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# WELCOME TO PACK 486!!

Family Information Guide

[www.pack486rh.org](http://www.pack486rh.org)



Dear Parent,

Welcome to Pack 486, we are thrilled to have you join us! Our Pack meets for Pack meetings - all dens in uniform together in the main church at St. Elizabeth's- on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm. Dens make their own schedules in between but typically meet on each Tuesday near the playground/scouthut from 6:30-7:30pm. We break in May for summer, but do a summer activity in June & July.

For those new to Scouting, our dens are based upon grade level:

- LIONS: KINDERGARTEN
- TIGERS: FIRST GRADE
- WOLVES: SECOND GRADE
- BEARS: THIRD GRADE
- WEBELOS: FOURTH GRADE
- ARROW OF LIGHT: FIFTH GRADE

In addition to our meetings, we participate in district/council campouts each year at Black Creek Scout Reservation in Sylvania, and typically offer 1-2 Pack campouts throughout the year.

Pack 486 is a family pack, and parents are expected to attend den and pack meetings and outings with their Cubs. Parents are also invited to join the Pack Committee and will be asked to help in various capacities throughout the year. We are only as good as our volunteers!

We are also a very sports-friendly Pack, so if your Cub is playing a sport, that is ok. Your den leader will work with you and your Cub to help make their rank.

To aid in communication, we request that you join the Pack 486 Private Facebook group, which will allow us to send important notifications and reminders. The group link is available on our website <https://www.pack486rh.org/>

If you have any questions at anytime, please reach me at [pack486rh@gmail.com](mailto:pack486rh@gmail.com)  
We strive to make this a positive experience for you and your Scout, so please let us know anything we can do to help you.

Yours in Scouting,

Crystal Reynolds  
Pack Committee Chair

# Uniforming Your Scout

A big part of Scouting is the uniform. Below is a cheat sheet for what you need:

## Upper

- T-Shirt for Lions
- Blue button down Scout shirt for Tigers, Wolves, Bears
- Tan Button down Scout shirt for Webelos & Arrow of Light
- Neckerchief and Slide
- Hat

## Lower

- Any bottoms for Lions (but you may choose to wear uniform bottoms as well)
- Uniform Scout Bottoms for all other dens optional.
- Belt - Lions, Tigers, Wolves, & Bears earn belt loops to wear on their belts.

Scouts are thrifty, so we encourage you to seek used uniform items before buying new. Some items may be available from our previous Scouts in our Scout Hut! Please ask if you need these.

Also, you may want to consider buying a larger size uniform shirt, for Tigers and above, to make it last longer. If budget is a concern, please talk to us. We are here to help!

The ladies at the Scout Shop in Savannah on Abercorn are very helpful!  
Scout Shop - 11900 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31419  
(912) 927-7272

\*\*If you are unable to make it there during normal hours, you can purchase over the phone and one of your committee members can pick it up for you as we go often. Just let us know\*

# Fees & Fundraising

There are two fees each year: Council dues and Pack dues. In addition, there is a one time registration fee that you pay (usually online) when you first register for Scouts. The dues vary year to year and will be discussed at the Pack Meetings.

We never want finances to stop you from participating in Scouts, so there are a few ways you can fundraise to pay your dues!

## **Popcorn Fundraiser:**

This is held each fall. Scouts can sell popcorn via in person, on the app (this is great for friends and family out of town), and at storefronts set up by the Pack. Your scout not only earns rewards for popcorn sales, but can also pay for their dues with the popcorn money earned on their "Scout Account." Popcorn purchased via your Scout's selling link online is paid online and shipped directly to the recipient so you don't have to distribute or collect money!

More information about popcorn fundraising will be presented at Pack meetings.

## **Camp Cards Fundraiser:**

This is held each Spring. Scouts can sell cards with multiple local discounts on them that are usable throughout the year. Cards are only \$10 and the Pack gets 50% back on these. Scouts can also earn rewards and patches for camp card sales.

If fundraisers are just not something you or your family is willing to participate in, please speak to us about making a monetary donation to the pack.

\*\*If you have a fundraising opportunity you would like to share with us, please send us an email!

# The Role Of The Cub Scout Parent

Every parent plays a very important role with your Scout. You will be working with your Scout on their achievements, attending camp outings together, and simply having fun with your family! Scouting would not be possible without the parents or guardians' involvement. Lions must have a parent/guardian present at all activities and meetings.

We may ask that you serve as a parent helper in your child's Cub Scout Pack. All Scout leaders are volunteers! Whatever time you can invest in Scouting is beneficial to all members of our Pack!

