



# Cub Scout Pack 363

## BASIC INFORMATION GUIDE

Revision 3

# ORGANIZATION

Pack 363 is part of the Boy Scout of America organization (BSA) Cubscout program through its Southeast Louisiana Council Regional Office in Metairie. The council oversees various districts. Among them is the Cypress district, under which we belong.

Cubscouting is for boys from the first grade through the fifth grade. Cubscouts will then typically transition into Boys scouting. All packs need a supporting or charter organization. Our charter organization is the Bayou Woods Elementary School PTA in Slidell, LA. The school provides us with a place to meet, among other things. While the school PTA is our chartering organization, membership is not limited to Bayou Woods Elem. Home-schoolers, or students at Carolyn Middle Park School and other schools are welcome to join as well.

The boys in the same grade are grouped in dens. Dens consist of a group of 5 to 8 boys typically. The Pack consists of all the dens of the various grades. Packmeetings are usually organized around monthly theme (ex. Collecting, holiday celebration, Halloween) in addition to some standard activities such as Achievement awards, birthday celebration. Below are the following ranks that apply to Cubscouting:

First Graders (6 year) - Tiger

Second Graders ( 7 year) - Wolf

Third Graders (8 year) - Bear

Fourth Graders (9 year) - Webelos 1 (primarily students at Carolyn Parks Middle School)

Fifth Graders - (10 year) Webelos 2 (primarily students at Carolyn Parks Middle School)

Each den will have a den leader and/or assistant den leaders that will organize and run meetings, track your scout progress towards achieving the next rank or merit, as well as participate in the monthly den leaders meetings. The den leader(s) is a volunteer parent out of the same den. The den leader in conjunction with the other den parents will decide on activities for the next meetings.

All denleaders and Pack volunteers are not professional Boy Scout employees, though many have several years in (cub) scouting. All are, however, dedicated parents that much like you, would like to offer to their children the same outdoor and family fun they might have experienced as child themselves and for that rely on over 75 years of cubscouting experience in America. Hence, the pack relies heavily on help from volunteers which can take several forms. Some parents will

volunteer a couple of hours a week to become a den leader, others help by, for example, assisting with setting up for the monthly Pack meeting, take pictures of den or pack events, fill water balloons, make crafts, or act as our webmaster. Contact the Cubmaster to find out in which way you can help. We may be able to put your skills, hobbies or other interests to work for the benefit of everyone in the pack.

## MEETINGS

The dens are the primary meeting opportunity for scouts. Once a den is formed, the volunteer leader and the parents assigned to that den by the Cubmaster will agree on a meeting time and frequency (once a week, once every two week, etc.) and the location. Locations for den meetings have traditionally been in the past someone's home, although lately there is a change to use more public places such as churches, libraries, clubs, community centers and parks. Bayou Woods (Cafeteria) is also available to meet after school (needs to be approved by the school administration)

Pack meetings are held monthly at Bayou Woods Elementary cafeteria at 7pm usually on the last Friday of the month, except for the months of November and December due to the Holidays. The meetings for those two months will be held instead on earlier Fridays (same venue, same time). Den and Pack meetings target a 1-1/2 to 2 hours duration.

Den leaders are required to attend a monthly den leaders meeting to plan the upcoming Pack meeting. Those are normally held on a Saturday at 7pm 1-1/2 weeks before the upcoming pack meeting.

## DUES AND FINANCES

The following dues apply on a yearly basis:

1. BSA membership \$10 (**mandatory**) prorated from the Fall to the following year's end. (example: Sep. 2007 through Dec. 2008). Covers insurance, etc.
2. Pack Dues are \$35 (**mandatory**) and cover pack meeting expenses, snacks, decorations, pack activities, rank achievement badges,
3. Den dues (**optional**). The Den may elect to charge a nominal fee per meeting to cover the cost of crafts or field trips. Please note that this is not that common since there are plenty of activities that can be done at no charge (ex. visit to a state park, Stennis Space Center, library)

4. Boy's Life magazine (**optional**) costs \$12 per year. Parents will have to sign up directly with the magazine (not through the Pack)

The above fees do not cover the cost of uniforms, handbook, uniform identification badges (rank and most event badges are covered) other than camping trips, camping equipment, field visits or most meals. In addition, the pack keeps its dues at a minimum in comparison with other sports or extra curriculum activities by raising funds in the fall through the sale of popcorn (the equivalent of Girl Scout cookies).

