

# WELCOME to Pack 108

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## **Scouting**

In Cub Scouts you'll have lots of fun, adventure, and activities with your Den and Pack. But there's more to it than that. Being a Cub Scout means you are a member of a worldwide youth movement that stands for certain values and beliefs. Cub Scouting is more than something to do. It's all about the boy you are and the person you will become.

Cub Scouting is fun! No matter what grade you are in, Kindergarten through 5th, it can be a blast. Do you like to learn by doing? This is just the place. You can learn to tie knots, set up a tent, and shoot a bow and arrow (archery). Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire, sent a secret code to a buddy, built a birdhouse or hiked? Earn rewards for doing these things in Cub Scouts.

### **Cub Scouts Belong to a Pack and Den**

As a Cub Scout you will be part of a Pack. The pack is divided into smaller groups called dens. Each den has approximately eight to ten boys. All of the Cub Scouts in your den are in the same grade and may even go to the same school.

The Cub Scout pack belongs to a church, a school, or some other group of people in your community or neighborhood. This group makes sure your pack has good adult leaders, a place to meet, and exciting things to do. The group gets help from the Boy Scouts of America, which is part of Scouting around the world.

### **Cub Scouts Do Things and Go Places**

Have you: Been to the local Police Station and talked to the policemen on duty? Visited the Fire Station and sat in the driver's seat of the pumper truck? Visited the local TV station and sat in the news anchors chair?

These are some of the places you might go with your den or pack!

You might also: build a Pinewood Derby car and race it on the track, build a sailboat and race it in the raingutter regatta or build a space ship and race it to the stars in the Pack Rocket Launch.

Each time you complete an accomplishment or learn a new skill you will be rewarded. Sometimes the reward is a bead or a patch. Sometimes it is a smile on your den leader's or parent's face to see you grow and learn.

## **COVID Safety**

Pack 108 is committed to the safety of our Scouts. We will be following the safety protocols of our sponsoring organization, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. These protocols are in keeping with the State and Federal guidelines. We are meeting outdoors whenever possible and are wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We understand that each parent has to make the right for their Scout, and we are open to working with each families' individual situation.

## Committee and Pack Leadership

Position	Name	Email	Phone
Committee Chair	Bob Hopstetter	rhobby@comcast.net	717-439-4460
Secretary	TBD		
Treasurer	Nicole Swallow	nswallow@pennstatehealth.psu.edu	570-204-2747
Training Coordinator	TBD		
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Webelos II Den Leader	Nicole Clark	nicoleeclark13@gmail.com	
Webelos I Den Leader	Mike Boyer	maboyerks@yahoo.com	814-321-5061
Bear Den Leader	TBD		
Wolf Den Leader	Heather Matchik	HeatherPAC@aol.com	
Tiger Den Leader	Patrick Grant	kp.grant@comcast.net	
Lion Den Leader	Heather Szmerda	hlszmerda@yahoo.com	

## Den Meetings

Dens normally meet two (2) times per month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:30 until 8:00. The uniform for Den Meetings is the Class B (T-shirt) unless otherwise directed by the Den Leader. In Den meetings, the boys work on achievements required to earn their rank badges. These meetings will normally may be at SJA, but can be at a volunteer's home or out in the community depending on the achievement. Den meetings are run by a uniformed/trained Den Leader. The Den Leader determines the meeting schedule.

Lion and Tiger Scouts require their 'Parent Partner' to be present at ALL Scouting events. Contact your Den Leader or Pack Leadership with questions.

## Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are held every other month on the fourth Tuesday (with exceptions for holidays and school availability) from 6:30 until 8:00. The uniform for all Pack Meetings is the Class A uniform. At Pack meetings, boys are recognized for their accomplishments and given the opportunity to show the Pack what they have been working on. Additionally, Dens can put on skits, yell their den cheer and sing songs.

## Dress Uniform at School

Cub Scouts are encouraged to wear their dress uniforms (Class A) for the school day at SJA once a month. This is typically the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month unless affected by holidays or school activities.

## Pack Activities and Events

Pack 108 participates in events like the following: Den and Pack Campouts and Hikes, Halloween/Fall festival, Winterfest, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Scouting for Food, Service projects at Camp Catherine and around the community, and our annual Rocket Launch to name a few.

Additionally, the Keystone Capital District and the New Birth of Freedom Council host events in which the Pack participates (Wizard Safari, Fishing Derby).

