

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 125



Parent Handbook

(Updated 2010)

All Ranks



Bobcat

Grade 1



Tigers

Grade 2



Wolves

Grade 3



Bears

Grade 4 & 5



Webelos

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Pack History



Cub Scout Pack 125 was founded in 1996 and chartered under the Rotary Club of Celebration in Celebration Florida. The goal of the Pack is to provide the boys in the area with the Scouting program.

Pack 125 Mission

The Committee and Leaders of Cub Scout Pack 125 are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of Cub Scouting activities. Special emphasis is placed on character development, spiritual growth, citizenship and family. Cub Scouts are required to memorize the following pledges and motto. We seek to make them real in their lives and hope that you will encourage your son as he strives to do so.

The Cub Scout Promise

I (state your name) promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my Country
To help other people and
To obey the Law of the Pack

Law of the Pack

A Cub Scout follows Akela
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow
The Cub Scout gives goodwill

The Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best

Webelos

We'll Be Loyal Scouts

Parent's Pledge

I promise to do my best,
To help my son be a good Cub Scout,
To encourage him to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise,
And to obey the Law of the Pack.
I promise to assist him
In his Cub Scout achievements and electives,
To cooperate with his Den Leader,
Cubmaster, and pack committee members
And to actively participate in the Cub Scout program

Pack Meetings, Den Meetings and Everything in Between

Our Pack is made up of 1st through 5th grade boys from Celebration and the surrounding area. When we have our monthly Pack meeting it will include all members of Pack 125, and their parents. You are part of a very well organized pack. We have monthly field trips to support each month's Pack Meeting theme. Although families should try their best to make it to Pack Meetings, pack field trips are optional. General information, calendars, registration forms and field trip details can be found on our website: www.celebrationpack125.org

Our Pack chooses from the many camp-outs made available by Central Florida Council. Of these camp-outs your Den Leader will suggest which camp-out you will attend as a Den. However, if your family loves the feeling of sleeping outdoors, please attend as many camp-outs as you like. Your son will be working towards his rank (badge) during Den meetings. It is the Den Leader's goal to have earned rank by February when we hold our Blue and Gold Banquet. Depending on your Den Leader, you will meet 2-3 times per month, plus an occasional Den field trip. Parents and Den Leaders work together to achieve the **10 purposes of Cub Scouting**:

10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Acts of Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts



Registration

Your registration payment and application goes to the Central Florida Council to register your son into the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts for America. The Pack does not receive any of these funds back to the pack.

Dues

As stated earlier, a typical year's program costs \$150-\$200 per scout. Our pack only asks for **\$65.00 per year**. If your scout's account is not up to date your son may not receive his awards. Our Pack performs fund-raising in order to make up the difference. You and your son are expected to participate. Your Scout will also have the ability to raise funds for his personal account and dues.

Other Payments

There are other activities and events that the den or pack may want to participate in. These are separate from the Dues. We try to keep the activity payments low but we have no control over the event pricings. You will be notified by the Den Leader or at a Pack meeting about upcoming events that you may or may not want your son to participate in.

Fund Raisers

The groups responsible for supporting Cub Scouting are the boys and their parents, the pack, the chartered organization, and the community. The boy is encouraged to pay his own way by contributing dues each year. Packs also obtain income by working on approved money-earning projects. The community, including parents, supports Cub Scouting through the United Way, Friends of Scouting enrollment, bequests, and special contributions to the BSA local council. This financial support provides leadership training, outdoor programs, council service centers and other facilities, and professional service for units.

Our pack participates in 2 district fundraisers a year.



Popcorn Fund Raiser

We are in the middle of our popcorn fund raiser. This is our Pack's primary fund raiser. We depend on the money we make from this event to fund our Pack meetings and Pack events. You will receive a popcorn order form this evening. Any orders that you can collect would be helpful. If you choose to participate in the Popcorn Sale, please collect money at the time of the order. All checks can be written to "Pack 125". The boys also participate in booth sales at neighborhood locations. Notice that there are prizes for your son to choose from depending on his level of sales. Please indicate his choice before turning in your form. Order forms and money are due at/by the October Pack meeting (check with your Den Leader). Let your customers know that you will be delivering their popcorn the middle to end of November. Talk to your Den Leader with any questions.

Scout Show

In the February – April timeframe the boys sell Scout Show Discount cards. Last year the profit for the sales went to each individual boy's accounts for dues and other Scouting events (funds will go back to the pack if you drop out of the pack – but we want you to stay!).

Disney VoluntEars

Do you or other family members work for The Walt Disney Company? Find out more about how you can track your VoluntEars hours and earn extra money for our pack. Ask a leader about this.

Walmart

Walmart has a community program for workers and will allow grants twice a year. Check with your store.

Sea World

Check with your employer about the volunteer program

Does your company or organization give back to the Community?

