

# WELCOME TO PACK 451!

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the entire Pack I would like to warmly welcome you to Cub Scouts and especially our Pack. We have an exciting year planned for your Scout, as well as many family events.

I understand that joining can be a little confusing because there is so much information you need. We don't want anyone getting stressed out, so this packet has been put together to give you all the information you need about Scouting and our Pack in particular. I encourage you to read through everything carefully as there is very important information that could assist in your Scout's success.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me at any time. I check my email frequently throughout the day, but if you prefer to contact me by phone just know that text is usually best. Thanks again for joining!

Sincerely,

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Committee Chair  
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# WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Here is a checklist of everything your Scout will need. Please make sure he has everything as soon as possible.

## Uniform:

### Parents Provide:

- Cub Scout shirt (Blue - Tigers, Wolves & Bears. Tan-Webelos)
- Uniform shorts/pants (Blue-Tigers, Wolves & Bears. Green-Webelos) Jeans in good repair are acceptable.
- Hat according to rank
- Belt according to rank
- Socks according to rank
- Badges (World Scout Crest Emblem, numbers 4, 5, & 1, Grand Canyon Council badge, your assigned den number badge\*, World Crest Ring Emblem-Optional)
- Dues (\$52.00)

### Pack Provides:

- Neckerchief
- Neckerchief slide
- Book

Full Class A uniform is required for ALL Cub Scout activities. This includes all Den meetings, Pack meetings, and outings. Uniforms must be cleaned, pressed, in good repair and shirts tucked in.

Full uniform will cost approximately \$70-\$80. Everything for the uniform can be purchased at the Scout Shop. Located at: 1061 N. Dobson Rd. Suite 109 Mesa, AZ 85201. This is in the Mesa Riverview Shopping Center by Cinemark Movie Theater.

\*See a leader for assigned den number.

# DEN MEETING

Den meetings are when the boys work towards scouting achievements/adventure belt loops. It is important to be on time and prepared for every meeting. Requirements for every meeting is a Class A uniform, book and anything else your leader has asked you to bring. We want every boy to learn and also have fun at each meeting.

What to expect at these meetings:

Each meeting should start off with some form of opening. This could be the Pledge of Allegiance, recital of the Scout Oath or Law, or Den cheer.

Following the opening is Talk Time. This is where Den and/or Pack business is discussed. Reminders of upcoming events, discuss advancements/achievements, discuss new adventure, etc.

Next is the meetings activities. This is when your Scout will learn and have fun doing it.

At the end of each meeting there should be a closing. Each Den can choose how they would like to close their meeting.

# PACK MEETING

A Pack meeting is a once a month meeting (held at the normal meeting time) when the entire Pack comes together to discuss what is going on in the Pack, upcoming events, fundraisers, etc. This is also where the Scouts are awarded their achievements and get to announce what they have been working towards.

The Pack meeting is comprised of an opening ceremony, Den roll call, Pack news, skit or song, Den progress and awards, raffle, closing ceremony and refreshments.

Each Den will be responsible for a specific rotating duty at each Pack meeting. These duties are as follows:

**Greet/Refreshments:** Boys need to arrive a few minutes early to hold doors open and welcome families as they arrive. This Den will also provide and serve refreshments (usually juice and cookies-don't forget cups!) at the end of the meeting.

**Flag Ceremony:** This is the opening and closing ceremony. Also known as color guard. Boys will present the flags at the beginning of the meeting and then retire them at the end.

**Skit/Song:** The Den in charge of this duty will practice either a skit or a song prior to the Pack meeting and present it following the Pack news.

**Raffle:** Each member of the Den is to provide items for the raffle. (Usually dollar store toys) During the raffle portion of the meeting the Den members assist the Cub Master and Committee Chair in the raffle process. By the way, tickets for this raffle are sold at the beginning of each Pack meeting by the Treasurer and are \$.50 per ticket (with the exception of Blue & Gold\* which are \$2)

**Display:** This is where the boys will show off something they have made in their Den meetings.

Pack meetings are a family event and we encourage the whole family to attend if possible, especially if your Scout is receiving an achievement. It is also a great way to keep up to date on what is going on with the Pack.

\*See "Main Events"

# FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising not only helps the Pack, but it also helps your Scout individually as well. We do two different fundraisers every year. The first one we do is popcorn and the second fundraiser being Camp Cards.

## POPCORN

Popcorn sales start around the beginning of September and end around mid to late October. Specific dates will be given when we receive them. There are two different ways to sell popcorn. There is "Show and Sell", which is product in hand to sell on the spot (store fronts). The second way is taking orders, with payment up front from buyers (door to door).

