

# PACK 75

## CUB SCOUT

### PARENTS'

# ORIENTATION GUIDE

*(REVISED October 2006)*



**Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting!**  
We hope that this orientation guide will help  
inform you about the wonderful world of  
Cub Scouting that you and your son are about to enter.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is: **75**

My den number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets on: \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets at: \_\_\_\_\_

My Cubmaster's name is: **Craig Trygstad**

My pack meets on: **The fourth Wednesday of the month (usually)**

My pack meets at: **Pioneer Elementary School (5215 Hamel Street)**

My Pack Website is: [www.geocities.com/pack75davis](http://www.geocities.com/pack75davis)

My Scouting District is: **Yolo District**

Our District Roundtables are held on: **Second Thursday of month, 7:30 pm**

Our District Roundtables are held at: **Woodland LDS Cultural Center,  
1405 Cottonwood, Woodland, CA (2006/7 School year)**

Our District Website is: [www.yolobsa.editme.com](http://www.yolobsa.editme.com)

My Council is: **Goldern Empire Council, 251 Commerce Circle  
Sacramento, CA 95815-4292 phone: (916) 649-1800**

My Council Website is: [www.gec-bsa.org](http://www.gec-bsa.org)

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## YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

*WHAT SHOULD YOU AND YOUR SON EXPECT FROM CUB SCOUTS?*

### *FUN -- LOTS AND LOTS OF FUN!*

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of self-worth, who is self-reliant, dependable, and caring. Scouting has these same goals for your son. Since 1910, the Scouting program has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, promoting citizenship, and fostering physical fitness in youth. Scouting is family values ... but Cub Scout age boys don't join Scouting just to get their character built - they join because it's **FUN!**

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family values for boys in first through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

In society, where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to "Do Your Best" and be helpful to others, as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise. A Cub Scout Den provides your son with a group of boys his own age and an atmosphere in which he can earn status and recognition. In the Den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement with the new skills he learns.

***PACK 75 has many activities planned throughout the year.  
Stay informed about what's going on in the Pack and your Den  
by checking our website: [www.geocities.com/pack75davis](http://www.geocities.com/pack75davis)***

## UNIFORMS

Pack 75 Cubs wear uniforms from the "waist up." Our official uniform comprises a Cub Scout shirt, neckerchief, neckerchief slide, hat, and belt. These items are available at several shops in Sacramento and Dixon or through the [Boy Scout Merchandise Catalog](#). Follow the Catalog link to view items and to find the shop closest you (click on the Scouting Merchandise Distributor link).

### Some Suggestions:

*Try ebay.* Many Scout-related items are available on ebay, and this is a great source for gently used uniforms. You might also be able to find them in Thrift Stores, but it might take a lot of looking before you find one. For both new and used shirts, you will need to purchase and sew on new patches (Council patch, Pack number, Den number, and World Crest), which are available at local Scout retailers, including the River City Scout Shop in Sacramento.

*Buy a short sleeve shirt.* A long sleeve shirt will be too hot during the summer, but boys can always wear a long sleeved t-shirt underneath during the winter.

*Buy a really big shirt.* Scout uniforms are not cheap, and you want to make sure your son can wear it for a number of years. Tigers usually swim in their uniforms, while the Webelos can barely button them!

*Make your own neckerchief slide.* The slide is the hardest thing to keep track of! They tend to slip off easily and become lost. Be creative and make your own out of a toy, small piece of wood, or piece of rope. The possibilities are endless, and the other boys are sure to notice. This makes a good Den activity.

*Buy a blue belt.* The boys will earn numerous Beltloops during their Cub Scout days, so they will want a belt to put them on. As with the shirt, buy the belt big enough to last through the Cub Scout years. Also, don't bother with the Tiger belt, which is good for only one year -- just start out with the blue belt.

## CUB SCOUT PROGRAM



### First Grade - TIGER CUBS

1. Each Den has two to eight boy/adult teams.
2. The Den may get together up to four times each month:
  - 2 Den Meetings
  - 1 field trip or outing
  - 1 Pack Meeting (with all of the other dens)
3. Each boy/adult team takes turns hosting the meetings. Meetings are conducted by the Tiger Den Leader and last no more than one hour.
4. Advancement
  - The Tiger Cub first earns his Tiger totem and Bobcat badge.
  - The Tiger Cub earns a bead for each Tiger rack activity (there are 15 activities).



