



PACK 301 PARENT HANDBOOK

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Welcome to Scouting!

Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 301! Pack 301 is a group of about 100 boys and their families. The boys range from kindergarten (5 years old) to fifth grade. Pack 301 is chartered through the Rotary Club of Temecula. Cub Scouts is part of Boys Scouts of America (BSA). Pack 301 is part of the California Inland Empire Council, in the Tahquitz District.

Overview of Cub Scouts

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in kindergarten through fifth grade (5 through 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three membership divisions. The other divisions are Scouts BSA and Venturing.

Membership

Cub Scouting members join a Cub Scout Pack and are assigned to a Den, usually a group of six to ten boys. The Dens usually meet twice or three times a month, normally on the same day of the week at the same time. These meetings are worked out by the Den Leader with the Scouts families in the den.

Once a month, all the Dens and family members gather for a Pack meeting under the direction of the Cub Master and Pack Committee. The Committee includes Parents of boys in the Pack and members of the Chartering Organization. The Pack Committee Chair leads the Pack Committee.

Cub Scout Program

Cub Scouting is a family and home centered program that encourages ethics and decision-making skills. At each level, the program is tailored to the specific age group. Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for every member. You can help by encouraging consistent attendance, assisting with your child's advancement activities, attending meetings with your Scout, helping with Pack meetings, events and activities and assisting with transportation.

Cub Scout Dens are organized by "Rank" according to age/grade level. The following is a summary of the different ranks. Scouts "move up" through the ranks as they advance in age and skill level by completing their current rank requirements.

Lion Cubs – Kindergarten: This is a family program. A Scout and his Parent or caring Adult Partner meet for the Den Meeting. The boys work on completing at least 5 adventures during the Den meetings.

Tiger Cubs – First Grade: These boys participate in the program with their Adult Partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, health and fitness, and family understanding. As a Tiger Cub Adult Partner, you will participate in all meetings and activities with your son.

Wolf Cubs – Second Grade: These boys participate in moderately more advanced activities and skills and earn achievements in areas including citizenship and respect for the flag, safety and emergency preparedness, tools and building, and science and nature. Much of the advancement work for the Wolf Rank is done by the Scout and his family outside of the Den. This relies heavily on family involvement for success.

Bear Cubs

– Third Grade: Continued growth by the boys with achievement tasks in the broad areas of God, Country, Family, and Self. Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. This continues to require heavy family involvement.

Webelos – Fourth Grade: The boys participate in more advanced activities, which begin to prepare them to become members of a ScoutsBSA Troop.

Arrow of Light – Fifth Grade: The boys participate in even more advanced activities, which helps them transition to ScoutsBSA.

ScoutsBSA – 11 through 17 years of age: This program is designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster.

Volunteer Leadership

Volunteer leaders, both men and women, are involved in the Cub Scout program at all levels. They are Unit Leaders, Pack Committee Chair, Committee Members, Den Leaders, and Chartering Organization Representatives, as well as District, Council, and National Levels. Many are Parents of Scouts. Some have entered Scouting as youth members. Each Chartering Organization establishes a Pack Committee for Cub Scouts, which operates its Scouting Pack, selects Leadership, and provides support for a quality program. Most Pack Committees depend on Parents for membership and assistance.

Chartering Organization

A Cub Scout Pack belongs to an organization such as a church, school, community organization, or group of interested citizens which is chartered by the BSA to use the Scouting program. This Chartering Organization provides a suitable meeting place, can provide adult Leadership, and supervision for the boys in the Pack. Each organization appoints one of its members as a Chartering Organization Representative. Temecula Noon Rotary Club is Pack 301's Chartering Organization.

Scouting Councils

Each autonomous local Council is chartered by the BSA, which provides program and training aids along the guidelines established by the National Executive Board and the National Charter from Congress. Pack 301 is of the Tahquitz District, of the California Inland Empire Council (CIEC) of BSA. Roundtable meetings, which consist of Council Representatives and area Packs and Dens, are usually held the first Thursday of the month at the LDS Building on Washington in Murrieta. For more information, please visit: <http://www.bsa-ciec.org>

Uniform

Each Scout is expected to wear the Scout Uniform. The Uniform provides identification, is a source of pride, honors tradition, shows rank, and shows achievements. A proper uniform includes the following:

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| Lion Cubs | Blue Lion T-shirt, pants (may wear jeans, but must not have holes in them) or shorts, Blue Cub Scout belt and buckle |
| Tiger Cubs | Blue BSA shirt with required patches or Pack T-shirt, pants (no holes) or shorts, Orange Tiger neckerchief and slide, Orange Tiger hat, Blue Cub Scout belt and buckle |
| Wolf Cubs | Blue BSA shirt with required patches or Pack T-shirt, pants (no holes) or shorts, Yellow (or Red) Wolf neckerchief and slide, Yellow (or Red) Wolf hat, Blue Cub Scout belt and buckle (Note: Neckerchief and Hat colors for Wolves will be changing as soon as Yellow supplies run out. This may take a year. Rancho Army Navy has the most updated iteration of the Wolf Uniform.) |

Bear Cubs Blue BSA shirt with required patches or Pack T-shirt, pants (no holes) or shorts, Light Blue Bear neckerchief and slide, Light Blue Bear hat, Blue Cub Scout belt and buckle

**Webelos Cubs
And Arrows** Option 1
Blue BSA shirt with required patches or Pack T-shirt, pants (no holes) or shorts, Plaid Webelos neckerchief and slide, Plaid Webelos hat, Blue Cub Scout belt and buckle

Option 2
Tan BSA shirt with required patches or Pack T-shirt, pants (no holes) or shorts, Plaid Webelos neckerchief and slide, Plaid Webelos hat, Blue Cub Scout belt and buckle

Pack T-shirts are available for purchase at Pack Meetings.