## CAMP CARDS

Camp Cards are discount cards for various businesses as well as free family admission to Scout-O-Rama\*. Sales begin around mid to late November and end around the beginning of February.

## BENEFITS OF FUNDRAISING

How fundraising helps your Scout individually: When a Scout joins our Pack we open what's called a "Scout account". This is a special account that your Scout can use to pay for yearly dues, uniforms and Scout Camps. How this works is if you want to pay for camp or your dues, simply see our Treasurer and let him/her know and they can deduct it straight from your Scout's account. For uniforms, go to the Scout Shop, purchase what your Scout needs and bring the receipt to the Treasurer to be refunded.

How to get money into your Scout's account: FUNDRAISING! That's right! A percentage of each unit of popcorn and each Camp Card sold goes into your Scout's account. It all adds up. The camps get expensive, so why not start planning for it now? You can also add money to the account as well.

Did I mention there are prizes too?

The Pack also accepts personal or business donations. We are a nonprofit organization and depend on fundraising and donations in order to function. We don't stop at monetary donations, we also have our monthly raffles that bring in some funds. The raffle at our Blue & Gold Banquet\* is always in high demand for donations (monetary or items). See any leader if you have any questions about donations.

\*See "Main Events"

# MAIN EVENTS

Every year we have special events and outings that we hold for our Scouts as well as their families. Scouting is a family oriented program and we encourage as much family participation as possible. We don't just mean immediate family either, all family and friends are welcome. Here are the BIG events to look forward to.

**Halloween Pack Meeting:** Come to October's Pack meeting dressed in your Halloween costume! All we ask is to leave any weapons at home.

**Fall Family Camp:** Come on a group campout and help your Scout work toward his achievements. Specific information will be given out as we get it. This event has a fee that changes per year. Planned for early October.

**Veterans Day Parade:** Join the parade in Mesa with the Veterans. (November)

**Pinewood Derby:** This is the most known event. We hold ours towards the end of January. Help your Scout build a car from a block of wood and race to see who wins. We need a lot of volunteers for this event! We usually hold a bake sale and concession stand as well.

**Scout-O-Rama:** This is a gathering of various Packs and Troops in the area. Each Pack or Troop has a booth where they pick an activity or skill that they have learned to show attendees. It's an all day convention and it's a BLAST! (February)

**Blue & Gold Banquet:** This is the celebration of the founding of Boy Scouts of America. It's essentially a Scouting birthday party if you will. This event is our Pack meeting for February. It is a longer meeting because we have dinner, a guest speaker, a bigger raffle, and a cake contest between the Dens. There is a fee to help cover the cost of dinner which will be announced when we have that information.

**Webelos II Crossover:** March's Pack meeting will also include a special ceremony to crossover our Webelos II's into Boy Scouts. Including the Arrow of Light ceremony.

**May Pack Meeting:** The final meeting for the Cub Scout year is a ceremony to crossover the remaining Dens into their new rank.

**Summer Family Camp:** Join us for a fun camping trip with the family. Specific details will be given as we get them. This event has a fee that will change yearly.

**July Outing:** We usually plan either a bowling day or a roller skating day in July. This event is paid by attendees.

**Pool Party:** Just before we come back from summer break we hold a pool party at a local public pool. Join us for a swim!

# RESOURCES

Need more information or help? No problem! We want to make sure your adventure with your Scout is as stress free as possible. There are many places and people to help you find what you seek.

Have a question about the Pack? Check out our website! [www.pack451az.org](http://www.pack451az.org)

Didn't find your answer there? Feel free to contact Jamie with any questions you may have at any time.

Need help getting badges on your Scouts uniform? The Scout Shop sells kits called "Badge Magic". It's an adhesive material precut to the most common badge shapes. It is supposed to hold up to 50 washes. If you would prefer to have them sewn on, no worries, check in with Jamie and she will get you help.

Having troubles getting a uniform? We have started a program to help. It is based off of donations made by other members so we can't guarantee we can help, but we will do our best to help in any way we can. We ask that you only use the Uniform Closet if you absolutely have to.

Want to get involved in district activities or want to know what is going on in the council?

Visit the Council website at: [www.grandcanyonbsa.org](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org)

For district information, go to the council website and click "district", then "Mesa district".

# WHO'S WHO?

If you aren't used to the Scouting environment you may have troubles figuring out who is who and what they do. Not to mention how to get ahold of them if you need something between meetings. So here is a break down of our leadership.

## **Committee Chair**

The Committee Chair is the chief organizer and proactively monitors the details of Pack operations. He/she is also in charge of maintaining good relations with the chartered organization representative.

