

Parent Handbook Cub Scout Pack



**Tuscarora Council
Boy Scouts of America
Clayton, North Carolina**

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Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 124!

Welcome to Cub Scouting, part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Since June of 1993, Pack 124 has a rich history of serving Scouting, children and parents of Clayton and surrounding communities. We are privileged to be within the Neusiok District of the Tuscarora Council (www.bsanc.org) headquartered in Goldsboro, NC. The Tuscarora Council proudly serves more than 8,000 youth and adult volunteers in the Duplin, Johnston, Sampson and Wayne Counties of eastern North Carolina.

Pack 124 is a very active Unit, and we pride ourselves in having a program that focuses on the 12 core values of Cub Scouting with fun, respect, and family that influences the growth of the scouts into fine young citizens.

As with any program, you will get out of the program what you put into it. We know there is a lot of information to absorb, so we have compiled the basic information you will need into this handbook. Our website will also help to provide you with up-to-the-minute information regarding events, points of contact, and just about any other scouting information you might need.

We are glad you chose to join our Pack and look forward to watching your young scout grow and develop as an individual, as a family member, and as a citizen and leader in the community.

Now let's have some fun!

Website: <http://www.pack124.org>





PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTS



The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law

THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law

To help other people at all times

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight

THE SCOUT LAW

Trustworth

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent

The Aims of Scouting are:

Character, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Leadership

METHODS OF SCOUTING

LIVING THE IDEALS

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in Scouts and the leaders who guide them.



BELONGING TO A DEN

The den is ideally a group of six to eight children who are in the same grade. It is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.

ADVANCEMENT

Recognition is important to everyone. The advancement plan provides fun for the Scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with them on advancement projects.





FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that Scouts have a good experience in the program.

ACTIVITIES

Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.



SERVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps Scouts strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn supports their growth and development.

UNIFORM

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating that a Scout is part of a team and showing individual achievement (Scouts wear the badges they've earned).

Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, and good behavior.



Important Information about Pack 124:

The Cub Scout Pack:

The Cub Scout Pack is a group of kindergarten through fifth graders. Led by the volunteer Cubmaster, the Pack meets once a month. There are games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of awards earned that month. The Pack also runs many special programs, such as Pinewood Derbies, hikes and weekend campouts.

Dens

The larger Pack is broken into smaller groups by grade levels, called dens. Volunteer den leaders and assistant den leaders lead den meetings.

Lion dens are kindergarteners, Tiger dens are first-graders, Wolf dens are second-graders, Bear dens are third-graders, Webelos dens are fourth and Arrow of Light dens are fifth-graders.



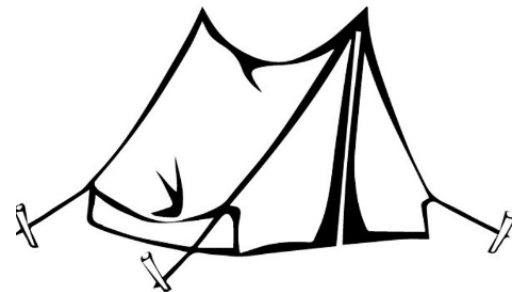
Meeting Times

Pack and Den meetings are held on Monday nights from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Horne Memorial United Methodist Church. Most weeks we meet as Dens in individual rooms. Once a month we meet together as a Pack for group activities and awards presentations.

The Pack follows the Johnston County public schools calendar and does not meet if there is a school holiday. The pack also does not have Pack or Den meetings on a Monday after a camping trip, just to give everyone some time to recover!

Camping with the Pack

The pack goes camping 2-3 times per year. We typically arrive at camp Friday evening and leave on Sunday morning. The whole family is welcome to join us! Cub Scout camping is a family-centric program which includes Scouts, parents/guardians and siblings. Youth sleep in a tent with their parent or guardian.