Required Patches:

Left Sleeve: Inland Empire Council Patch, Pack numerals 301 underneath

Above left pocket: World Crest Patch

Uniforms are available at the Rancho Army Navy Store in Temecula or online at

<http://www.scoutstuff.org>

Rancho Army Navy
27999 Jefferson Ave
Temecula, 92590
951-676-0057

Cub Scout Handbook

Each Scout needs a handbook for their appropriate rank. Books can be purchased at the Rancho Army Navy Store, or online. Webelos books are good for 18 months (will also be used during their Arrow of Light "year"). **These books should be brought to EVERY den meeting.**

Registration Fees

Pack 301 collects an annual fee of \$100 (\$50 for AOL rank) at the beginning of the Scout year in August. The Boys Life magazine subscription is an additional \$12. Scouts joining mid-year may have their rates pro-rated, depending on when they join.

Financial Hardship

Any family that is unable to pay annual dues, purchase uniform items, or attend a trip because of financial hardship should speak to their Den Leader, the Committee Chair and/or Cub Master.

Re-registration

Re-registration needs to be completed each year. Re-registration includes updating Cub Scout and parent information, basic medical information (which outlines any medical condition which may require emergency care), and insurance information.

What Pack 301 Expects from Parents

Participation:

While your son is a Cub Scout, we expect you to serve as his Adult Partner and actively participate in all meetings and activities, assist and encourage his Cub Scout achievements as he works toward earning awards, and assist the Den and Pack Leaders as needed.

Each Parent is expected to keep up on the Pack and Den activities calendar by communicating with their Den Leader. Monitor and respond to all messages regarding Cub Scout activities. It is understood your time is important, but for us to be held accountable to our Scouts, we need to receive accurate and timely responses. Feel free to e-mail, call, or text any of the Pack Administration if needed.

Volunteering:

Parent Volunteers run the entire Pack. This means every Parent is expected to help in some way. There are many opportunities to volunteer.

- Volunteer to be a Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader
- Help the Den Leader plan and lead Den activities
- Assist with set up, planning and staffing, clean-up of Pack events such as Pack meetings, field trips, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Fourth of July Parade, Holiday Parade, etc.
- Guide fundraising and community service efforts
- Provide leadership as a member of the Pack Committee

The Pack and your child can only succeed in a fun, vibrant Pack if we have Parents that commit to this requirement and participate in planning and making these events happen.

Training:

All Scouts deserve trained Leaders. All Leaders are expected to complete the online Youth Protection Training and Leader Training. Parents are asked to complete the Youth Protection Training so both you and the Scouts are protected.

Leaders:

Leading Scouts requires a commitment to the Pack but does not mean you must “reinvent the wheel”. There are extensive resources available to you – within the Pack, at the Scout store, at the Council office, on the web, on Facebook, at District Roundtables, and other meetings. If you are running out of ideas for meetings, please see the Committee Chair, the Cub Master, or other Den Leaders.

What to Expect from Pack 301

Pack 301 has monthly Pack meetings. Each Den will meet one or more times per month. The Pack generally meets on the second Monday of each month from September to May, ending with our Grad Camp in the beginning of June. We typically meet at the Temecula Recreation Center (30875 Rancho Vista Rd, Temecula). On special occasions, the Pack meetings may be held in a different location or on a different day of the month. A Pack schedule is typically communicated in May for the following Scouting year. Parents are urged to incorporate this information into their family’s calendars in advance for these important events. Den meetings can occur at Parent homes or at another location, depending on the Den. The times of the Den meetings will vary based on the needs of the Den.

Along with Pack meetings, the Pack has a variety of special events, such as camping trips, hikes, visits to sporting events, historical or educational facilities, the Pinewood Derby, the Blue and Gold Banquet and others. We also participate in many Community Service projects, such as food drives, park clean ups and planting gardens. The Pack also marches in the 4th of July, Veteran's, and Holiday parades in Temecula and Murrieta.

Pack 301 encourages all Scouts to participate in fundraisers to support the Pack. The funds received pay for achievements, activities, and events. Pack 301 can support its programs with the Fall Popcorn Sale. Each Scout can earn individual awards.

It is the hope of everyone for all Cub Scouts to advance and "cross over" into Boy Scouts. This happens at the end of the Arrow of Light program (middle of fifth grade). While a Webelos/Arrow Scout, he will visit Troops in the area. He will spend time with the Boys Scouts, helping him decide which Troop he wishes to join when he leaves Cub Scouts.

What Pack 301 Expects from Cub Scouts

Primarily, we want Cub Scouts to DO THEIR BEST and HAVE FUN! They will do a lot of hands-on learning, exploring and being outdoors.

- We expect the Scouts to attend Den and Pack meetings dressed in uniform
- We expect the Scouts to try their best and show respect to all
- We expect the Scouts to be on their best behavior anytime they are in uniform. They are representing Boy Scouts of America
- We expect them to participate in the annual fundraiser and all Pack community service projects

Pack 301 Website:

<http://temeculapack301.com>

Pack 301 Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/groups/temeculapack301

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.

Scout Law

A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent

Cub Scout Motto

Do your best

Colors

The Cub Scout colors are Blue and Gold. They have special meaning. They will help the boys see beyond the fun of Cub Scouting to its ultimate goals. The Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above.

The Gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

Purpose of Scouting

Character Development
Spiritual Growth
Good Citizenship
Sportsmanship & Fitness
Family Understanding
Respectful Relationships
Personal Achievement
Friendly Service
Fun & Adventure
Preparation for Scouts BSA