



Welcome to

Pack 697



www.geocities.com/Pack697Den3

You're Invited

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts and would like to observe our dens in action, you are welcome to meet us in the OKCS pre-school classrooms on Mondays, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm from September through May (except holidays).

New Tiger dens (1st grade boys, age 6) form each year in September and require one-on-one parent participation.

Please complete this interest sheet so we may contact you:

Boy's name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Parents name(s)

Day time phone # (_____) _____

Parent questionnaire:

- My son is interested in joining Cub Scouts
- I am interested in coming to a Parent Orientation Meeting (to be announced)
- I am interested/available to chair Pack activities
- I am interested/available to be a Den Leader or Assistant

*Please put this completed form in the **Cub Scout** box located in the OKCS office so we may contact you.*



Cub Scouts – make new friends
Cub Scouts – have lots of fun
Cub Scouts – exciting and educational
Cub Scouts – leadership, citizenship and family values
Cub Scouts – for boys 1st grade through 5th grade

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to Pack 697. The number '697' was chosen for the Pack as a commemoration of its inception in June 1997. The Pack is made up of dens including Tigers, Wolves, Bears, WeBeLoS-I and WeBeLoS-II with boys in 1st through 5th grade. Pack 697 has consistently maintained status as a Quality Unit every year since 1997. To view more information about Pack 697 go to our website at www.geocities.com/Pack697Den3 or type in 'Pack 697' on a Google search.

Charter Organization

Pack 697 is sponsored by Olive Knolls Christian School. Mr. Meek, the school principal, has allowed us to use the preschool classrooms for our weekly den meetings and the Children's Chapel for our Pack and Committee meetings.

BSA Office

The Southern Sierra Counsel Boy Scout Office is located at 2417 M Street, Bakersfield (661) 325-9036, website: www.sscbsa.org. You can purchase scout uniforms and accessories, books, crafts, and pick up flyers about upcoming scouting events at the BSA office.

Parents

Parents are the strength and backbone of Pack 697 and are a vital part of making the scouting experience successful for the boys. We encourage all parents to work with their scouts between meetings to reinforce the values of the Cub Scouts and assist your scout to earn their achievements throughout the year. Parents are also encouraged to assist with Den meetings and field trips, and Pack activities and campouts.

Dues & Fees

The total cost per returning scout for the year will be \$79.00. First time registrants pay an additional \$3.00 for prorated registration fees. *(Fees subject to change)*

Leadership and Parent Participation

Parent participation is the strength to making the Pack successful for the scouts. All activities require a chairperson for coordination and each den requires dedicated Den Leader(s). We recognize that most parents are juggling multiple family commitments outside of scouting and request that you participate to the best of your ability. Participation can include making phone calls, coordinating activities, picking up items for the activity, helping with your son's Den, or becoming a Den Leader or Committee member. Participation reinforces the values and responsibilities of the Cub Scout law: "To help the Pack go" and "To help the Pack grow." All levels of participation are encouraged and much appreciated.

Achievements

Our emphasis is on fun and learning with games, practical projects and crafts, field trips, and campouts. Advancements, Arrow Points, Pins and Belt Loops may be earned at den meetings, home, through other activities outside of cub scouts (like sports or church, etc.) or at the campouts. Awards can be sewn onto the uniforms (zigzag around the edges with a sewing machine is recommended). Patches may also be awarded but are not worn on the uniform.

Every Meeting

- Scouts must wear their class 'A' uniform for every den and pack meeting, and to and from every campout or tour.
- Scouts must bring their scout handbook to every den meeting so achievements can be signed off and recorded.
- Scouts are encouraged to attend all den meetings and activities to complete their ranks with their den. Scouts who attend all den meetings receive a special perfect attendance award.
- Scouts need to observe the rules of the Pack and Den and respect others at all times.

