

# 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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# DEN MEETING

Den meetings are when the Scouts 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. Our den meetings start promptly at 6:30pm and go until about 7:45pm. We want every Scout 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. Our pack meets as a group to do a flag ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath and Law and announcements.

Following the opening, dens will disperse to their designated rooms. There they will cover any den specific news or announcements.

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 same time as a den meeting) when the entire pack comes together to recognize the Scouts' achievements. This is 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, skit or song, raffle, closing ceremony and refreshments.

Some dens will be responsible for a specific rotating duty at each pack meeting. Your den will not have a duty at every pack meeting. These duties are as follows:

**Flag Ceremony:** This is the opening and closing flag ceremony. Also known as color guard. Scouts 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 and complete Class A uniform, they will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony. The den assigned flag ceremony will also be in charge of the flag ceremony for the opening of the den meetings. This is good practice for the pack meeting 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 Scouts will show off something they have made or worked on 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. Please remember any cups, plates and napkins you may need. Try to keep it healthy!

Throughout each pack meeting we will raffle off items. Tickets for this raffle are sold at the beginning of each pack meeting by the treasurer and are 25¢ per ticket (with the exception of Blue & Gold\* which are \$2). Some pack meetings may also have a family raffle. That's right! Enter to win prizes such as: movie tickets, restaurant gift cards, or passes for a family outing. Family 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.

**\*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 (mandatory) 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. We also do pack booth 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, but is recommended.

**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.

## 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" handout 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/she deserves.

**\*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. 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. With a Trunk-or-Treat after!

**Fall Family Camp**: Come on a group campout and help your Scout work toward his/her achievements. Specific information will be given out as we get it. Planned for late September or early October.

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

**Winter Family Camp**: A special family camp that we keep local. Come campout in the back of the church. Still as much fun as a regular campout, but without the long drive. Great for first time campers!

**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, held in February. We have dinner, a bigger raffle and a cake contest between the dens. Tickets for the raffle are \$2 each.

**Pinewood Derby**: This is the most known event. We hold ours in March. Guide your Scout while he/she builds a car from a block of wood and race to see who wins. We need a lot of volunteers for this event! Mark your calendar!

**Webelos II Crossover**: March's pack meeting will also include a special ceremony to crossover our Webelos II's into Scouts BSA. 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.

**June and July Outings**: We usually plan a day at Skateland, a bounce park outing and a movie outing.

**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.pack451.com](http://www.pack451.com) 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](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org)

Visit the District website at: [www.grandcanyonbsa.wixsite.com/dutchman](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.wixsite.com/dutchman)

Please send any pictures you take during Scouts to [pack451pics@gmail.com](mailto:pack451pics@gmail.com)

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