## **RULES**

1. When a cub scout attends a Pack or Den event, it is required that a parent or guardian be present. Moreover, Cub scouting is a family-oriented program that encourages others in the family to attend meetings and even participate in certain events. Siblings are always welcome.
2. The primary means of communication between Pack/den leadership and den parents will be by email. Pack and den meetings and other events will be announced with several days or weeks of advance notice. With over 80 scouts listed, it would be burdensome for our volunteer den leaders to contact each individual member on a regular basis otherwise. If you do not have access to email service, please notify your den leader so that alternative arrangements can be made on an exception basis. In addition, we now have a bulletin board at the main entrance to Bayou Woods Elementary where major events will be posted. Also, you may check our website for more details on upcoming events or general info (past event pictures, etc.) at [www.geocities.com/cubpack363/](http://www.geocities.com/cubpack363/)
3. Den parents are required to RSVP for den meetings. While attendance to all den or Pack meetings is not mandatory, be courteous to your den leaders who spent personal time putting together an interesting agenda for his/her son and yours. Many activities require multiple participants or may require advance purchases that may become otherwise surplus material if your scout does not attend.
4. Please keep side conversations during Pack meetings to a minimum. Running a pack meeting with 40 to 80 scouts of varying ages is not easy. Due to poor acoustics the pack leadership needs the utmost silence in the cafeteria to communicate/interact with scouts and their parents.

5. Please show up on time to Pack and den meetings. This will ensure that we achieve our meeting duration goal of 1-1/2 hours.
6. Scout parents are expected to help with the cleanup and restoration of the cafeteria upon the conclusion of a packmeeting or any other event. The more people help, the sooner we all can leave for home.

## **UNIFORM AND HANDBOOK REQUIREMENTS**

It is expected that scouts will wear their uniforms (class alpha) at Pack and den events. However, rest assured that your scout will never be made to feel uncomfortable because of a missing piece of uniform or by its appearance. Nevertheless, boys will like to wear their uniform since it gives them a sense of belonging and of pride (show off those earned badges!). In addition to the uniforms, various optional scouting T-shirts are available to be used at camping/family events in the summer months. Pack 363 is in the process of designing its new shirt. More to come soon.

Uniforms are available through the following sources:

### Slidell Army Surplus and Outdoor Store (new)

On I-10 East Service Rd. at Gausse Blvd. Exit ( close to Lowe's/ new Walmart)

Open 9:00 - 6pm Mon - Sat.

Tel. 985-641-1092

### Scout Shop in Southeast Louisiana Council Office building (new)

On I-10 East Service Rd in Metairie

Take Clearview Exit towards Huey P. Long Bridge and make a left at the first light. I-10 service rd. curves around. Go for a few hundred yards. Building will be on the right.

Open 8:30 - 5pm Mon - Friday

Tel. 504-887-3000

### Salvation Army /Goodwill Stores/Ebay/ Pack 363 (used)

We also have a very small pile of donated uniforms that may be available on a first come first basis to those who have paid their dues.

Please remember to replace incorrect badges or insignia with the correct ones below.

When you contact the Slidell Army or Scout Shop stores you will need to provide them with the following info pertaining to your scout:

Rank: Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos (Webelos is a two-year program)

Pack#: 363

Council: Southeast Louisiana

Den#: (obtain this from your denleader or Cubmaster)

They will be available to assist you with the correct color uniform, pieces of clothing and pack/den# patches and insignia. For more info on placement on badges, pickup a Boy Scout catalog at these locations. There are colored pictures of what it is supposed to look like.

Pack 363 only requires as a minimum the following for uniform:

- Shirt
- Belt and clip
- Neckerchief with slide

Note: Cap and socks are optional. In addition, Bayou Woods school's khaki shorts or pants can be used for the rest of the uniform. See pictures on the correct use and placement of patches below.

