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Parent Handbook



Cub Scout Pack 65...

Hi, and welcome to Cub Scout Pack 65! Here's hoping the information and guidelines presented to you in the next few pages will help you get off to a good start for the coming year. Please keep this packet as a handy reference for future information needs regarding Pack policy and uniform information. Thank you.

To begin with, your son is a member of **Pack 65**, which is in the Alamance District, belonging to the Old North State Council, which encompasses Alamance County and part of Guilford County. The Pack is made up of Dens, which is a group of boys usually in the same grade as that of your son. Collectively, we are Cub Scouts, and are members of the national organization, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

All Packs have a chartered organization as a 'sponsor', and ours is the Saxapahaw United Methodist Church located at 5624 Church Road, Saxapahaw, NC 27340.

The Pack is run by the registered BSA Adult Leaders and Parents of the Pack who make up the Pack Committee, which includes a Committee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinators, Awards Coordinators, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and others. All parents of a Cub Scout in Pack 65 are welcome and encouraged to become a Committee Member. Our leader's meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. (Subject to change if it conflicts with an event, but everyone will be notified via email)

Den meetings are held *weekly* on Tuesdays at the church at 7:00 pm. Unless previously announced, our Pack meetings are held about once a quarter on Tuesday's at the church at 7:00 p.m. Scouts only meet when school is session, if school is cancelled due to bad weather (ice, snow), then scouts will also be cancelled for that night. An **Informed Consent Agreement** form found at the end of this document must be filled out **annually** for your scout to participate in pack events because there is a certain amount of danger involved with some events. No Smoking or tobacco products shall be used around the scouts at any time.

Communication is done at the den meetings, through weekly e-mails, and quarterly newsletters. Our primary form of communication is e-mail. If you do not check e-mail daily, then please make arrangements to be present at the beginning of each weekly meeting (**required for Tiger Cubs**) to get the information in a timely manner. We schedule lots of activities that need headcounts, so you will need to know ahead of time if you can attend. Signup sheets and weekly emails can be found on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the fellowship hall.

Please visit the official Pack 65 website www.pack65nc.com often. We post our events on the site and you are able to register to attend, and view details about the event including Google maps for the location.

Den Meetings

Lots of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that your son's Den Leader is a *volunteer* putting forth his or her time and effort to help your boy 'Do His Best' to earn his badges, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offers. The Den Leader is only the coordinator of each evening's activities and **the parents are expected to actively run random Den Meetings**. Once spread over all of the parents, each parent will only have to run a meeting about once every 12 weeks. Please assist them in the following ways.

- Please have your son to den meetings on time and signed in prior to 6:45 pm. Your den leaders have lots of activities planned and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects. The Den Leader needs a few moments of your time to help explain what the plan is, what is needed from the parents, and when they need to return to pick up their scout that evening.
- Please pick up your son from den meetings on time. Your den leader has places to go and kids that they have to put to bed, too. Better yet, ask your den leader if they could use an extra pair of hands that night and stay. Not only will your help be appreciated, but also you can see what your son is working on. ***Tiger Cubs must have an Adult Partner with them during all meetings, trips, etc.*** Enjoy the time together!
- Please make sure your Cub Scout is prepared. Please make sure your son has his handbook, and anything else he needs for the meeting (like previous weeks homework) before leaving the house.
- Be an active parent. *Everybody* has some special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the **Parent Talent Survey Sheet** at the end of this document and return it to your leader ASAP. In addition to the boys learning new skills from *you*, I promise that you will have a good time helping *them*.

Pack Meetings

Whereas at weekly Den Meetings the boys might do activities towards earning rank badges and awards, the quarterly Pack Meeting is *where* these awards are presented. It is an **important** part of the overall program, as it allows the boys to receive their recognition in front of the group as a whole, inspires the younger scouts to strive towards achieving future ranks, and brings everybody together for the big night!

At Pack meetings, the Cubmaster will 'do their best' to make sure that each Den has a chance to display that special craft they have made, songs they have learned, skits they've rehearsed, or tell about an interesting place they visited. In addition, there might be a drawing, advancement ceremony, or other themed event planned for the evening. No pets are allowed on pack outings.