Many local companies may also have a donation program that could help us with funding our programs; if you or a family member is an employee of any of these companies we would love to have their support. Remember, it's all about the kids!

Pack Structure

Like every effective organization, Cub Scout Packs have a structure. Understanding this structure and how it works will increase your son's enjoyment of the program (and leave the parent far less confused).

- Dens and Den Leaders
- Pack
- Committee
- Volunteers
- Parents



Dens and Den Leaders

Each Den is made up of 8 to 10 boys in the same grade/rank. Your son will be meeting with his den 2-3 times a month, so his Cub Scout experience greatly depends on your Den Leader. Cub Scouts is a volunteer organization. Each boy will belong to a new Den, which means we need Den leaders.

There are many advantages to being a Den Leader....

- You will be part of the process of choosing which boys will be in your den.
- When, where and how often you meet is yours to decide.
- Your son will get the Cub Scout experience that you want him to have.
- Our Pack provides one-on-one fast start training that best meets your schedule..
- BSA provides the material necessary to lead a successful den.
- You will become part of the decision making process for the Pack.

Please carefully consider joining our leadership team!

Pack

The Pack consists of the Dens and their Families. Pack 125 meets monthly and for special pack outings (i.e. camping, theme event) and a monthly Pack meeting. The Pack serves as a “parent” organization to the dens and provides direction, program support and maintenance of the budget. The Pack is led by the Cubmaster. Along with the Pack Committee, they plan and direct monthly pack meetings and other special activities.

Committee

The Pack Committee consists of representatives from each Den and other volunteer adults who are charged with managing the pack and its programs. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to serve on the committee and attend meetings. Meeting dates are shown on the Pack Calendar (see our website). The Pack Committee is responsible for planning and organizing the Pack program. The Committee is also responsible for maintaining Pack funds and planning its budget.

Volunteers

Parent volunteers are always needed. Registration and training are provided by the Pack for those who are interested in helping. If you'd like to help in any capacity, please contact the Pack Committee Chairman, Cubmaster or your son's Den Leader. *Remember that Cub Scout Packs don't exist without volunteer leadership and do your part when asked.*

Parent Responsibilities

When joining Pack 125, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their son in the following ways:

1. See that he has the proper uniform and handbook;
2. Assists him in attending weekly Den meeting and monthly Pack meetings;
3. Work with him to complete achievements for his rank award;
4. Return information forms and permission slips as asked;
5. Support his Den Leader as a resource person or substitute as asked;
6. Agree to serve in some leadership capacity as called upon;
7. Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership with regard to Pack or Den programming.

Uniforms

An essential component of Cub Scouting is the uniform. Cubs are made to feel part of a group and have a place to display their awards when they wear their uniforms. Your Den Leader will provide you with when they wear their uniforms. Several scheduled uniform inspections will be conducted throughout the year and your son will have the opportunity to receive a patch for a perfect score of 100 on the inspection.

The Cub Scout uniform for Tigers, Wolves and Bears is made up of dress blue shorts, blue shirt, belt, shorts, scarf, socks and a hat. The hat, socks and scarf specific to your sons rank.

Webelos uniforms are similar, but in khaki.



Items to Purchase:

Scout shirt: Blue (Cubs)



Khaki (Webelos)



Scout pants or shorts: Blue (Cubs)



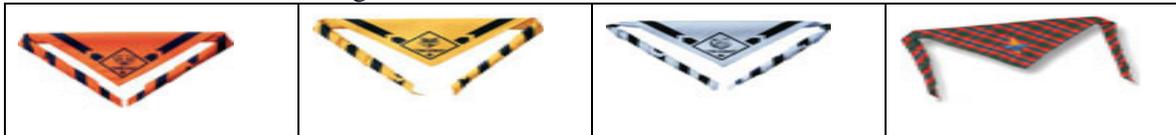
Green (Webelos)