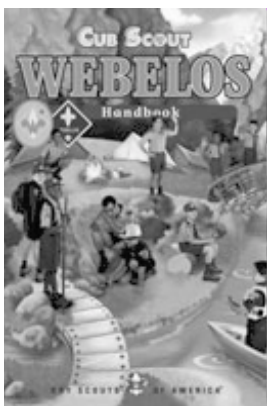


## Second & Third Grade – WOLF AND BEAR CUBS

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys belong to a Wolf Den, while 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys belong to a Bear Den.
2. Each Den has two to eight boys.
3. The Den is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent).
4. The Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader or rotating parent and sometimes a Den Chief (an older Boy Scout).
5. The Den meets two to three times a month.
6. Den Meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and periodic field trips that generally revolve around a monthly theme.
7. Work on advancement is done both at Den Meetings and at home. The work done at home should be with the help of the boy's parent or guardian.

**CUB SCOUT MOTTO: Do Your Best**





## Fourth & Fifth Grade - WEBELOS I and II

1. Each Den has two to eight boys.
2. The Den is led by a Webelos Den Leader (usually a parent).
3. The Webelos Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Webelos Den Leader or rotating parent and sometimes a Den Chief (an older Boy Scout).
4. The Den meets two to three times a month.
5. Den Meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and periodic field trips that generally revolve around a monthly theme.
6. In Webelos, boys do most of their advancement requirements at Den Meetings, but they still work on a few requirements at home with the help of a parent or guardian.
7. The Arrow of Light, which is the highest rank in Cub Scouting, is earned during the Webelos years and allows boys to join a Boy Scout Troop at an early age. Without the Arrow of Light, a boy must wait until he is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or is 11 years of age before he can join a Boy Scout Troop.



## THE CUB SCOUT PACK

### ALL CUB SCOUTS ARE MEMBERS OF A PACK

1. Packs are made up of one or more dens.
2. Packs meet once a month—all Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos families are expected to participate.
3. The Pack Meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
4. The Pack Meeting is the highlight of the month.
5. Pack Meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of awards that the boys have earned during the previous month.

### THE PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE

1. All parents, Den Leaders, and Pack Leaders can be members of the Pack Committee.
2. The Pack Committee meets once a month, or more often if needed.
3. Pack Committee Meetings are led by the Committee Chairperson or the Cubmaster.
4. The Pack Committee selects leaders, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack finances, orders badges, coordinates fundraising projects, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

### THE PACK IS OVERSEEN BY A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

1. Chartered organizations include schools, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth. Pack 75 is chartered by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Davis and was first chartered in 1938.
2. The chartered organization approves all leaders in the Pack, may provide a meeting place for the Pack Meetings, and helps the Pack follow the guidelines and policies established by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).
3. The chartered organization selects a chartered organization representative who serves as the contact person for the Pack.

## THE ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting is shared between the family and the Den. Some advancement requirements are done at Den Meetings and some are done at home with the family.

### **BOBCAT BADGE**

*All Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat Badge. Boys joining Cub Scouts must earn the Bobcat badge before they can earn anything else.*

Bobcat requirements include learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign, and motto, and learning the meaning of "Webelos." Cubs must also complete the Parent/Child Abuse Guide included as the beginning of each Cub Scout Handbook.

### **TIGER BADGE**

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade boy and his adult partner work on achievements, projects, and activities found in the Tiger Cub Handbook. Boys earn the Tiger Badge after completing 5 achievements.

### **WOLF BADGE**

2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys work on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf Badge. After a boy earns his Wolf Badge, he may work on electives (see Arrow Points discussion, below) in different interest areas until he finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and graduates to the next rank.

### **BEAR BADGE**

3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys work to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After a boy earns his Bear badge, he may work on electives (see Arrow Points discussion, below) in different interest areas until he finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and graduates to the next rank.

### ARROW POINTS

For every 10 electives a Wolf or Bear age boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wants.

### WEBELOS BADGE and ARROW OF LIGHT BADGE

When a boy has completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, he graduates to a Webelos Den. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 different activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting). Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 2-year Webelos program.

In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he may be eligible to graduate from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. This is usually part of the Pack's Annual Blue and Gold Banquet.

Once a boy joins a Boy Scout Troop, he starts working towards the rank of Tenderfoot. He continues through the ranks; Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and then Eagle Scout - the highest award available in the Boy Scout program.



## **SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

### **PINEWOOD DERBY**

The Pinewood Derby is an exciting project where a parent helps the boy build a model racecar made from a block of wood. The finished car must weigh 5 ounces or less and meet certain width criteria so that it fits on the derby track. In Pack 75, each rank of Cub Scout competes only against boys in that same rank (i.e., Tigers against Tigers, Wolves against Wolves, etc.). In addition to the Cubs, there is an Open Class for siblings and parents. Your Pack Leaders will give you more details, including when the big race will be held. Pack 75's Pinewood Derby is usually in March.

### **GOOD TURN FOR AMERICA**

Good Turn for America is a program that recognizes Scouts for working on service projects in their community. Among other things, these service projects address issues of hunger, homelessness, and poor health in our nation. The "Scouting for Food" campaign conducted by the Scouts each Spring is one of the Good Turn for America projects. Pack 75 also participates in periodic clean-ups of the Pioneer School campus as a "Thank You" for our Pack Meeting place.