- Please observe the followings guidelines in regards to Pack meetings. (No dropping off in the parking lot)
- Please accompany your son to his Pack meeting. Pack meetings are a *family* event - brothers, sisters, grandparents, but most of all, **YOU!** We require you there not only to help keep order at the meeting (things *can* get a bit rowdy), but also because in Scouting many awards are presented to the parent who then presents it to the Scout. Cub Scouts is a family program.
 - Please arrive to Pack meetings on time. Plan on arriving by 6:45 pm. Many times you may receive a ticket for a drawing, confer with your son's Den leader about upcoming things, chat with friends, etc., as the meeting needs to begin on time. If your son is helping out as a member of a flag ceremony, or assisting with other Pack meeting activities, it is imperative to have him there on time. Thank you.
 - If your son has a uniform, the Pack meeting is *definitely* the place to wear it.
Class A - Shirts tucked in - looking sharp!

Most of all, we hope to make Pack meetings entertaining, enriching, and FUN!!!

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Pack 65 and B.S.A. Dues \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Throughout the Scout year, your Cubmaster or Pack Treasurer will be collecting money for various Pack functions and activities. These will be addressed in the newsletters that will be handed out at Pack Meetings and e-mailed, and also via weekly information given to you at Den meetings. The following is a reminder of what fees are required for your son's involvement in the Pack.

B.S.A. Dues - \$30.00 - This annual fee must be collected by January from every registered Scout and Adult leader for the annual rechartering of the Pack. The \$30.00 includes the yearly membership to B.S.A. and \$1.00 for the insurance issued to cover the boys and Adult Leaders at all Scout functions and the subscription to Boy's Life magazine. Boy's Life is the official Boy Scout magazine. **The deadline for this payment is the 1st Tuesday meeting in December each year.** If not paid by the deadline, your scout will not receive any awards and must pay the rechartering fee before being an active scouting member again.

Pack 65 Dues - We have no dues if you are active with each pack fundraiser!!! Your active participation during fundraisers keeps our parents from paying dues! If you are unable to participate in pack fundraisers, \$2 per scout meeting will be required to keep your scout in good standing with the pack. Please help in every fundraiser which includes but is not limited to: Popcorn, BEJ Concession stand, donut sales, and others. For fundraisers like popcorn, at least \$150 worth of popcorn must be sold, donut sales will require at least 20 dozen donuts to be sold, and a minimum of three nights in the BEJ concession stand.

Scout Bucks – Each scout has the opportunity to earn scout bucks. Scout bucks are money earned by participating in special fund raising activities sponsored by the pack. Ten percent of the funds earned during concession stand sales go into a specific fund dedicated to your child. This money can be used to buy scout clothes, books, and other scout paraphernalia.

No refunds will be provided once funds have been received, including paying for events. Remember, all funds spent towards scouting including mileage are tax deductible.

(The Pack maintains a separate bank account with records being kept by the Pack Treasurer.)

Fundraisers

Throughout the year there will be various fund-raisers. Some of these might go to benefit the Pack for a trip, outing, or needed supplies, and some to benefit the Scout, Pack, and your Council. As Cub Scouts, we will always try and make sure to emphasize the *fun* in *fund*raising. Your assistance is needed throughout the year at many of these activities to ensure enough funds are received to keep the Pack in an active and growing position. Without active participation in helping (your time) during the fundraisers, our pack may have to require you to collecting dues at \$2 per scout meeting if you can't help with fundraising.

Cub Scouting and You

When your son earns his Bobcat badge he learns the Law of the Pack. One of these laws states "The Cub Scout Helps the Pack Go". Throughout the year there are banquets, fund-raisers, Scout shows, parades, derbies, camping trips, and many other activities and functions. Ambitious as they are, a Cub Scout still needs *your* help in implementing the program and thereby giving *us* the chance to keep our promise in the part of the Law that states "The Pack Helps the Cub Scout Grow". Remember, the Pack is all of us working together... leaders, parents, and Scouts. There are a lot more parents than leaders or scouts.