Scout belt; Blue or Khaki



Scout Rank Neckerchief: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos



Scout Neckerchief Side: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos

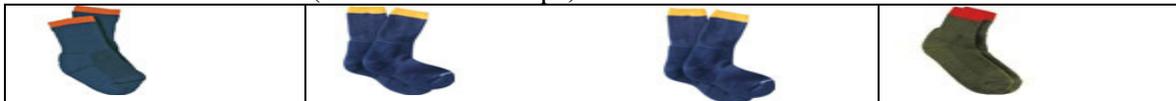


Scout Hat : Tiger, Wolf , Bear, Webelos

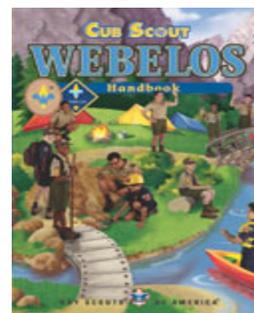
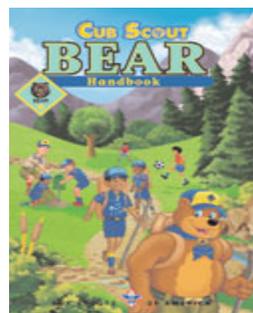
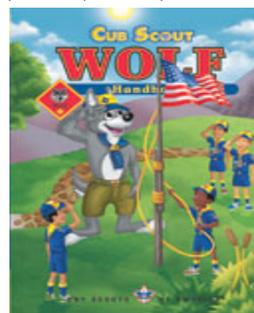
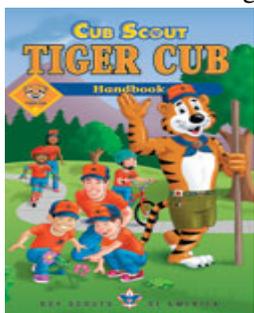


Scout Socks: Tigers (Blue with orange stripe) Wolf and Bear (Blue with yellow stripe)

Webelos (Green with red stripe)



Scout Handbook: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos



Council Strip: **Central Florida Council - Council Patch**
This is just a Sample of what it looks like (not the exact patch)



Den # Ask what your den # is Den # _____



Unit Numbers: **125**



World Scouting Crest:



You can purchase these items at:

Uniform Cottage	12 E Darlington Avenue Kissimmee, FL 34741	(407) 847-3920
Central Florida Scout Shop	1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail Apopka, FL 32703	(407) 814-1040

They will be able to guide you and sew on the appropriate shirt patches. You will need to let them know that you are with Pack 125, Central Florida Council and your son's rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos). They will do the rest. Also, please purchase a rank specific handbook. Handbooks include all of the den activities. Class "A" uniforms are necessary for most pack events (i.e. pack meetings, field trips, etc.).

Or on-line:

scoutstuff.org

Pack 125, Class "B" Uniform!



We also have a Pack t-shirt, which acts as our class "B" uniform. The boys wear these for certain den and pack events and anytime they are doing something active like camping. These can be purchased tonight or at pack meetings for \$5.00. Parents and siblings can also wear pack t-shirts.

Pack Program Highlights

Pack 125 plans a very busy calendar year. Although we don't expect every boy to attend every function, we encourage him to be as active as he (and his parents') wants to be. Pack outings and special events will be led by two or more leaders and parent volunteers.

Pack 125 Calendar



The Pack calendar is the current calendar of events for Pack 125 for the Pack year. We realize that boys and families have different needs and we have attempted to plan a program that meets as many needs as possible. It is not expected that each boy will attend each and every event. Please note that dates are subject to change as we get closer to events. Announcements of special events and calendar updates will be sent via e-mail to all leaders who will disperse the updates through their Dens. If you have suggestions for our program, please let a Leader know. Our major calendar planning is done in June for the next scout year, and you are welcome to attend our planning session.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.celebrationpack125.org

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are held each month on the last Monday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will attempt to keep these meetings to one and a half-hour in length. The meetings will give the boys a chance to demonstrate the skills that they have learned; show pictures of what they have done; display their creations; and receive the awards that they have earned for the month. The entire family is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Special Programs

The Pack plans a variety of other special programs that assist the boys in advancing and provide an opportunity for a good time. These events may be hikes, tours, or service projects (cleaning up a park, planting a tree).

Council and District Activities

Several events are scheduled by the local council. Pack 125 participates in the Council's Scout Show in late April or early May. Cub Family Weekends (District or at LaNoChe Campground) are sponsored by the District and Council. More information and registration forms will be sent to you as they become available.

Scouting for Food

In November, our boys will help local food banks by distributing empty bags in the Celebration area on a Saturday morning; and then collecting the bags, filled with donated food, the following Saturday. All boys who participate will receive a patch.

Blue & Gold Banquet

Pack 125 and Cub Scout Packs all over the USA celebrate the Scouting birthday each February by hosting a Blue & Gold Banquet. Our banquet is usually held the last weekend of February and is followed by a special Pack Meeting. Mark this special date on your calendar and make plans to attend. Your son may receive his rank at this time if he is ready.

Summer Activities

Pack 125 does not close down, but does slow down during the summer. Special activities are planned and boys are encouraged to remain active. Scout Day Camp, 4th of July Parade, and other activities have been held in the past and will be planned again.

Camping



Age-appropriate camping programs are packed with theme-oriented action that brings Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts into the great out-of-doors. Day camping comes to the boy in neighborhoods across the country; resident camping is at least a three-day experience in which Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts camp within a developed theme of adventure and excitement. Cub Scout pack families enjoy camping in local council camps and other council-approved campsites. Camping programs combine fun and excitement with doing one's best, getting along with others, and developing an appreciation for ecology and the world of the outdoors. This is a Family event and you will camp with your son and your family members.

Derby's



The pack will conduct 1 to 2 derbies during the year. Your son will be presented with the derby kits in a timely manner *for your son* to construct.

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