Please take 5 minutes to complete our [Family Talent Survey online](#).

# New Cub Scout Camping Checklist

Welcome to Cub Scouting! One of the most daunting parts for families can often be the first camp out. But don't fret; your Pack is here to help! Have your Scout help with the packing process!

**Tents:** For all camping, families are to bring their own tent. Keep in mind that whatever the capacity of people a tent says it cover, cut that in half (example: 4 person tent is really for 2 people plus their gear). **Camping Pad, air mattress or Cots** - your personal comfort dictates this preference. Most kids do fine with a simple camping pad under their sleeping bag. Don't forget your **stakes**- and even a **hammer or mallet** for helping them in and out of the ground.

**Tarp:** for under your tent

**Sleeping Bags:** Cubs typically do not do cold weather camping, however, we can get down into the 20s some of our winter overnights. Add in an extra **blanket** for colder weather and a lightweight **sheet** for summers. And don't forget your **pillow**.

**Campfire chair:** Each person should bring one chair with them.

**Cookware:** As a Pack, we offer a few meals at each campout (TBD per campout). For other meals: You are welcome to share cookware as a den or bring your own food items and cooking items. A basic **mess kit** is always a great investment (you can find these on amazon), and for adults who enjoy coffee, include a **hot beverage mug**. Lastly, a **refillable water bottle** and **plenty of water for each person in your family**.

S'mores are always welcome! (Marshmallow, chocolate, and graham crackers). Don't forget sticks for roasting!

**Flashlights:** Each person should have one flashlight on campouts. Many kids prefer headlamps to holding something in their hands. The kids usually play flashlight tag as well so this a definite don't forget item!

**First Aid Kit:** These are a required part of the Cub Scout six essentials, but you may want to add items for your family's comfort - bite/sting ointment, pain reliever, any medications specific to your family. The Pack has a main first aid kit that will be onsite as well.

**Battery Powered Fans:** This is a cheap investment that you may really appreciate on warm Georgia nights.

**Shower items:** Prepare your own toiletry bag to get you through each camp out. There is a trading post at BCSR for forgotten items, but it may not always be open. Start saving those sample and hotel items now! Include at least one washcloth and towel and a pair of flipflops for your shower. A **laundry bag** to take home dirty clothes is also recommended.

**Rain gear:** a poncho or rain jacket per person in your family.

**Bug spray, sunscreen, and a hat:** one of each should be included in your camping gear.

**Pocketknives:** Only Scouts that have earned their Whittling chip and are Bears, Webelos, or AOL may have pocketknives with them at campouts. Be sure they have their Whittling chip card with them.

**Fishing Gear:** Fishing poles, rod and reel, worms and bait. This is optional.

Campfires: **Firewood** dry and seasoned is appreciated at campouts. Also, you can collect dryer lint in a ziploc bag to be used as fire starter. Cubs are not permitted to start fires at any time.

**Day pack/Backpack:** This is good to carry snacks, water, and the Cub Scout six essentials during day activities when we may not be near campsite.

**Gear box/duffel bag:** If you plan to camp often, we recommend purchasing a weather-proof storage box or duffle bag to keep all your items together and ready to go for each campout.

**Cooler:** We recommend using a cooler rated for 3 days of ice. Ice machines are available at most places we campout, but sometimes break down so plan accordingly.

Any questions or concerns about what to bring or how to use it, feel free to ask our Cub Master Justin!

***Not ready for overnight camping? Feel free to come join us just for the day!***

# Why Join Cub Scouting?

- If you could give only one gift to the young people who are most important in your life, what would it be? No matter what your family situation is, it is within your power to help these children grow into people with a good feeling about themselves and a genuine concern for others. Cub Scouting can assist you in providing this greatest gift of all.
- Cub Scout-age children benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. Through this sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others.
- As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## SCOUT LAW

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, AND REVERENT.

## 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.

We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Youth join because it is fun. Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.

# How Does cub Scouting Work?

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with adventures that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on adventures, they will earn badges and other recognition that they wear on their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you! The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level. A den typically meets twice a month, although some may meet more often. All dens, from kindergarten through fifth grade, make up a pack. Once a month, the dens, with their families, come together at the pack meeting and Cub Scouts are recognized for the adventures and badges they have earned.



# Dens

## **The Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (First Grade) Dens**

Cub Scouts who join in kindergarten or first grade join with an adult partner, usually the parent or guardian. A Lion or Tiger den should be no more than eight Cub Scouts and their adult partners. An adult is selected to serve as the den leader (usually one of the parents) and coordinates the meetings. Each adult partner takes a turn assisting or hosting meetings or activities with the den leader. This shared leadership model is a great way to ensure the den leader has the help needed to deliver a quality program.