Unlike other programs your son might enroll in, Cub Scouting involves the whole family, no matter what size or parental make-up exists in the home. **In Tigers, you are your son's Adult Partner (aka Akela)**

who must be present at all meetings and outings. In Wolves and Bears, you are Akela who assists the Cub Scout in many achievements and electives away from the Den Meetings, the wise leader of the tribe of Webelos, and the final judge of your son's efforts. At the Webelos rank, you are the Activity Badge counselors that could help influence a boy's career direction.

Throughout the year you will be asked to assist on different committees, and at different events. Please volunteer freely, and give of yourself when called upon to help. You will find it a rewarding experience, and one in which you and your son will remember that you did together.

Uniforms, Patches, and Accessories

Scouts in uniform are more conscious of their role in Cub Scouting, and feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing one. A uniform provides a proper place for the display of badges earned and a way for him to 'show the world' that he has been rewarded for his achievements.

In addition, Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, *visible* image in the community that helps to strengthen the important ties between the public and the Scouting organization.

Where to Buy

Uniforms, patches, and accessories are available at the Scout Shop located on Westover Terrace in Greensboro or Atlantic Avenue in Raleigh. You can also get some articles of the uniform and other accessories at Graham Sporting Goods in Burlington, near Lowe's Home Improvement. In addition to uniforms, they carry everything you see in the Scout Catalog and then some. Enjoy the time spent there! Your son will love it! Also, the Pack may have some 'experienced' uniforms for sale. Please see the Pack Secretary for details. Supplies can also be obtained from www.scoutstuff.org. Some items can also be obtained off of E-bay.

Shirts and [Shorts / Pants]

The main article of the uniform is the shirt, as it displays the rank of the Scout, and identifies him as belonging to a certain Den, Pack, and Council. When purchasing a new uniform, remember that your son is growing and if, for example, he is now a newly signed up Wolf Cub, get an extra size or two larger, so he can wear it for his Bear year as well.

Although a complete official uniform for your son is strongly encouraged, if cost is an issue, many of the large discount stores sell [shorts / pants] in colors that closely resemble those of the official uniform.

**Note: Blue jeans and other 'unofficial' uniform colored clothing are discouraged.*

Pack 65 also has 'Class B' Pack T-shirts for sale "at times" that can be worn to many of our outdoor activities.

Patches

In addition to the purchasing of a uniform, there will be many patches that need to be sewn on to your son's shirt. Pay close attention as to *where* on the uniform these need to be placed. (Please refer to uniform insignia placement located in this handbook). Patches can be sewn on by you or taken to a local tailor. (Note: All patches that your son will earn are NOT to be applied to the uniform shirt, only certain ones are eligible. The others may be placed on a vest or other form of display like a blanket.

It is important that when your son receives a rank badge that is to be a part of his uniform, you affix it to his shirt as soon as possible. He earned it, and he deserves to have it displayed.

A uniform is something that a Scout can help pay for himself by assigning him various chores around the house, or possibly helping out with other home projects. Also, keep in mind that uniforms, Scout accessories, camping supplies, and other 'Scout stuff' make *excellent* birthday and holiday presents for your son or other Scouter in your family.

