM PLANNING MADE EASY

Cub Scout programming is already written for you. Leaders don't need to create lessons or activities from scratch - the program provides a clear roadmap. We have tools available to help kick off these first few months.

1. Three-Month Calendar & Program Guide
 - a. Designed to provide a plan and structure for the first three months.
2. Den Leader Kits
 - a. Paired with the Three-Month Calendar and Program Guide, it provides most of the materials needed for the first four Den meetings.

Pack Resources Binder

The Pack Resources Binder is here to support parents and leaders. It includes meeting templates, planning guides, fundraising information, key contacts, the Cub Scout Leader Book, recruitment resources, extra applications, and more. It's designed to narrow down the thousands of resources you can find online.

Where will the binder be kept? _____

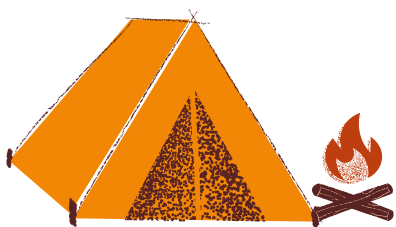
Online Resources and Tools

[My.Scouting](#) is the main system used by Scouting. We use it for:

- Leader registration and required training
- Keeping rosters and contact information up to date
- Accession Safeguarding Youth Training and other adult training courses
- Tracking advancement
- Responding to new families that are interested in joining the Pack
- Accepting both adult and youth applications

[Greater LA Scouting](#) also houses many resources:

- [Council Calendar](#)
- [Cub Scout Resources](#)
- [Membership Resources](#)
- [Scout Squad on the Go!](#)
- [Popcorn Fundraising](#)
- [Scout Card Fundraising](#)





WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE THIS YEAR

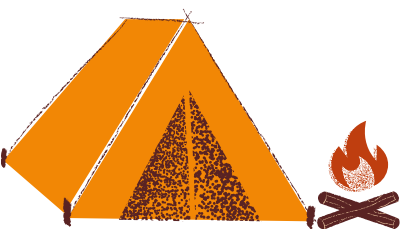
For our Scouts, success looks like:

For our families, success looks like:

For our leaders, success looks like:

Things we want to prioritize this year:

Things we are okay NOT doing yet:





IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

District Chair:

District Commissioner:

District Executive:

District Associate:

Scout Shops:

Arcadia Scout Shop

411 E Huntington Dr., Ste. #117 in Arcadia, CA 91006

(213) 718-6227

arcadia.shop@greaterlascouting.org

Store Hours:

(We are closed for lunch between 1:00pm – 2:00pm each day.)

Sunday – CLOSED

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Scout Shop

2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles CA 90026

(213) 718-6676

lascoutshop@greaterlascouting.org

Store Hours:

(We are closed for lunch between 1:00pm – 2:00pm each day.)

Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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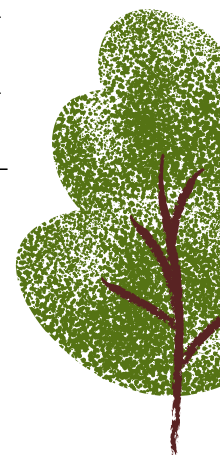
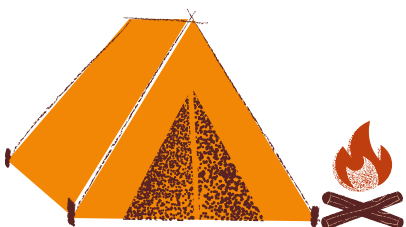
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District Roundtable: A chance to connect with other Pack and Troop leaders to learn about upcoming events in your area and the wider Greater Los Angeles Scouting area, get program ideas and training information, and more!

Notes:





IMPORTANT COUNCIL INFORMATION:



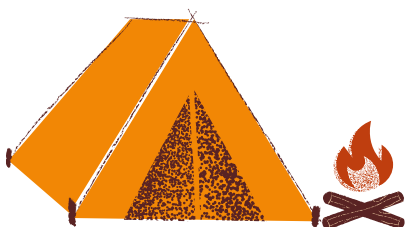
Council Staff

Districts

El Camino Real District
Exploring Division
Metropolitan District
Pacifica District
Pio Pico District
Rose Bowl District
San Gabriel Valley District

Council Properties

Arcadia Scout Shop - Arcadia
Camp Cherry Valley - Catalina Island
Cushman Watt Scout Center - Los Angeles
Firestone Scout Reservation - Brea Canyon
Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation - Cedar Glen
Los Angeles Scout Shop - Los Angeles
Trask Scout Reservation - Monrovia Canyon





UPCOMING CUB SCOUT PROGRAMS



CUB ADVENTURE DAY

Calling ALL Cub Scouts: Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and AOLs! Come join us for range sports, crafts, nature, games, and much more!

September 12, 2026

COMMUNITY WHEELS

September 26, 2026

Join us at Firestone Scout Reservation for a fun-filled cycling event. Scouts will rotate through exciting, hands-on activity stations inspired by real-world community vehicles while building confidence on their bikes and learning valuable skills in safety, teamwork, and community awareness



BOO FEST

October 23-25, 2026



Cub Scouts and their families are invited for a weekend of camping, crafts, archery, BB guns, slingshots, obstacle courses, campfires, s'mores, and plenty of festive fall fun. It's the perfect way to make lasting memories together in the outdoors!

December 12, 2026

WINTER FEST

Join us for a day packed with fun, adventure, and winter-themed activities for the whole family! Brave the icy Polar Bear Dare from 9:00–10:30 a.m., then stick around to enjoy a variety of dry activities until 2:00 p.m.





FINAL REMINDER

Cub Scouts is not about perfection. It's about showing up, trying new things, learning together, and most importantly - doing your best.

Trust your leaders, trust the process, and don't be afraid to make the program your own.

