

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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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:
 - Registration & Insurance: \$26
 - Remainder of dues: \$60 (to be fundraised)
 - Remainder of dues: \$135 (buy-out of fundraising)
 - New Registration: \$10

The following required items can be provided by the pack in addition to the dues:

- Neckerchief \$10
- Neckerchief slide \$6
- Book \$13 (Reg) \$19 (Spiral bound)
- Webelos Colors (Webelos only) \$6

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. A class B shirt may be worn under the uniform in case of messy or active activities.

Full uniform will cost approximately \$80-\$100. Everything for the uniform can be purchased at the Scout Shop. The shop is located at: 1061 N. Dobson Rd. Suite 109 Mesa, AZ 85201. This is in the Mesa Riverview Shopping Center by Cinemark Movie Theater or 2969 N. Greenfield Rd. Phoenix, Az 85016. This is in the Grand Canyon Council building.

Any and all payments can be made in cash, check (Pack 451) or card (3% fee).

***See a leader for assigned den number.**

DEN MEETING

Den meetings are when the boys work towards Scouting achievements and 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 and 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, but may go a little longer) 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, progress and awards, pack news, skit or song, 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/Ushers: Boys need to arrive about 30 minutes early to hold doors open and welcome families as they arrive. They are in charge of making sure everyone is in their proper seats when the meeting is ready to start.

Flag Ceremony: This is the opening and closing flag ceremony. Also known as color guard. Boys will present the flags at the beginning of the meeting and then retire them at the end. Scouts are expected to be in **FULL** uniform. If they are not in a full Class A uniform, they will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

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 to pack meeting attendees.

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

Refreshments: This den is in charge of planning, providing, serving **AND** cleaning up a snack table for the end of the pack meeting.

At the end of each pack meeting we will raffle off items. These items are usually S.T.E.M. kits, seasonal toys, camping gear, etc. 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). Most pack meetings will also have a raffle just for the adults. That's right! Enter to win prizes such as: movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, or passes for a family outing. Adult raffle tickets cost only \$1.

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 main 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 three different ways to sell popcorn.

Show and Sell- which is product in hand to sell on the spot. The pack will have popcorn available for you to check out and sell. Return any unsold, undamaged product when you're done selling, along with any money from sales.

Take-Order- Order forms. Each Scout will be provided an order form. Please keep these forms, as there are more products on this form than we are given to sell (ie chocolate products). Money does not have to be collected at the time of order.

Online- Sign your Scout up on the Trails-End website to sell to family and friends all over the country. Just be sure to link your Scout to the pack (make sure it's the pack not the troop).

Scouts who sell at least \$2,500 in any calendar year will have 6% of their total sales count towards their own Trail's End Scholarship. Once enrolled, 6% of their sales each year will go towards the scholarship.

CAMP CARDS

Camp Cards are discount cards for various businesses as well as free family admission to Scout-O-Rama/Scouting Expo*.

BENEFITS OF FUNDRAISING

How fundraising helps your Scout individually: When a Scout joins our pack we open what's called a "Scout account". See the "Scout Account" section of this packet for more information.

How fundraising helps the pack: We are a nonprofit organization that depends on fundraising and donations in order to function. Without the benefits of fundraising, we would not be able to provide what is necessary to give your Scout the top notch program he deserves.

Did I mention there are prizes too?

***See "Main Events"**

SCOUT ACCOUNT

A Scout account is a special account set up by, and controlled by, the pack for each Scout when they join our pack. Funds for the account can be earned by selling popcorn (17.5% of each sale) or by selling camp cards (\$1.75 per sale).

These funds can be used for anything your Scout may need during his journey. Things such as dues, uniforms, day camps, family camps, blue & gold, etc. Your Scout will be restricted on what he may use his funds on if certain financial requirements are not met. For example, if Jonny wishes to pay for the fall family camp with his Scout account money, but he hasn't paid all of his dues, his funds must first be used for dues.

How to use these funds: You may make your purchase at the Scout Shop (uniforms or books) and turn one of the receipts into the treasurer for reimbursement or you may make a request to the Committee Chair (Jamie) to pick up what you need (or meet there). If paying for a pack event, tell the treasurer you would like to use the Scout account.

The purpose of these funds is to help your Scout make the most of his Scouting journey. We highly encourage attending council day camps and events. We also highly encourage saving these funds for your Scout when he reaches Boy Scouts. If you choose a troop that has Scout accounts as well (Troop 451 does *nudge, nudge*) we can transfer the account over to them when your Scout crosses over. Start earning now, to save for Boy Scouts, where the camps are more expensive and dues run about \$20 per month.

Disclaimer: In the event that you transfer to a pack/troop that does not have Scout accounts or choose to end your Scouting journey, all funds in the Scout account will be forfeited to the pack. Your funds will also be forfeited to the pack if you transfer to a pack/troop with Scout accounts and do not request a check within 6 months of your transfer.

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. Trunk-or-Treat after!

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 may change 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. Guide your Scout while he builds 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. It is an all day event, so mark your calendar!

Scout-O-Rama/Scouting Expo: This is a gathering of various packs, troops and crews in the area. Each pack, troop or crew 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. 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 advance 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.

July Outing: We usually plan either a bowling day and/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 and don't forget to bring a friend to recruit!

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 pack events? Check out our website! www.pack451az.org or like us on Facebook.

Contact our pack secretary to sign up for our pack newsletters to keep up on our many events and going ons.

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

Need help getting badges on your Scout's 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. If you have an old uniform that is still in decent repair, please consider donating it to the uniform closet. If you can, please return anything taken from the closet once you are finished using it.

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

Visit the District website at: www.mesacubscouts.com

Please send any pictures you take during Scouts to pack451pics@gmail.com

Please read our Who's Who packet to learn about all of our wonderful volunteer leaders!