What to Buy

Tigers, Wolves, and Bears

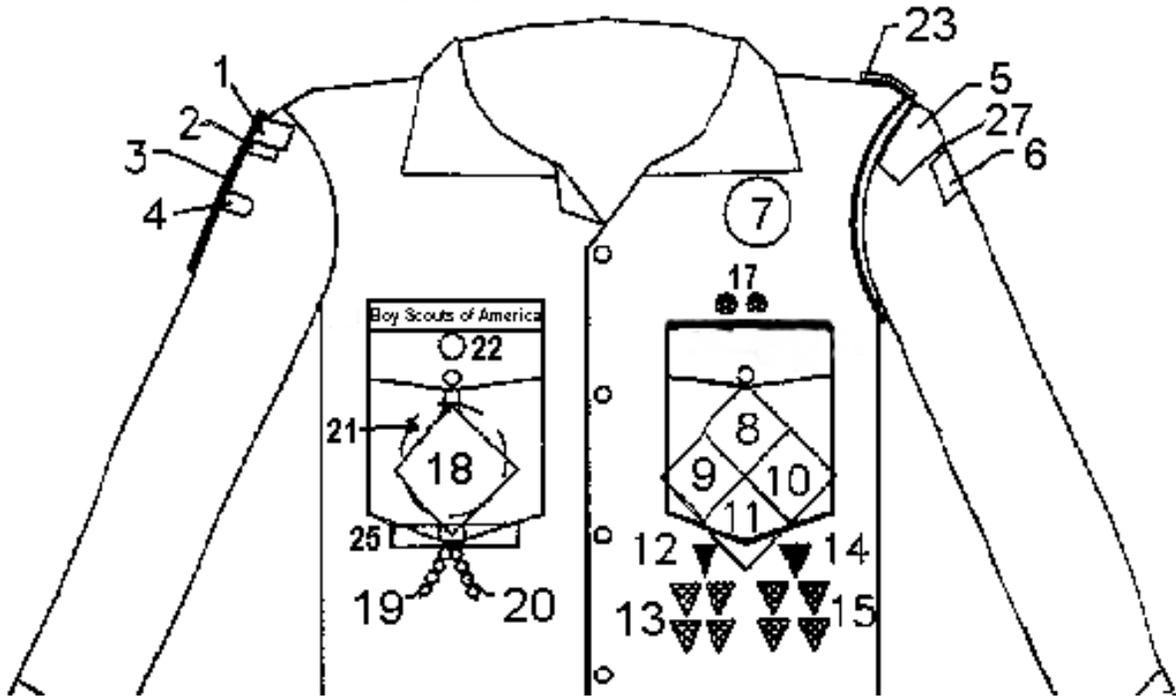
- Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Handbook (please purchase handbook as soon as possible) (spiral bound is better)
- Blue Cub Scout Shirt with U.S. flag – [(short sleeve / long sleeve)]
- Old North State Council Patch
- Pack 65 Numerals (red and white numerals)
- Your son's Den Number Strip (if applicable)
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Tiger (orange), Wolf (yellow), or Bear (blue) Cub Scout Neckerchief and corresponding slide
- Official Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Hat
- Cub Scout Web Belt and Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn)
- Official Cub Scout blue [Shorts / Pants]
- Official Tiger (orange stripe) or Cub Scout (yellow stripe) blue Socks

Webelos

- Webelos Handbook (please purchase handbook as soon as possible) (spiral bound is better)
- *Tan Boy Scout Shirt with U.S. Flag - [(short sleeve / long sleeve)]
- Old North State Council Patch
- Pack 65 Numerals (red and white numerals).
- Your Den Number Strip (if applicable)
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Checkered Webelos Neckerchief (plaid) and Webelos Slide
- Blue Shoulder Loops for tan shirt
- Official Webelos Hat (plaid)
- Cub Scout Web Belt and Webelos Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn. The Webelos / Boy Scout green belt is wider and Belt Loops must be expanded to fit)
- Webelos Colors (optional) Activity Badge pins may be worn on the Webelos Hat or the Webelos Colors
- Official Boy Scout Socks to match shirt worn
- Official Boy Scout [Shorts / Pants] Olive pants are required with tan shirt. Blue pants with blue shirt.

*Note: A Webelos Scout may wear either the Blue or Tan shirt. If you are just signing on as a Webelos, it is recommended to purchase the Tan uniform, which will transfer over to the Boy Scouts.