Meetings

Den Meetings

Mondays, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Olive Knolls Christian School

Scouts meet with their Den every Monday (except holidays) to work on achievements and reinforce the morals and values of scouting. Parents of Tiger scouts (boys in 1st grade, age 6) are required to participate with their scout one-on-one at each Den meeting. New Tiger Dens form each September. Parents of scouts 2nd-5th grades, ages 7-11 do not need to attend the regular Den meetings. Field trips or other official outings/activities may also be planned throughout the week or on weekends as an option to fulfill achievements.

Pack Meetings

Last Monday of the month, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Olive Knolls Children's Chapel

The Pack meeting is where all the dens come together on the last Monday of the month to receive the awards for completed requirements. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are all invited and encouraged to attend Pack meetings to support their scout and to enjoy watching them receive the achievements they have earned. *Important Pack information for parents is always handed out and/or announced at this meeting.*

Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Olive Knolls Children's Chapel

Parents are invited to attend Committee meetings held the second Tuesday of the month (*date subject to change*). This meeting is where the overall Pack activities planning and direction decisions are made. Parents have the opportunity to vote and participate in deciding which activities the Pack will be involved in. Den Leaders share their Den's progress. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Pack Newsletter

The Pack Newsletter is always available at every Pack Meeting. The Pack Newsletter announces important information about upcoming events and activities with the Pack or Council. Dens report their monthly activities and all scouts are encouraged to write newsletter articles. This is the best resource for parents to keep up-to-date with Pack activities and announcements.

Pack Website

The Pack website is full of information for parents, scouts, and den leaders. Visit the website for information on upcoming Pack and Council events, Pack Newsletter, Calendar, Parent Handbook, Scouting terminology, projects and activities to earn requirements, learn more about each rank in Cub Scouting, answers your questions about scouting, and much, much, more. Go to our website at www.geocities.com/Pack697Den3 or type in 'Pack 697' on a Google search.

Pack Activities

The Pack participates in several service projects and activities throughout the year in addition to Den meetings, Pack meetings, and campouts. Typical Pack activities are: Popcorn Sales, Pushmobile Races, Veteran's Day Parade, Skate Party, Love Boxes, Inc., Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food, Blue and Gold Banquet, Feller's Cake Bake/Auction, Car Wash, and three Summertime activities. *(Service Projects and Pack activities are subject to change.)*

Campouts

Pack 697 generally schedules 3-4 family campouts each year. The campouts are designed for families and their scouts to have great fun, family time, and an excellent time to work on achievements. A reasonable fee is usually charged for the campouts. When camping overnight, parents are required to be in attendance with their scout for safety and insurance purposes. *(Look for more information about campouts in the monthly Pack newsletter, flyers, or in your mailbox.)*

Fund Raisers

To help the Pack to grow and to continue to offer quality activities at a reasonable cost, the Pack participates in fund raising events throughout the year. October is the annual BSA Popcorn Sales. Scouts sell a variety of popcorn products to friends, relatives, neighbors or others. When all families participate the Pack keeps 70% of the sales. The Fellers' Cake Bake/Auction is in February. Scouts and their fathers or adult partner bake a cake together and decorate it with a Cub Scout theme, such as camping. The cakes are auctioned at the Blue and Gold Banquet to each individual scout's family. *(Fund raisers are subject to change; look for details to be announced at Pack Meetings and in the Pack Newsletter.)*

Uniforms

All scouts are required to wear their full class 'A' uniform for all den and pack meetings, as well as traveling to and from campouts, for flag ceremonies and all official activities outside of the regular meetings. Uniforms may be purchased at the BSA office. The class 'A' uniform consists of:

- hat
- shirt
- scarf (orange, yellow, blue, or plaid)
- Cub Scout or WeBeLoS slide
- Cub Scout or blue school uniform pants/shorts
- closed-toed shoes with the blue and yellow cub scout socks

Pack T-Shirts

Pack 697 T-shirts are available through the Pack for the entire scouting family. The prices range from \$6.25 to \$10.00, depending on size. It will be announced when it is appropriate to wear the Pack T-shirt (called Class 'B') in place of the full uniform at an event. *(Prices subject to change.)*

Youth: Small (6-8), Medium (10-12), Large (14-16)

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL, XXXL