

CUB SCOUT PACK 5 PARENT GUIDE/ 2009-10

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 5. Pack 5 was established in 1948. Our Cubmaster is Kevin Klein. Our Sponsor is St. Anthony of Padua Church of East Northport.

If you are new to Cub Scouting, you will discover that its purpose is to work with the parents and family in developing our children's character, to encourage sportsmanship and pride in them and to teach them the value of service to their community. We try to teach the scouts how to do their best and provide fun and exciting activities for them. We are looking forward to a fun filled calendar of events, including the traditional Pinewood Derby and an overnight trip. We have written this with the hopes of explaining some things so that parents can better understand how Pack 5 operates.

Parental Involvement

In registering your son in scouting, you must also make your own commitment of time and talent to make scouting work for all of us. Pack 5 cannot operate without your help. **ALL parents are required to participate in *at least one Pack night or event during the year.*** There will be sign up sheets available at registration so that we may know how you can help. You will also be asked to become actively involved with your son's den - go through their Scout Handbook with them and work on achievements and electives at home.

To have a successful scouting program, we need your involvement.

Den Meetings

Most Dens have meetings twice a month after school or on the weekend. When the den meets will depend on the leader's availability. Your son's Den Leader will give you a calendar of their activities for the year. Please save the listing to refer to it throughout the year. If RSVPs are required for certain Scout activities, please try to do so in a timely fashion, so as not to preclude your son from any event.

All our Leaders are volunteers. Please help them run a successful program for our boys with your cooperation.

Pack Night Meetings

The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. promptly. We ask that boys arrive by 7:15 p.m. There will be a gathering activity at this time. We meet in the East Northport campus school gym, according to the calendar, unless otherwise noted. We try to end Pack meetings by 9 p.m.

The meetings are a time for all the Scouts to come together to acknowledge their achievements and to have fun according to a monthly theme.

We ask for everyone's cooperation in appropriate behavior during the business part of the meeting. It will be more meaningful for all.

Dues and Registration

The registration fee is \$50 per year and is due in September. This amount covers Suffolk County Council's registration fee, insurance, Boys Life magazine, and the Pack registration fee. The Pack fee goes toward the Christmas party, Pinewood Derby kits, advancement (emblems, patches, pins), and all other necessary Pack supplies.

Dens also collect \$3.00 per meeting for dues. This amount is used for individual den activities. Not covered by the dues are special outings.

Scouting is a wonderful experience. Financial circumstances should not be a reason to exclude your child from participation. Please see the Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster privately to discuss alternatives.

Returned Check Policy

There is a \$20 bank fee for returned checks. You will be asked to make any future payments in cash or money order after two returned checks.

Fundraising

We participate in the Council Popcorn Sale. **ALL** scouts should participate. The money raised goes back to the boys in the way of advancement, programs, and supplies for Pack events not covered by registration fees. Prizes and patches are available based on sales totals. Sheila Rutigliano is our "Popcorn Lady".

Committee Meetings

All parents may attend these meetings. We meet on the First Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. We review the plans for the upcoming Pack events, go over any problems or questions, and discuss finances and goals. If you want to know what is going on in the Pack, this is the place to find out.

Uniforms

The Cub Scout and Webelos uniform help build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the full uniform to all Den and Pack meetings and activities encourages good behavior and a neat appearance. **No blue jeans, please.** Be sure all emblems are on the uniform and properly placed. It is an ongoing tradition of Pack 5 to pass on the scout neckerchief at Graduation. **Neckerchiefs are the property of the Pack and, as such, must be returned.** Pack 5 prides itself on being properly uniformed, please come to events prepared.

Pack Website

Pack 5 has an Internet website the address is www.pack-5.org. The website is source for timely information about the Pack's activities such as meetings schedule, current listing of committee members, links to other important scouting websites, helpful information on how to get involved and photos of all past pack activities.

The Pack Committee