

New Parent Handbook

Rocklin Cub Scout Pack 29



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Quick Answers to Quick Questions

What den will my son be in?

Your son's den—the group of boys he'll work most closely with in Cub Scouts—is based on his current grade.

1st Grade: Tiger

2nd Grade: Wolf

3rd Grade: Bear

4th Grade: Webelos I

5th Grade: Webelos II

See "Appendix F: Leadership Roster" on page 75 for contact information for the appropriate Den Leader.

When are meetings?

Your den will generally meet 2-3 times per month. Your Den Leader will let you know the specific schedule and meeting location for the den.

The Pack meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Rocklin Community Center.

See "Chapter 5: Annual Calendar" on page 27 for information on other annual events and activities.

How much does it cost to get started?

Your initial dues are based on a pro-rated amount from when you join. They are currently \$3 per month remaining in the year. At the end of the year, you'll have annual dues for the following year. See "Chapter 10: Finances" on page 43 for details.

Where can I buy his uniform?

Uniforms can be purchased from the River City Scout Shop in Sacramento. See "Chapter 4: The Cub Scout Uniform" on page 23 for information on what our Pack requires.

How can I get involved?

Scouts is a volunteer-run organization that cannot survive without parental involvement. There is always something that can be done, regardless of your skillset, prior experience with Scouts, or time availability. Talk to any uniformed leader at any meeting for information on how you can help.



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Introduction

Welcome to Rocklin's Cub Scout Pack 29, and to the Boy Scouts of America. This guide has been developed to answer the questions that you, as a parent of a new Cub Scout, are likely to have as you and your son begin the adventure in Scouting.

Welcome to Cub Scouts!

This guide has been prepared to help parents of new Scouts get up-to-speed quickly on Cub Scouts in general and Rocklin Pack 29 in particular.

Please read through this guide carefully, as it will likely answer most of your questions. But if you find you still have questions, please don't hesitate to ask! We were all in your situation at one point as well.

Chapter 1: Getting Started

To get you started with Cub Scouts, we'll quickly cover the paperwork you need to fill out and the dues you'll owe to join.

Paperwork

You need to complete a Youth Application for your son. The adult leader you contacted about joining the Pack can provide you with an application. You can also download it as a PDF if you'd prefer. Please fill it out as completely as possible—we really do need all of that information. A copy of the application can also be found in "Appendix B: Forms" on page 51.

We'd also like to have you go ahead and complete the Boy Scout Medical Form, parts A and B, for your son. A copy of the form can be found in "Appendix B: Forms" on page 51. We will need this form if your son joins the Pack on any overnight outing, such as our trips to historic ships or Twilight Camp. (See "Chapter 5: Annual Calendar" on page 27 for more details on these activities.) It's easier to get the form from you now rather than track it down later.

If you, your spouse, a grandparent, or any other adult (or sibling if over 18) plan to join your son on these activities, we will also need a copy of the form for each of them. Feel free to photocopy the one in this guide.

Turn in both the application and medical form or forms to your Den Leader.

Dues

The Pack only collects dues once a year, in October or November, for the following calendar year. Please see "Chapter 10: Finances" on page 43 for an explanation.

However, the Boy Scouts of America does collect a pro-rated portion of the dues when you join. The break-down is printed in the application, but it works out to \$3 per month remaining in the year, so if you join at the beginning of October your dues would be \$9. Please make a check payable to Pack 29 for these dues and turn it in with your paperwork.