Uniform Insignia Placement



1. American Flag (comes with uniform)
2. Den Number
3. Webelos Colors (optional)
4. Quality Unit Award (most recent only)
5. Council Emblem
6. Pack Numerals
7. World Crest
8. Bobcat Badge
9. Wolf Badge
10. Bear Badge
11. Tiger Badge (or Webelos badge on blue uniform)
12. Wolf Gold Arrow Point
13. Wolf Silver Arrow Points
14. Bear Gold Arrow Point
15. Bear Silver Arrow Points
16. Tiger Cub Service Star
17. Cub Scout Service Star
18. Immediate Recognition Kit (available for Tigers also)
19. Wolf Beads (Yellow)
20. Bear Beads (Red)
21. Temporary Patch (or Webelos Compass Badge)
22. Summertime Pack Award
23. Denner Cords
24. (Not Shown) Arrow of Light – below left pocket
25. Recruiter Strip
26. (Not Shown). Oval Webelos Badge - Centered on left pocket under flap on tan uniform

A Brief Summary of Scouting and the Cub Scout Program

Scouting has been around a long time. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and became federally chartered with the United States in 1916. Cub Scouts came into being in 1930. Millions of boys have worn the uniform, cooked over an open fire at a campsite, earned their Bobcat Badge, raced their Pinewood Derby cars, worked on service projects, and made new friends under the umbrella of Scouting. Flowing underneath all this fun and excitement is a character-building program that encourages making good ethical choices, family strengthening, physical fitness, and citizenship skills in the lives of our boys.

Scouting utilizes an advancement system that requires a boy to 'do his best' to fulfill and complete the requirements outlined in his handbook so that he may earn his rank badge. The Bobcat badge must be earned first before any other rank badge regardless of the age of the scout. After receiving his rank badge, these Scouts can go on to earn other awards by completing a series of electives. Please keep in mind that although there are lots of awards and recognitions in Scouting, Pack 65 will strive towards the end that these are earned through significant, meaningful methods that your son will remember for a long time.

At the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear ranks, Cub Scouting centers around monthly themes that have lots of appeal to boys at this age. During most den meetings, the boys will be playing games, building craft projects, learning songs, etc. relating to this theme. In doing so, these boys will be improving on different skills as they learn to get along with others, become more resourceful, and participate in new activities and venues.

At the Webelos level, in lieu of the monthly theme, the boys are introduced to several diverse Activity Badges and, within the framework of the Webelos den, they work on completing these badges.

If you'll notice, there are Webelos 1's (4th graders) and Webelos 2's (5th graders). At the first level, after earning their Webelos badge, Webelos 1's continue to earn additional activity badges and gain new knowledge and skills in these areas. The Webelos 2's, though maybe still earning Activity Badges, also begin focusing on completing other requirements for their Arrow of Light award and will be conducting activities with various Boy Scout Troops.

Pack 65 follows a 'Scout year' of September to June follows the official school year and upon nearing the end of the school term in June, all the boys 'cross over' into the next rank. A scout can not earn a rank badge after the cross over has occurred. During the summer, Den meeting work on achievements may be suspended as the Pack will meet monthly at fun outings such as a bowling derby, fishing derby, kite derby, baseball games, Pack swim, etc. that goes toward the boys earning their Summertime Pack Award pin.

There are many, many events offered in Scouting. In addition to the events at Den meetings, Pack 65 will have family camping trips, Pinewood Derby races, a Blue and Gold Banquet, and much more that's just for us in the Pack.

In addition, there are District events like Twilight Camp, which unite us with hundreds of Scouts, and Council events like Cub-O-Ree and Scout Hunt & Fish Day that can have hundreds of Scouts in attendance. Your participation at these functions will definitely add to your son's Scouting experience.

Thank you for taking the time to go over this handbook with your new Cub Scout! With your help, this will be an exciting, rewarding experience for you, your son, your family, and your Pack.

We're glad you've joined us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

The Leadership Team of Pack 65

For phone numbers and leader information visit our web site: www.pack65nc.com

INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in any and all Pack 65 activities or events offered through the Old North State Council, Boy Scouts of America, involves a certain degree of risk.

I have carefully considered the risk involved and give _____, my son, my consent to participate in any and all activities or events for the 2013-2014 Scout Year (9/1/13 through 8/31/14). By signing this document, you affirm that you have also have read, understand, and agree with the Pack 65 Parent Handbook.

Den (circle one): Tiger Wolf Bear Webelos

This form must have both parent and/or guardian signature(s) if applicable:

Name (please print)

Name (please print)

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Telephone Number (area code included)

Telephone Number (area code included)

Cell Phone Number (area code included)

Cell Phone Number (area code included)