### RANK HANDBOOKS

Handbooks for the various ranks are available at the Slidell Army and Scout shops as well. These books outline the program requirements and give ideas for activities

## **CONTACTS AND SCOUT INFO**

For general questions you can always contact the Cubmaster by one of the following means:

Kelly Gardner - Cubmaster  
985-847-0053

Emails:

kellygardner@live.com

## SCOUTING INFO WEBSITES

Boy Scout of America, [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) (general info about scouting)  
Southeast Louisiana Council, [www.bsa-selacouncil.org](http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org) (specific info to our area)  
Pack363, [www.geocities.com/cubpack363/](http://www.geocities.com/cubpack363/)  
[www.Macscouter.com](http://www.Macscouter.com) (all kinds of neat scouting ideas and info)

Note: this is just a sample! Try the word scouting on Google and see how many hits you get!

## **CAMPING AND EQUIPMENT**

Good News! With the exception of a tent, most camping items are readily available in the average home. Basic 6ft by 6ft tents at most sporting good stores (Academy, Sport Authority) sell for about \$20-30. A gas stove sells for about \$40 and you may chose to share this with someone in your den. For your convenience, a detail list of camping equipment essentials will be posted on our website: [www.geocities.com/cubpack363/](http://www.geocities.com/cubpack363/). It is not required that you acquire all camping items at once. Most are collected over the course of years. Also, you may want to put that tent or other camping equipment on your x-mas list.

Contrary to boy scouting, Cubscout camping is done at facilities with nearby latrines. Showers are most times available as well. The typical Pack 363 camping event will last one to two days during a weekend. Some of the sites we have used are: Camp Villere, Fontainebleu, Tickfaw State Park and the large scouting Camp Salmen in Mississippi (Near Kiln). Meals will vary by location and occasion. In general, you are responsible for your meal preparation, but occasionally we will have a large Pack meal. Camp Salmen has a "cafeteria" for which meal tickets can be purchased in advance.

## **EVENTS**

Below is a highlight of some annual events (note some dates are subject to change):

**February** - Mardi Gras Parade (Krewe of Perseus)

**March** - Blue and Gold Banquet to celebrate our founder, Lord Baden-Powell's B-day

- Pinewood Derby Race (don't miss this popular Cubscouting activity)

**April** - Cub World (organized by our council, weekend of Camping with hundreds of other cubscouts and dozens of activities at our large scout Camp Salmen, MS.)

**May** - Arrow of Light Ceremony (graduation and transition for scouts)

**\_\_\_ School Ends \_\_\_ Summer months break. No Pack Meetings**

**June** - Cub Olympics (weekend of camping and "Olympic" games)

**July** - Wacky Water World Camping

**August** - Back to School Party

**September-** Fall Enrollment

**October** - Fall Encampment - Camping at large scout at Camp Salmen  
- Halloween Party

**November** - Thanksgiving Celebration Pack Meeting

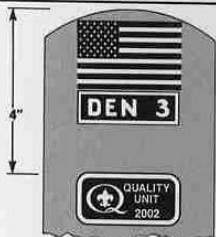
**December** - X-mas celebration

# Official Placement of Insignia

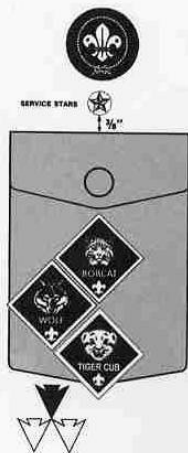
SHOULDER SEAM



LEFT SLEEVE



RIGHT SLEEVE



LEFT POCKET



RIGHT POCKET

## BOY SCOUT/VARSITY SCOUT UNIFORM INSPECTION SHEET OFFICIAL PLACEMENT OF INSIGNIA

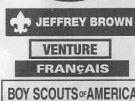
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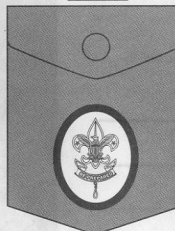
RIGHT SLEEVE



LEFT SLEEVE



RIGHT POCKET



LEFT POCKET

Conduct uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

**Merit Badge Sash.** If worn, merit badges are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash. Venture/Varsity letter is attached at bottom front corner. Temporary insignia may be worn on back.