Camping Supplies

The Pack provides all the necessary group cooking equipment and supplies for camping. Scouts provide their own tents and individual equipment. A full pack list will be set out ahead of each trip and is available on the Pack Website.

Prohibited Items

- Pets are not allowed on camping trips (other than service animals)
- No alcohol or tobacco products. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.
- No Firearms. (BB guns for shooting sports are provided at camp)



Cost of Scouting

- National dues are \$100/yr. This includes BSA registration and Boys Life Magazine. IF you joined after Aug 1st 2023 then this is paid directly to the National BSA on the anniversary of the date you joined. If you joined before Aug 1st 2023 then this is paid the pack and the pack pays your national dues along with our annual unit recharter.
- Pack dues for 2024/2025 are \$200 per scout. This is paid to the Pack in the fall after we have completed Popcorn Sales. Scouts can earn credit for selling popcorn that can reduce or even eliminate their Pack Dues for the year. Pack dues cover, T-Shirts, Awards, Pack Equipment and events like the Pinewood Derby, Rank-Up Event and Summertime activities.
- Overnight events (such as camping trips) usually have a registration fee. For the Fall and Spring camping trips this is typically \$25-\$30 per participant., For the Spring Trip in April the cost can be a bit higher depending on where we are going.

Fundraising

Fundraising offers scouts a way to help offset the costs of scouting and help raise money to support our local council. The annual Tuscarora Council Popcorn sale (August to October) is the Pack's principal fundraising activity. The Council provides the Pack a percentage of the total sales. Each scout is given the opportunity to sell popcorn to raise money and earn prizes. A portion of the money earned is kept in a Scout Account that can be used to pay for Pack Dues and activity fees. Our goal is 100% participation in this annual event. The quality of the activities we can offer the scouts is directly related to this annual fundraiser.

Committee Meetings

The Pack Committee meets once a month to plan the upcoming activities for the Pack. These meetings are open to all parents and leaders in the Pack and are a great way to get involved. Meetings are usually from 7pm to 9pm on Thursdays. Dates and Locations will be communicated through Scoutbook.

Scoutbook

Scoutbook is the system that the BSA uses to track scouts' advancement. Parents can log into Scoutbook and see what requirements their scouts still need to complete. Scoutbook is also the system we use for the pack calendar and to communicate with the Pack.

The Web Address is: <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>

Pack Communications

All communications from the Pack come through email using the email addresses we have on file in Scoutbook. Please make sure you read the emails that come from Scoutbook as they will contain a lot of important information about upcoming events in the Pack.

Uniforms

The Cub Scout uniform identifies the organization within our community. We want our scouts to wear it properly and proudly. Pack 124 has two approved uniforms for each member of the Pack which are known as “Class A” and Class B”. Class B uniforms can be used during den and Pack outings, such as hiking and camping (where the boys are likely to get dirty). Class A uniforms are used during Pack and den meetings or whenever a scout is representing Pack 124 at civic or Council events. In either case, a scout should always present a neat appearance, with shirts tucked in and caps on straight.

Pack 124 provides the youth’s rank specific neckerchief and slide as well as a Class B T-shirt when a boy joins. Additional T-shirts may be purchased from the Pack. They are not available from the Scout Store or on-line as they are specific to Pack 124. The Class A uniforms can be purchased at a local Scout Store (addresses are listed below) or ordered on-line at www.scoutstuff.org. The staff in the local Scout Store can help you pick out the right items by council, unit and rank. We also have a Pack Closet with items that other scouts have outgrown or no longer need. Please contact the Cubmaster to determine what is available.

Hwy S 172, NC-581
Goldsboro, NC 27530

3231 Atlantic Ave
Raleigh, NC 27604

Scout Safety - Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America’s number one priority is the safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity. For this reason, we work closely with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units. We take great pride in the quality of our adult leadership and in our application review process. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check and is required to take Youth Protection Training courses every two years.

