



Cub Scout Pack 135

Parkesburg PA

Family Handbook



Welcome to Pack 135
Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:15pm
First Presbyterian Church

The goal of Pack 135's program is to provide a quality foundation in Scouting designed to focus on family and community while gaining knowledge of life skills through instruction, games, and social interaction in a safe and supportive environment.

This booklet is designed to inform parents of the policies our Pack Committee has put in place to ensure a safe and well run pack. We welcome any help and comments designed to further ensure its success.

Kevin Salada – Cubmaster
Juanett Goins – Committee Chair
Danielle Salada – Committee Person
Karen Norkas – Committee Person
David Mellema – Den Leader
Edward Harvey – Den Leader
Russell Bishop – Den Leader
Peter Norkas – Den Leader

You can help our Pack through volunteering your time, energy and/or talents with various events throughout the year. All parents are encouraged to volunteer for at least one activity. If you would like to volunteer to be chairperson for any of the following positions below, place an X next to that position.

- Fundraising
- Float & Parade
- Christmas Caroling
- Craft Nights
- Pinewood Derby
- Blue & Gold Banquet
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Assistant Den Leader

Meeting Policy

The success of our program is achieved with respect and communication. We begin promptly at 7:00pm and end at 8:15pm. **Parents are required to come in to sign boys in and out.** Boys and parents will then proceed to the opening ceremony. During opening ceremony the boys will participate in the pledge of allegiance and the Cub Scout Promise. This is also when parents will be made aware of any announcements or a time to ask any questions. There may be a time where we will need to ask for last minute volunteers to stay. We do understand and respect that you have other responsibilities and are not always available. In that same respect, our Leaders give a great deal of time and effort for your boys and deserve the same courtesy. It is especially important to pick up your child on time. **Parents are required to come in to pick up boys. No boys will be allowed outside without a parent.** This is for the safety of everyone. At least one adult is **required** to stay and accompany your Scout on Pack nights.

Behavior Policy

Discipline will be handled by Den Leaders using positive reinforcement to maintain control. In the event that a boy continually exhibits inappropriate behavior (such as swearing or hitting) he will be taken out of the room and asked to sit for the remainder of the meeting with two adults. If there is another incident, parents will be called to pick up the child. The parents will be required to attend the next meeting. The third time the boy must be immediately picked up and will not be allowed to attend the next meeting. Any further incidents and the boy will not be allowed back. **We have to do what is necessary to ensure all the boys are able to participate in a safe and positive program.**

Blue & Gold Banquet

This is our culminating awards event where the boys receive their new ranks and elective achievements. This event is held annually at a select location. Webelo Scouts will “crossover” the bridge into Boy Scouts. This is the Scout’s moment to shine so we encourage all families to attend. **(Please do not allow financial difficulties to limit your ability to attend. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.)**

Communication

It is very important to communicate with your son's Leader if you have any concerns or a willingness to help in their group. It is also important that we inform you on what the pack has planned so you can participate in as many activities as possible. The calendar will be a **guideline** for the year. E-mail updates will be sent frequently to keep you informed and we do our best to follow through on promised events.

All family members are encouraged to attend outings and Pack nights. However, when doing so, absolutely **NO** smoking is permitted in front of the boys. Drinking and drug use are strictly **PROHIBITED**, even when sold at the venue. Promoting appropriate behavior is the best way for our Scouts to model good values.

Committee Meetings

The Committee meets once a month. Our Pack is committee-run, which means that no one person makes all the decisions. We all express our opinions and decide as a group the best choice. Parents' opinions are important and will only improve the process! If you are not able to participate every month, you are also welcome to help in a smaller group such as the banquet, float or craft committee.

Levels of Rank

The **Tiger** program is the 1st Level in the Cub Scout program. The boys will wear a blue shirt with an orange neckerchief. First grade boys, with the help of their adult partner, **meet every other week**. The Leader guides the group through 5 achievements which include den, family, and "go" activities. As your child's partner, you are **required** to attend and be actively involved with your son in the den and pack activities, which also includes being responsible for their discipline. In this way, we are preparing them for the next step when they will be Cubs and more responsible for themselves.

Second graders are **Wolves** and third graders are **Bears**, they will continue to wear the blue shirt from Tigers but will change the neckerchief. Parents are encouraged to continue their involvement with the boys by helping them complete extra work in their books and signing off on some of the requirements for additional badges and belt loops.

Fourth and fifth graders are **Webelos**. They wear a tan uniform that they will also wear as Boy Scouts. As Scouts progress in rank, they will become more independent of their parents, relying on themselves and their Leaders to achieve most requirements. At this age, parents are still encouraged to be involved to help on certain projects and field trips.