### **CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPOUT**

Family Camping is exciting activity offered each Spring. It's a great way to spend quality time with your family and other Cub Scout families. Activities at the Family Campout may include fishing, hiking, making crafts, playing games, singing songs, campfires, and skits. Besides having fun, attending this event counts towards the camping requirement for Webelos level boys.

### **BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET**

The Blue & Gold Banquet is a party celebrating the birthday of Cub Scouting and is usually held in February. Most often it includes dinner and a special program or entertainment. A Webelos-to-Boy Scouts Cross Over ceremony may also be conducted at the Blue & Gold Banquet.

### **CAMP CAYUSE**

Camp Cayuse is a district-wide activity, usually held at Nelson's Grove in Woodland, the week after school is out. Often referred to as Twilight Camp, because it runs from 6pm to 9pm, Camp Cayuse provides a great opportunity for the boys to meet and interact with Cubs from Packs throughout the Yolo District area. It is also a great and cost-effective way to get a jump on the next year's achievements. Some of the exciting things at Camp Cayuse are skits, campfires, singing, bb guns, archery, sports, crafts, and Scout skills. The cost generally ranges between \$45 and \$50 per Cub for the 5-day program.

### **RESIDENT CAMP**

Resident camp is an exciting opportunity for you and your son to spend a week together learning new things and working on exciting projects. Boys work toward their new rank and participate in activities that are not possible during regular den and pack meetings. The cost generally ranges between \$150 and \$175, depending on the camp selected.

### **BSA FAMILY PROGRAM**

The BSA Family Program is a series of activities designed to help strengthen all families—whether two-parent, single-parent, or non-traditional. Family members are encouraged to participate and may earn the BSA Family Award.

### **DRUG PREVENTION**

When a boy has positive, supporting, elements in his life, he is much less likely to become involved with drugs. The BSA has a pamphlet called "Take A Stand Against Drugs" that helps Leaders and parents talk to youth about drugs. It is available through the Scout Shop and is required reading for Webelos.

### **BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE**

A magazine for boys and adults, Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. A one-year magazine subscription is \$10.80 (pro-rated at 90 cents per issue). Compare this to the cost of a comic book! A subscription to Boys' Life is included in your annual \$47 registration fee.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Scouting operates with volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to grow with your son and his friends. In addition, you have the opportunity to be a positive influence on other youth in your community.

## WHAT YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences in Cub Scouting help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn participating citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which includes setting a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and the pride in being identified as a part of the organization. Wearing the Scout uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the values of the BSA.

## **PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP**

(examples of ways you can help)

### **DEN LEADER**

Leads the den at weekly Den Meetings. Attends the monthly Pack Meeting and Pack Committee Meetings.

### **CUBMASTER**

Helps plan the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. Serves as the Master of Ceremonies at the monthly Pack Meeting. Attends the Pack Committee Meetings.

### **ASSISTANT CUBMASTER**

Assists the Cubmaster as needed. Fills in for the Cubmaster when necessary.

### **PACK COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Pack Committee Members perform administrative support functions of the Pack. Members may serve in other capacities, such as Pack Fundraiser Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, or Webmaster.

### **PACK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

Presides over Pack Committee Meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Attends monthly Pack Meetings.

### **SECRETARY / TREASURER**

Keeps records for the Pack, including Pack bank account, financial records, and so forth. Attends monthly Pack Meetings and Pack Committee Meetings.

### **ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR**

Maintains Advancement Records for the Pack. Purchases and assembles all badges, awards, and insignia for Pack Meeting. Attends monthly Pack Meetings and Committee Meetings.

### **PARENT HELPERS**

Perform "one time" program jobs such as coordinating Pack participation in events such as Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Day Camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

The Pack 75 "old-timers," as well as the staff at the Golden Empire Council can help answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can. Each district is served by a full-time professional staff member and many seasoned volunteers.

The Yolo District holds a leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers once a month. These meetings, called Roundtables, are a great place to ask questions and share ideas. They're a great place to find out about what's going on in local Scouting program and can get ideas for crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at Den and Pack Meetings. Roundtables are held the second Thursday of each month, and alternate between Davis and Woodland locations, from one year to the next. The 2004-2005 school year meetings will be in Woodland at the LDS Cultural Center on Cottonwood (off of Gibson, just south of the hospital). They start at 7:30pm.

**"Program Helps"** is an annual BSA publication in magazine format that contains meeting plans for Den and Pack Meetings. It also provides "how to" for crafts and games.

Pack 75 maintains a Pack Library that contains leader books and other resources. Also, don't forget that many of the other leaders have been doing this a while, so feel free to ask them for help.