As a major youth-serving organization, the Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation. In addition to helping families address the problem of child abuse, BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting continues to be safe for all participants. BSA is a national leader among youth-serving agencies in addressing the potential threat that child abuse poses to young people.

For more information visit
www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection





Your Role as a Parent



You may participate at any level of effort that you wish to enjoy scouting with your son. While Den Leaders are the volunteer adults who do the majority of the work and who have the most fun, there are numerous other roles in the Pack.

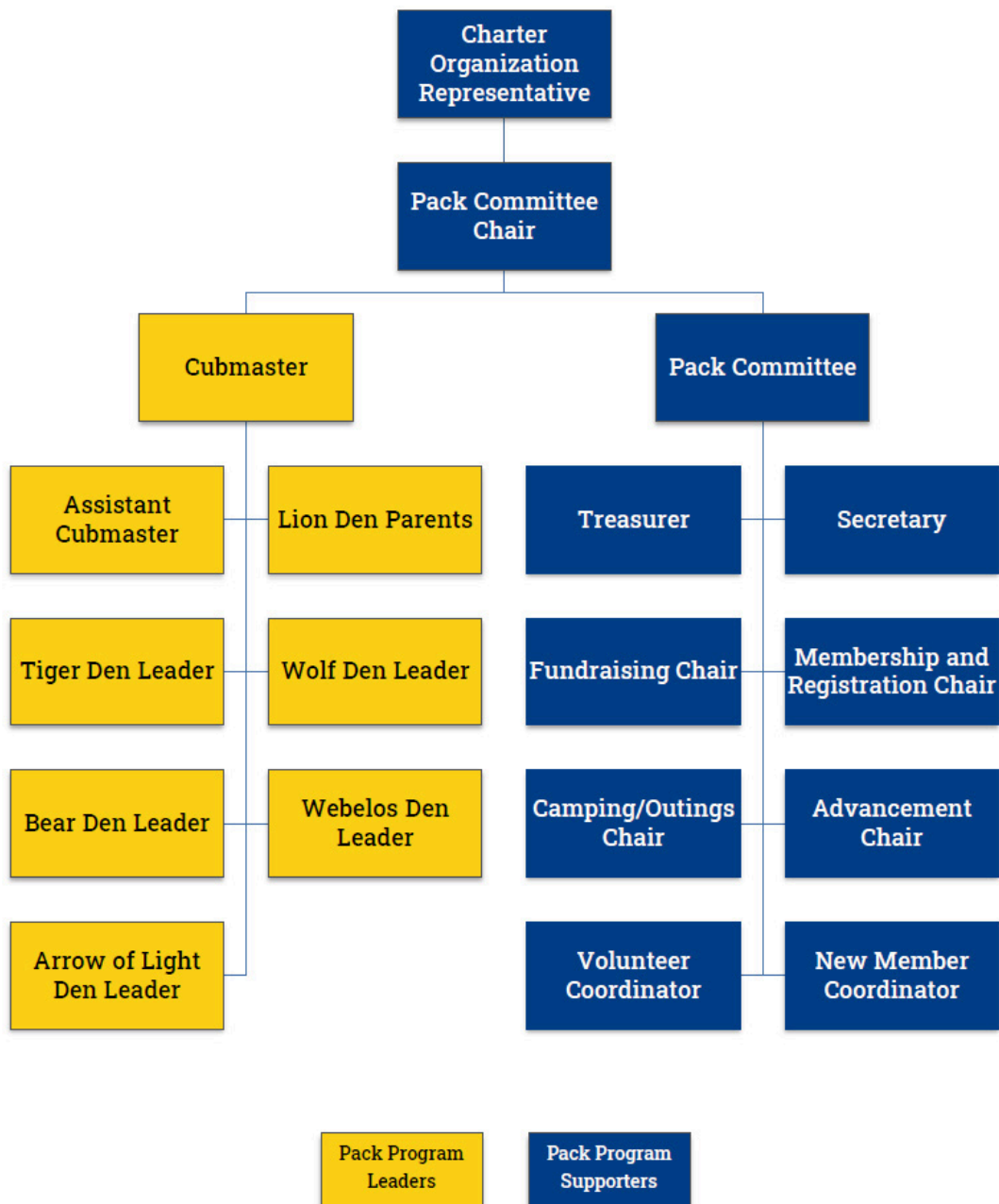
Parents play an important role in the Pack. Since all the leaders in Pack 124 are volunteers and have many other obligations, it takes everyone to help at one time or another. We understand that parents have other obligations and may feel they are too busy to take on any additional duties, but we depend on parents to help provide the great program we have. We require every parent to help the Pack in some capacity with our activities. All parents/adults should become trained in Youth Protection and participate in 'This is Scouting' Training (available on-line) as a minimum introduction to scouting. This will make the Den Leader's job easier and increase the boys' enjoyment. Please remember, Cub Scouting is a family activity, and Den/Pack meetings are a great place for family involvement. The following is a brief list of roles that any adult can play to assist the Pack:

Charter Organization Representative	Liaison between the Pack and the Charter Organization (appointed by the Charter Organization)
Unit Commissioner	Scouter who is a member of District and Council commissions and assists with coordination with other scout units and councils
Pack Committee Chairperson	Oversees the Pack committee who runs the business of the Pack "behind the scenes"
Cubmaster	aka 'Akela' leads and organizes all Pack activities
Assistant Cubmaster	aka 'Baloo' assists the Cubmaster
Pack Trainer	Organizes and maintains training records of adult leaders
Pack Secretary	Keeps notes of Pack committee
Pack Treasurer	Oversees Pack finances
Pack Membership and Recharter	Oversees membership paperwork and annual recharter effort
Popcorn Kernel	Organizes our main fundraising effort in the fall
Quartermaster	Maintains and transports Pack equipment to activities
Camp Coordinator	Organizes Pack activities including camping trips
Advancement Coordinator	Coordinates with Den Leaders for obtaining awards and badges
Webmaster	Maintains Pack internet website
Den Leader	Plans and organizes Den meetings, keeps track of the boys' advancements, and attends Committee meetings.
Assistant Den Leader	Assists the Den Leader

Note that all of the above listed roles are registered adult leaders whose annual membership fee is paid by the Pack. Any adult may be registered with BSA, but associated fees are their responsibility.



Pack 124 Organization










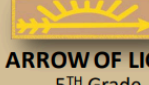










































The Advancement Plan



The Cub Scout program has been refreshed and updated for the 2024 / 2025 scouting year. The new program has a lot of new adventures for the scouts to complete as well as refreshed requirements for many existing adventures.

A few key changes

- Scouts will now complete a Bobcat adventure each year. This is designed to be one of the first adventures the Den completes and focuses on Character and Leadership.
- There are now a lot more options for Adventures. Each den has 16-20 options.
- Some things that were previously awards are now adventures which the scouts will earn belt loops / pins for. (Shooting Sports, Knife Safety, Summertime Activities etc.)
- Webelos and AOL now have completely separate adventures to work on. Previously they had separate required adventures, but shared electives.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 ND Grade	 BEAR 3 RD Grade	 WEBELOS 4 TH Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 TH Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures

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For more information on the new Cub Scout program visit:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>

To track your scouts advancement visit:

<https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>



Pack Guidelines



To ensure, everyone's safety, we have established a core set of guidelines that each scout, sibling, and parent must follow. Some are based upon BSA regulations for scout safety, others are meant to ensure respect to our Chartered Organization for the use of their facilities, and the rest are simply common sense and good manners that we expect from our scouts.