## Volunteers

Pack 108 is in need of volunteers! All our leaders are volunteers and the Pack requires additional help to deliver a successful program for the Scouts. We need help in numerous areas. If you can't commit to being a uniformed leader, perhaps you can help at the Committee level (Secretary, Treasurer, Religious Awards, Training) or at the Pack and Den level (plan hikes, campouts, service projects, etc). We could also use help while on trips and campouts coordinating meals and activities. We all need to chip in and help make the Pack GO!

## Pack 108 Costs

Dues for Pack 108 for the 2020-2021 Scout Year are \$150 per Scout and should be paid at the New Scout Registration event or the first Den Meeting. Dues are used to pay BSA Fees and fund the purchase of Scout required items, advancement pins and belt loops, as well as core Pack activities. The following list has many of the items:

Scout Handbook (\$16.99)	Adventure Pins (\$2 ea.)	Adventure Belt Loops (\$1.50 ea)
Pack and Den adventures and activities	Class B T-shirt (~\$14)	Neckerchief (\$10 upon advancement)
Boy's Life subscription (\$12)	BSA Annual Scout fee (\$66)	Pinewood Derby cars and model rockets (~\$10)

We also offer a mechanism to offset dues through participation in the annual Cub Scout Popcorn Sale and other fundraising opportunities (Camp Cards, Apple Dumplings). Dues can be reduced or erased based on popcorn sales success.

Dues are adjusted every year based on our Pack Calendar and planned events. Dues for each Scout Year will be set at the July or August Committee meeting.

***All checks should be made out to Pack 108.***

## Service and Fundraising

Service and Fundraising are an integral part of Scouting. They support activities, infrastructure, equipment and personnel at the Pack, District, Council and National level. Service and Fundraising are a part of every Scout's responsibilities at Pack 108. The primary Council led fundraising events are the Popcorn & Nut sale in the Fall and the Camp Card sale in the Spring. Additionally, Pack 108 conducts Apple Dumpling Sales in the Fall and Spring. Service opportunities include, but are not limited to, Pack Show and Sells for Popcorn & Nuts and Camp Cards, Apple Dumpling Show and Sells (primarily after Mass), assisting with set-up and tear-down for Pack events (Pinewood Derby and breakfast, Blue to Gold Dinner, summer activities), If a Scout's family is unable/unwilling to participate, a buyout of \$75 is offered in lieu of participating in Service and Fundraising activities.

Pack dues cover the individual costs associated with each Scout, whereas fundraising covers the cost of the Pack:

Blue to Gold Dinner	Pinewood Derby Awards and Breakfast	Arrow of Light Awards
Snacks and drinks at Pack Meetings	Special Den Activities	Den Leader Awards
End of Year and Summer Adventures	Religious Emblems and workbooks	

Service and Fundraising goals are based on our Pack Calendar and planned events. Goals for each Scout Year are set during the July or August Committee meeting. See Appendix A for more information.

## Scout Handbook

Scouts are required to have a Handbook for their use in completing requirements for rank advancement. Each rank has a handbook designed specifically for their program level. Each Scout should bring his Handbook to every Den Meeting.

## Pack 108 Required Uniform (Class A uniform)

Pack 108 requires the following uniform components:

### Cub Scouts

Lions: Lion t-shirt, belt and cap

Tiger – Bear: Rank specific hat, neckerchief (first one only), neckerchief slide clasp, Cub Scout Belt (blue), Blue uniform shirt (with the New Birth of Freedom Council Strip, World Scouting Patch, Centennial Ring and Pack 108 numerals). Personnel at the Scout stores can tell you exactly what you need to purchase if you tell them Pack 108.

**Webelos** (optional uniform for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Rank specific hat, neckerchief (first one only) and neckerchief slide clasp, Cub Scout shoulder tabs, Cub Scout Belt (green) with Webelos buckle, Webelos 'colors' Tan uniform shirt (with the New Birth of Freedom Council Strip, World Scouting Patch, Centennial Ring and Pack 108 numerals). Personnel at the Scout stores can tell you exactly what you need to purchase if you tell them Pack 108.

## **The Scout Stores**

Scouting items (uniforms and more) can be purchased at the following locations:

Mechanicsburg Scouting Store, 1 Baden Powell Ln, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

(717) 795-2703

<https://newbirthoffreedom.org/service-centers-2/mechanicsburg-scout-shop/>

York Scouting Store, 2139 White St, York, PA 17404

717-843-0901

<https://newbirthoffreedom.org/service-centers-2/york-service-center/>

Cub Scout insignia placement on shirt pockets: \*\* The middle two pocket images (directly above) are for the blue uniform shirt only, the diamond rank badges should not be on the tan uniform shirt.