Your District has a team of volunteers that offer districtwide programs and activities where your boys can participate.

Your District also has a volunteer team called the Commissioner Staff. They are our "service team", and they act as a communication link between the Pack and the Council.

The District has leader training available. All leaders need training!

## CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

### Step 1 - Fast Start & Youth Protection Training

So you're a new leader! To get you started, the Golden Empire Council has training available online. You can complete Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Training by visiting this link - <http://www.gec-bsa.org>. Click on *Programs* and then *Training*. The Fast Start Training will give you enough information to handle your first meeting. You can also learn about BSA Youth Protection Policies by completing the online training course accessed through the same link, above. If you don't have access to the internet, Fast Start and Youth Protection video tapes are available to check out from the council service center and are offered periodically through the Yolo District. The calendar for training is also posted on the above website.

### Step 2 - New Leader Training

After you have completed the Fast Start training for your leadership position, the next step is to attend a Cub Scout Leader Training session conducted in your area. This training will give you a more in-depth understanding of your new leadership position and the Cub Scouting program. These sessions are generally scheduled in both Fall and Spring. Ask your Cubmaster for the date, time and location of the session nearest to you, or check the calendar on the website: <http://www.gec-bsa.org>. Click on *Programs* and then *Training*.

### **Step 3 - Supplemental Training**

After you have completed Fast Start and Basic Training, you will be well on your way. But every good leader looks for opportunities to expand their skills, so the Golden Empire Council offers supplemental training sessions such as BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation; at least one Leader must have BALOO Training to participate in overnight events such as the Pampanito overnight and the Pack Family Campout), Outdoor Skills, Pow Wow, University of Scouting, and Wood Badge courses. Look for information about these training opportunities on the Council website: <http://www.gec-bsa.org>. Click on *Programs* and then *Training*.

### **Step 4 - Scouting Magazine, District Newsletter, and Internet**

When you become a registered leader with the BSA, you will start receiving issues of *Scouting Magazine*. Any Cub parent may also sign-up to receive the Pleasant Pheasant, an e-mail newsletter specifically for Yolo District Scouters. To sign-up send an e-mail to: Bill Ragsdale [Bill@good-fortune.cc] and ask to be added to the distribution list. These publications will keep you up-to-date on what's happening in the various District Units, available training opportunities, and other Scout-related activities. You can also visit the Golden Empire Council website for more information (<http://gec-bsa.org>),

## YOUTH PROTECTION

After selecting the best possible leaders, additional protection for children is built into the Scout program. The BSA has adopted the following policies to provide security for youth in Scouting.

**Two Deep Leadership:** Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities. Responsible adults must be at least 21 years of age.

**No One-on-One Contact:** One-on-One contact between adults and youth members is not permitted in any situation. Personal conferences should take place in view of other adults and youths.

**Respect of Privacy:** Adult members must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers at camp. Adults should intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. They should also protect their own privacy in similar situations.

**Separate Accommodations:** When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian.

**Proper Preparation for Activities:** All activities should consider the capabilities of the participating Cub Scouts. No activity should be undertaken without the proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.

**No Secret Organizations:** The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All activities are open to observation by parents and leaders.

**Appropriate Attire:** Proper clothing for activities is required.

**Constructive Discipline:** Discipline used in Cub Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.

**Hazing Prohibited:** Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

**Child Abuse:** Parents are a critical element in the education of Cub Scouts about child abuse. The BSA publishes a booklet, *"How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide,"* that is inserted in the front of each Cub Scout handbook. The BSA also has an award-winning video, *It Happened to Me*, for use by Cub Scout Packs and Dens. This video about child sexual abuse is available from the Golden Empire Council. Youth Protection Training is also available on the Council website (<http://www.gec-bsa.org>).

## PARENT HELP POSITIONS

The following positions need to be filled for our pack to have a wonderful year. Would you please let us know your first four choices of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year? Some of these positions are short-term, and others are for the entire year.

**Please be sure to return this sheet.**

Den Leader

Cubmaster

Assistant Cubmaster

Pack Committee Parent Members

Pack Song Leader

Awards Committee

Pinewood Derby Committee

Blue & Gold Banquet Committee

Popcorn Sale Coordinator

Scouting for Food Committee

Day Camp Coordinator

Resident Camp Coordinator

Family Camp Coordinator

Special Events Coordinator

Telephone Committee

Past Scouting Experience

Hobbies

Sports Interests

Job Work shift

I have a (please circle): Van Truck Trailer Computer Workshop

Parent's Name Phone:

Email Address:

*A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW*

It will not matter what my bank account was,  
the sort of house I lived in,  
or the kind of car I drove.

But, the world may be different,  
because I was important in the life of a boy.

- Forrest Witcraft