1. All Scouts must be escorted to and from the Den's meeting place (room). There will be no dropping off or picking up in front of the building. This is a safety rule and will be closely enforced. Also, please be prompt when bringing and picking up your child from the meeting.
2. During the Lion and Tiger years, a parent or guardian must stay with each Cub Scout during all Pack related activities.
3. Respect the meeting place and follow the "Leave No Trace" guidelines.
4. Scouts should not use the equipment (toys/supplies, etc.) or other items in the meeting place unless authorized by the Den leader.
5. Every scout will work with the other scouts in their Den to leave the meeting place as clean as, or cleaner than, how it started.
6. Do not send a scout back in to get something while you wait in the car.
7. Do not leave the scout unattended in the car while you run back in to get something.
8. Do not leave your scout when only one adult is present.
9. No electronic games/devices at scouting events. The purpose of the program is to encourage the scouts to interact with others; games/devices are counterproductive to that goal.





Pack Code of Conduct



Scouts

- Be on time.
- Wear the Scout uniform properly, as shown via scouting.org website (<https://www.scouting.org/program/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform>)
- When the Scout Sign is up, only adult leaders speak.
- Follow Akela's instructions and help others to follow them.
- Take pride in yourself, your Pack, your community and your country.
- Most Den and Pack meetings are held at Horne Memorial United Methodist Church, our charter organization, and Scouts should behave with reverence while in the building.
- **DO YOUR BEST**



Parents

PARENTAL LEADERSHIP:

Cub Scouting is based on parent/child participation. The success of Pack 124's Scouting program is based entirely on our parents.

Parents are expected to contribute in these ways:

- Accompany your Cub Scout to Pack and Den activities
- Help organize one special event each year (e.g., Pinewood Derby, Christmas party, Blue and Gold Celebration)
- Monitor your Scout's advancement on Scoutbook.com and work with your Scout on activities not covered in Den meetings. Cub Scouting is an opportunity for parents and Scouts to spend time learning and doing things together.
- Track your Scout's progress on ScoutBook.com.
- Assist in maintaining order during any Pack or Den function.
- Non-Scout siblings are welcome at many Pack 124 functions, but parents are responsible for the conduct of their non-Scout children at all times. Parents may be asked to remove disruptive children from these events.
- No one in attendance at a Cub Scout function is permitted to use tobacco products (including vaping), alcohol, or illegal drugs.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



(HOLD ON TO THIS)

My Pack number is	124
My Scouting district is	Neusiok
My council is	Tuscarora
My Charter Organization is	Horne Memorial United Methodist Church
My Cubmaster's name is	Peter Urso
My Cubmaster's phone number is	(919) 437-1569
My Cubmaster's E-mail is	peter.urso@gmail.com
My Committee Chair's name is	Adam Fahrenholz
My Committee Chair's phone number is	(919) 455-6664
My Committee Chair's E-mail is	adam.fahrenholz@outlook.com
My Charter Organization's Rep is	David Lomax
My Charter Organization's Rep phone number is	(404) 403-3996
My Charter Organization's Rep E-mail is	lomaxdavid@gmail.com
My Pack's website is	www.pack124.org
My Pack meets on	Mondays from 7pm-8pm
My Pack meets at	Horne Memorial United Methodist Church (Clayton, NC)
My Den leader's name is	
My Den leader's phone number is	
My Den leader's E-mail is	





Parent Help Positions



Please Complete and Return This Form Tonight

Each parent must be willing to assist the Pack for the program to work. The following positions all need to be filled for our Pack to have a successful year. Please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions you would be willing to serve on this coming year. Some of these positions are short-term and others are yearlong.

____ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader

____ Pack Committee

____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster

____ Special Events Committee

____ Webmaster

____ Pack Treasurer

____ Quartermaster

____ Marketing Committee

____ Awards Committee

____ New Member Coordinator

____ Pack Secretary

____ Pack Trainer

Hobbies: _____

Sports Interests: _____

Occupation: _____

I have a Truck _____ Van/SUV _____ Trailer _____

I have a Workshop _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Scout's Name: _____ Grade: _____

E-mail address: _____