Current Committee Chair: Jamie Hedin [packmom451@gmail.com](mailto:packmom451@gmail.com) (480) 338-7440 (text)

About me: Hello! I am a stay at home mom to my two beautiful kiddos. My son, Landon, is a Wolf and my daughter, Cailin, is my Committee Chair sidekick. I was born and raised in Wisconsin and moved to Arizona about ten years ago to be with my now husband, Kyle. Prior to having kids, I was a mechanic, but gave it up to raise the kids. I was volun-told that I was doing this position halfway through last year and am glad I was. I love doing anything Scout related. Since I am new to this position, I ask that you bear with me if I fumble a little. I am open to new ideas and am planning to work hard to make your Scout's experience the best that it can be!

## **Cubmaster**

The Cubmaster assists in planning of Pack events, is the Master of Ceremonies for the monthly Pack meetings and in charge of supporting and inspiring other adult leaders.

Current Cubmaster: Eddie Nolte [enolteiii@yahoo.com](mailto:enolteiii@yahoo.com)

About me: Welcome to Pack 451! I have been deeply involved in Scouting since my oldest son began his Scout journey as a Wolf over 8 years ago in Texas (wow how time flies!). I enjoyed working with the boys so much that I became the Cubmaster of our Pack in Texas and was eager to volunteer as the Cubmaster of Pack 451 when we moved here to Arizona. I have two boys (a Star Scout and a Webelos Scout) and a girl who is a Brownie in Girl Scouts. As well as being the Cubmaster, I am the counselor for the STEM and NOVA program and I use my engineering career background to educate the Scouts in the fields of Science and Technology. I am excited to be a part of Scouting and look forward to the great adventure ahead of us.



## **Treasurer**

The Treasurer approves all budget expenditures, maintains the Pack bank account, keeps accurate financial records, collects dues and reports the Pack's financial condition at committee meetings.

Current Treasurer: We don't have one. We need one. Want to be one?

## **Den Leaders**

Den Leaders are the most important volunteers. They provide an ongoing den program that keeps all boys in his/her den on track to completing all the needed requirements to receive achievements and advancements.

Current Den Leaders:

**Tigers**: We currently are in need of a Tiger Den Leader.

**Wolf**: Kyle Hedin  
Email: arizonahardwoods@gmail.com

About me: Being a former Cub Scout myself, I decided to have my son, Landon, give it a try. It has turned into a full family activity, bringing us closer together. I am an Arizona native, but spent about 10 years in the Chicago area, where I met my wife, Jamie. I used to work on reality TV as a cameraman, but gave it up to be around the family more. I now install hard wood floors for a living and also enjoy doing woodworking projects on the weekends as well. I like working with kids and watching them learn new skills and work as a team. I look forward to working with you!

**Bear**: Art Alaniz  
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About me: I've been working for Mesa Public Schools as a bus driver for 6 years. I have coached for the City of Mesa and Queen of Peace after school sports programs. I was a teacher for Religious Education at Queen of Peace and Christ the King grades 2-8. I have been a Cub Scout leader for 1 year. I have 4 kids, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

**Webelos I:** Matt Kaupke  
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About us: Matt and Melissa are in their second year leading their son David's Den at Pack 451. Matt is a native Arizonian, but has lived in at least five other states in between stays in Arizona. Melissa grew up in the countryside outside of Chicago and spent ten years in Nashville before moving to Arizona. The two met when they both worked at a horse ranch in Tennessee. After careers in entertainment marketing and sales, the two left the corporate world to work for themselves and part time homeschool David. Matt and David are big fans of the tabletop war game Warhammer 40K, and the family enjoys camping, hiking, watching movies, and traveling when possible. The goal for the Webelos Den this year is to teach useful outdoor life skills to the boys in a fun and respectful environment.

**Webelos II:** Cj Feierabend  
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About me: I'm an Arizona native and a mom to two amazing kids! I work full time in Social Media and I love reading, camping, roller skating, playing video games, and volunteering. I'm also on the Baden-Powell University committee. I've been working with children most of my life as a babysitter, nanny, child-care provider, and music & movement instructor. I've been leading Den 5 since they were Bears and am looking forward to seeing these incredible boys cross over into Boy Scouts next year. I am also the Pack's Webmaster and am happy to hear of anything you'd like added to the website! I'll do my best to accommodate.

**Volunteers:** This is means you

Volunteers are critical to keeping this Pack in a functioning order. We always have open positions that need filling, so if you are willing, please let one of the leaders know. We have many behind the scenes positions as well (i.e. event planning).