

Cub Scout Pack 124

General Information and Guidelines

Pack Meetings

- Pack meetings will begin promptly at 7:30PM, usually on the last Friday of each month, and last between 1 – 1 ½ hours, depending on the number of awards to be given, outside entertainment, etc.
- All scouts and leaders are to wear their full uniform. This includes a scout shirt, neckwear, belt, patches and awards. Hats are optional. Pack T-Shirt is not to be worn for meetings.
- Each Den Leader has a yearly plan that guides the Den so that they may have fun, learn, build character, and earn achievements. The main event of each monthly Pack meeting is the recognition of scout achievements via awards. Each scout's attendance is expected, along with, at a minimum, one adult partner/parent. The scouts in each Den should be seated together so that the entire Den can come up to receive their awards. The awards will be distributed in Rank order (Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos I, Webelos II) then Den Number order. As each Den is finished and returning to their seats, the next Den should be coming forward – this will keep the awards ceremony moving along and leave more time for the activity that will follow. As a sign of respect for the achievements the scouts have made, everyone should be quiet until the Den is finished and then clap for the entire Den.
- Adult partners/parents are asked to sit either next to or directly behind their scout, if possible, within den groupings. This helps the scouts see that their adult partner/parent is interested in the program and encourages the boys' cooperation and attentiveness.
- Pack meetings are intended to be family gatherings, however, young siblings may attend only if they are able to keep relatively quiet. The boys' attention span is limited to begin with so we aim to keep the room as distraction-free as possible. Bullying and rough-play is not permitted. Adults should mind their children at all times.

Awards

- The scouts and their leaders invest much effort into earning their achievements. The BSA puts heavy emphasis on the fact that awards are to be distributed in a meaningful manner at monthly Pack meetings. If a scout misses a Pack meeting and was due to receive awards, then those awards will be held and that scout will receive them at the following month's Pack meeting. If he should miss this next meeting as well, the awards will be handed to the Den leader for recognition at a future den meeting.
- Den leaders will submit a list, via e-mail, to the Awards Chair and Cubmaster no later than the Friday before each Pack meeting. The list should include the Den Number, Scout's Name and Awards. A written record of each scout's achievements will be maintained by the Den leader and Cubmaster. The Den Leaders should post the progress of each scout at most den meetings so the scouts can see where they stand in regard to advancement.
- It is advisable (not mandatory) that Dens complete the requirements of their Rank awards in time for the Blue and Gold ceremony held in March each year. Dens will proceed through their planned meeting schedule at their own pace and competition between dens regarding advancement is discouraged. The focus of the awards is on the thorough completion of the requirements, not the speed with which they are achieved.

Adult Participation

- Cub Scouting is a volunteer program and each family is asked to participate with the Pack activities in some manner. This could mean being a den leader or assistant leader, coordinating the sales of popcorn, arranging a hike, day or overnight trip for the Pack, helping with the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold ceremony, Pack Picnic, etc.
- The “*Committee Descriptions*” document lists all of the Pack’s volunteer opportunities as well as an estimate of the time required. We ask everyone to consider helping whenever possible. In January, when it is time to re-register your scout, a Committee Volunteer form will be distributed as part of the registration packet. It lists all jobs and activities requiring adult help, so please watch for it and know that the Pack very much appreciates your assistance!

Websites

- Additional information regarding scouting, upcoming events, announcements, etc. can be found on:
 1. Pack 124: www.madisonpack124.org
 2. Patriot’s Path Council: www.ppbsa.org
 3. Boy Scouts of America: www.scouting.org
 4. Boy Scout Trail: www.boyscouttrail.com

General Pack Yearly Events

Although the Pack year goes from April 1st to March 31st of the following year, the Pack follows the school calendar in terms of event planning. The Pack tries to adhere to the following list of yearly events, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, some events may need to be skipped or replaced. The Pack also holds special events, whenever possible.

<i>September:</i>	Drew Community Day, Pack Overnight Campout (2008), Nature Day, Pack meeting (<i>Popcorn Fundraiser kick-off (2007), Inflatable Planetarium (2008)</i>)
<i>October:</i>	Fall Hikes, Popcorn sales, Pack meeting (<i>Halloween Songs/Stories (2007), Raingutter Regatta (2008)</i>)
<i>November:</i>	Fall Hikes, Cubmobile, Luminary sales, Madison Holiday Parade
<i>December:</i>	Pack meeting (<i>Boy Scouts Hovercrafts(2007), Winter Games(2008)</i>), Holiday caroling at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living Center
<i>January:</i>	Day Trip (<i>Snow tubing at Camelback Park (2008), Skiing at Camelback (2009)</i>), Pack meeting (<i>Carnival Games (2008/2009)</i>)
<i>February:</i>	Scout Sunday / Scout Sabbath, Pinewood Derby, Spring sleepover (<i>Liberty Science Center (2009)</i>)
<i>March:</i>	Blue and Gold Ceremony, Day Trip (<i>Ice Skating at Mennen Arena (2009)</i>), Spring sleepover (<i>Liberty Science Center (2008), Philadelphia Zoo (2007), Camden Aquarium (2006)</i>)
<i>April:</i>	Beaver Day, Cub Family Circus (2009), Pack meeting (<i>Inflatable Planetarium (2007), Knights (2008), Earth Day (2009)</i>)
<i>May:</i>	May Day clean-up at Memorial Park, Jamboree on the Trail Hikes, Memorial Day Parade, Pack meeting (<i>Live Reptiles (2008), Dinosaurs/Fossils (2009)</i>)
<i>June:</i>	Pack Picnic (Overnight Camping at Memorial Park)
<i>July:</i>	Florham Park Gazebo Concert & Family Picnic on the lawn
<i>August:</i>	Madison Community Pool Party