
Chapter 7: Community Service

Citizenship is a key component of the ideals of Scouting, and an important part of being a good citizen is learning to serve one's community.

Service Projects

Pack 29 participates in a variety of community service projects throughout the year, coordinated by our designed Community Service Leader. A few examples of service projects we've done:

- Place US flags on the graves of those who gave their lives in service to the country who are buried in the Rocklin cemetery on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.
- Community clean-up projects
- Scouting for Food, an annual nation-wide program that collects food to be delivered to local food banks.
- Operation Christmas Child. Each year at our November Pack meeting, we will fill boxes to be sent to less fortunate children in other parts of the world.

Scouts who participate in these projects will be eligible to receive special recognition, including the Messengers of Peace and World Conservation Awards. See "Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards" on page 31 for more details on these.

Chapter 8: Communications

Communicating with busy families can be a challenge, so the Pack tries to use as many channels as possible to ensure that you know what is happening in the Pack.

Electronic

When you first join the Pack, you will be given an account on Scoutbook.com. See “Chapter 6: Advancements and Awards” on page 31 for more details on Scoutbook, but we also use it as an online calendar, so you should receive automated reminders for Pack events.

Your email will also be added to our Google Groups account, which allows the Pack’s leaders to send email to the Pack as a whole. We try to minimize the amount of email you will get, but there are times when we need to send out important information to all of the families. If you ever need to change the email address in this list, simply inform your Den leader.

Den leaders usually maintain an email list specific to the Den so that they can send out reminders of Den meetings and events as well as informational emails when needed.

The Pack has a Facebook page, but in order to protect the privacy of boys it is hidden and restricted to invitation only. If you would like to join the page, ask your Den leader to invite you.

Finally, the Pack’s website at <http://pack29.info> contains a wealth of information about the Pack, updated calendars and Parent/Leader Committee meeting minutes, important forms, and much more.

Newsletter

Each month at the Pack meeting, you will receive a copy of the Pack’s monthly newsletter which outlines important upcoming events.

The newsletter will also be published on the Pack website and Den leaders will be given a PDF version to email to their Den.

Boy’s Life Magazine

The Boy Scouts of America publishes a monthly magazine called *Boy’s Life* that is targeted at the youth market. Scouts who regularly read *Boy’s Life* are more likely to remain in Scouting than those who do not.

The Youth Application contains an option to subscribe to *Boy’s Life*. The subscription is \$1 per month and is collected along with the dues. Your son’s subscription will be automatically renewed each fall as part of the Pack’s rechartering process unless you indicate otherwise.

If you have more than one boy in Scouting, you can opt out of individual subscriptions for each. Please discuss this option with your Den Leader.

Chapter 9: Youth Protection

While we seek to have a fun and enriching program, the health and safety of the boys in our care is always the number one priority of every adult leader in Scouting.

Youth Protection Training

To this end, the Boy Scouts have established several important policies that all leaders must adhere to at all times. These include:

- Two-deep leadership. A minimum of two leaders must always be present with the boys.
- One-on-one contact between youth and adults is prohibited at all times.
- Privacy of the youth is to be respected at all times.
- Separate accommodations for youth and adults are required.

In order to ensure that these policies are known and enforced, all adults must complete Youth Protection Training before they can participate in any Scouting activity other than a Den or Pack meeting. This means that if you want to accompany the Pack on an overnight trip to an historic ship, you must complete Youth Protection Training. The training must be retaken every two years. Rest assured that every adult leader in the Pack has taken then training and keeps it up-to-date; Scouting will not accept an application from an adult who has not completed the training.

You can take Youth Protection Training online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

Chapter 10: Finances

Certain aspects of Scouting can be expensive, and an important role of the Parent/Leader Committee is to maintain the Pack's bank account and manage its finances.

Annual Dues

Each fall, all Scouting units go through a process known as “rechartering”. This is our annual process whereby we, as a Pack, renew our membership in the Boy Scouts of America. At the same time, we will also renew your son’s membership in the BSA.

To complete this process, we need to collect dues for the following year. This is usually done in October or November. Please see “Appendix C: Dues Structure” on page 61 for a complete break-down of the dues structure to understand the costs for remaining active in the Pack. Dues can either be paid by check made out to Pack 29, or by using Scout Account money (see “Scout Accounts” below for details.)

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Each September, Pack 29 hosts a pancake breakfast in conjunction with Rocklin’s Hot Chili and Cool Cars event. Scouts sell tickets in advance of the event at store fronts, through families, and by going door-to-door. Each Scout is asked to be responsible for selling 20 tickets, and the Pack offers prizes to those who sell more.

The Pancake Breakfast is the Pack’s only fundraiser for the year, and the money raised represents the Pack’s operating budget for the year.

Scout Accounts

The Pack maintains a Scout Account for each boy. The account is really just a line item in the budget, but it is money that is specifically reserved for use by each Scout. It can be used for pretty much any Scouting-related activity, including paying for overnight trips, camping, uniforms, dues, and the like.

The Pack offers several opportunities for Scouts to raise money for their Scout accounts throughout the year. In either the winter or spring, we run a See’s Candy fundraiser, with all money raised going to Scout accounts. We occasionally have other pancake breakfasts where again money raised is divided amongst the boys who work the event and placed in Scout Accounts.

Your Den Leader can provide you with your current Scout Account balance on request. If you wish to use Scout Account money for a Pack-sponsored event, you can simply fill out the Scout Account Request form (see “Appendix B: Forms” on page 51) and submit it in lieu of payment. If you purchase a uniform or camping gear or the like, you can submit a Check Request form (which can also be found in “Appendix B: Forms” on page 51) for reimbursement.

Due to IRS regulations, Scout Account moneys cannot be refunded directly to the family, so in the unfortunate event that a Scout leaves the program, remaining funds in his Scout Account will revert to the main Pack account. However, if you move and transfer to a new Pack, or com-

plete the Cub Scout program and transfer to Boy Scouts, your son's balance can be transferred to his new Pack or Troop.

National Fundraising

The Boy Scouts of America sells popcorn in the fall as a fundraising opportunity for Packs and youth. Because it happens at the same time as our Pancake Breakfast sales, Pack 29 does not participate as a group in the popcorn sales. However, individual Scouts are welcome to see the product if they wish, with any money raised going into the Scout Account. If you wish to participate, ask your Den Leader for details.

In the spring, the BSA sponsors the sale of "Camp Cards", which are credit card-sized cards with discount coupons. The cards are produced locally, so the discounts are for local stores and businesses. As with popcorn, sales of Camp Cards are available to Scouts on an individual basis, with money going into Scout Accounts. Scouts who sell certain numbers of Camp Cards are eligible to have their registration fees for Twilight Camp or Summer Camp paid for by the Council. Details on the sale will be provided at Pack and Den meetings in the early spring.