Lion dens (kindergarten) meet once a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to.

Tiger dens (first grade) meet typically twice a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to.

At den meetings, Lions and Tigers work on adventures that are found in their handbooks.

## **The Wolf (Second Grade) and Bear (Third Grade) Dens**

Children this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs.

A Wolf (second grade) or Bear (third grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts of the same gender, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and often a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader).

They typically meet twice a month at a regularly scheduled time and place, and they also attend the pack meeting with their families

## **The Webelos and Arrow of Light Dens (Fourth and Fifth Grades)**

The Webelos and Arrow of Light dens are much like the Wolf and Bear dens, but there is

more emphasis on learning to take leadership roles and preparing to join a Scout troop.

# Pack Meetings

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, which meet monthly at the pack meeting, led by the Cubmaster.

There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of achievements and badges that Cub Scouts earned during that month. This is where families can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

**Pinewood Derby®**—You can build and race a model car with your child.

**Blue and gold banquet**—Cub Scouting's birthday party—for all pack members and their families.

**Camping**—Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.

**Service projects**—Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.

**Field trips and special outings**—Den outings are a great way to learn more about the people and places in your community.

## How Can You Help?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to work with them on their Cub Scouting Adventures as they work toward their badge of rank. The Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities; some of them you do together at home. Den meetings are designed for Cub Scouts to complete Adventures that are required for them to earn their badge of rank. When you have completed a requirement at home, make sure your den leader is informed so that they can properly record it and your child can be recognized for their achievements.

The den and the pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others.

# Pack Committee

Every Cub Scout parent or guardian is invited to become a member of the pack committee. Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack. The committee meets monthly and includes the responsibilities below.

**Committee chair-** Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

- Crystal Reynolds
- Melissa Aguilar

**Advancement chair-** Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

- Lori Padgett

**New member coordinator-** Manages the transition of new Scouts into the pack and coordinates orientation for new Scouting families. Responsible for the marketing and recruiting initiatives of the pack as well as the growth and retention of the unit.

- Kim Kordos

**Secretary-** Keeps records of the pack committee meetings and communicates with families about upcoming pack events and activities.

- This position is available!

**Treasurer-** Keeps all financial records for the pack, including the pack bank account, and gives a monthly financial report to the pack committee. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

- Brittney Blocker

**Committee Member At Large-** Provides support to the Pack Committee Chair and various events throughout the year.

- This position is available!

**Popcorn Kernel -** Manages our pack popcorn sale fundraiser.

- This position is available!

\*There are also opportunities to help with individual events such as: Christmas Parade, Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, Rain gutter Regatta

# Cub Master

- Your Cub Master is Justin Hardy
- Assistant Cub Master - This position is available!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE AVAILABLE POSITIONS PLEASE LET  
ONE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW OR EMAIL  
PACK486RH@GMAIL.COM

# Training

The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for parents who volunteer. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and how quality Scouting programs are built. Log on to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and create an account to gain access to all available training content. For more information about training at all levels of the program, go to [www.scouting.org/training](https://www.scouting.org/training).

# Youth Protection

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs.

All leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training. All parents are encouraged to take the training. To complete the training online, go to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and establish an account using the member number you receive when you register for BSA membership. If you take the training online before you obtain a member number, be sure to return to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and enter your number for training record credit. Your BSA local council also provides training on a regular basis if you cannot take it online.

Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be registered. For more information about Youth Protection, please see BSA's Youth Protection website at [www.scouting.org/youthprotection.aspx](https://www.scouting.org/youthprotection.aspx).

# You Are Not Alone!

Your den is in a pack that belongs to an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Cub Scout pack. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of the BSA.

Many volunteers and BSA professionals are interested in the success of your pack. A special volunteer assigned to help your pack is called a commissioner. The commissioner helps the pack provide a successful and high-quality program. The commissioner is also the communication link between your pack and the local council.

There are professional staff at your council service center who can help or will get you in touch with someone who can. Local Council Locator:  
[www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx)

My child is in **Pack 486**, which meets at **St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church** at **6:30pm** on **Tuesdays**.

My child is in Den \_\_\_\_\_, which meets at \_\_\_\_\_ (location) at \_\_\_\_\_ (time) on \_\_\_\_\_ (day of week).

Our pack's chartered organization is **St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church**.

Our local council name is **Coastal Georgia Council/ Atlantic District**

Website [www.pack486rh.org](http://www.pack486rh.org)



	Name	Phone	Email
My Den Leader	_____	_____	_____
My Assitant Den Leader	_____	_____	_____