**Shoulder Epaulets.** Red shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop). Blaze (orange) loops identify Varsity Scouting.

**Left Sleeve.** Council patches, unit numeral, and badge of office are worn as shown snug up, and touching each other. Badge of office is centered below and touches unit numeral. The veteran unit bar (25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years) is positioned above and touching troop numeral and in turn touching council patch. Den chief cord is worn over the left shoulder and under epaulet.

**Left Pocket.** Service stars above the pocket. If a medal or embroidered knot for youth members is worn, service stars are raised. Embroidered square knots are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three. Not more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn). The wearing sequence for knots or medals is at the wearer's discretion and lead color is to the wearer's right. Badges of rank are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award. Flap buttoned. The World Crest is worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.


**Right Sleeve.** U.S. flag. Only the most recently earned Quality Unit Award may be worn below patrol emblem or below National Honor Patrol star. Musician badge, if in band or drum corps, is worn 1/2 inch below patrol emblem. Up to six merit badges may be worn on the long-sleeve shirt in two columns of three starting 3 inches above the bottom edge of the cuff.

**Right Pocket.** Jamboree insignia (only one) worn above BSA or interpreter strip. Order of the Arrow lodge insignia worn on pocket flap. Temporary insignia worn centered on the pocket. Flap buttoned. The Varsity or Venture strip is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip. Nameplate, if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture or Varsity strip.



- ✓ UNIFORM ESSENTIALS**
- A Cap
  - B Den Numerals
  - C Neckerchief and Slide
  - D World Scout Crest Emblem
  - E Council Shoulder Patch
  - F Unit Numerals
  - G Shirt (short- or long-sleeve)
  - H Belt
  - I Trousers or Shorts


You will earn lots of badges as a Cub Scout. These pictures show where to wear them on your uniform shirt.

**World Crest** 

**Temporary patch area**




**Right pocket**



**Right sleeve**



**Left pocket**



**Left sleeve**

Roll your neckerchief before you put it on. Here's how:



**Bobcat Trail**

## CUB SCOUT UNIFORM AND OPTIONS



### NECKERCHIEFS

**1. Wolf Neckerchief.** For boys who are in the second grade or who are 8 years old. C00802 4.90

**2. Bear Neckerchief.** For boys who are in the third grade or who are 9 years old. C00801 4.90

**Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide.** Worn with both the Wolf and Bear neckerchief. C00800 2.30



### CAPS

**Cub Scout Bear Cap.** Low-profile twill cap is navy with a light blue front panel and features the Bear Cub Scout logo. Sizes: SM/M (92), M/LG (93). C852 11.80

**Cub Scout Wolf Cap.** Low-profile twill cap is navy with a yellow front panel and features the Wolf Cub Scout logo. Sizes: SM/M (92), M/LG (93). C853 11.80

**Made 2 Measure**  
Don't see your size? With our made-to-measure service you can have uniforms tailored to fit. See the order form for more information.



### SHIRTS

**Short-Sleeve Shirt.** Order by (size code). Sizes: S (91), M (92), L (93), XL (94), 2X (95). C840 22.95

**Long-Sleeve Shirt.** Order by (size code). Sizes: S (91), M (92), L (93), XL (94), 2X (95). C829 26.95



### SOCKS

**3. Cub Scout Ankle Socks.** Made of cotton/polyester/nylon/Lycra. Treated with triclosan to inhibit bacterial growth. Order by (size code).

Sizes: XS 5-7 (90), S 7-9 (91), M 9-11 (92), L 10-13 (93). C849 4.20/pr.

**4. Cub Scout Crew Socks.** Made of 80% cotton and 20% polyester/nylon/Lycra blend with terry-padded soles for extra comfort. Treated with triclosan