

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 125



Parent Handbook

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**:

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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 Fees

Your application and registration fee of \$20 (+ optional \$16 for Boys Life Magazine) goes to the Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America to register your son into the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts for America. The Pack does not receive any of these funds.

Pack Dues

Dues are collected by the Pack to pay for your son's den & pack activities. A yearlong program typically costs the Pack \$150-\$200 per scout. This includes the cost for belt loops, pins, awards, derbies, the Blue & Gold banquet, pack activities, den supplies, etc. Our pack only asks for \$105.00 per year (\$70 pack dues + \$35 den dues), payable in three monthly installments of \$35 in September, October and November. First year scouts that require scholarship assistance, please contact the Cubmaster, the Pack Committee Chair or Membership Chair. If dues are not paid, your son will not receive his awards. *Scouts have the opportunity to pay for their dues by selling popcorn in the fall and discount cards in the spring. Please see "Fundraisers" for more information.*

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 up coming events that you may or may not want your son to participate in.

Fund Raisers

Fundraising is now optional, however, it provides an easy way for scouts to cover some or all of the costs of scouting and we encourage them to help pay their way. Please see chart below for details.

<u>Sales</u>	<u>Proceeds to Scout Account</u>	<u>Pays for</u>
\$200	\$70	Pack Dues
\$300	\$105	Pack Dues + Den Dues
\$300-\$600	up to \$210 (35%)	Any other Scout expenses (uniforms, camping, Scout Store stuff)
\$600 and over	\$210	Other Pack Expenses

(The scouts are also eligible for fundraising prizes at varying levels.)

Our pack participates in two district fundraisers:



Popcorn Fund Raiser

We just started our annual fall Trail's End popcorn fundraiser. You will receive a popcorn order form this evening if you choose to participate. In addition to selling popcorn to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers, your den may also participate in a booth sale at a neighborhood location. Please make sure to collect money at the time of the order (checks should be written to "Pack 125") and let your customers know that you will be delivering their popcorn the middle to end of November. Order forms and money are due at our October Pack meeting. In addition to helping the scout pay his dues, each scout can earn prizes depending on his level of sales. Please make sure to indicate his prize choice on the order form before turning it in. If you have any questions about selling popcorn, please talk to your Den Leader.

Scout Show

In the February – April timeframe the boys sell Scout Show Discount cards. A portion of each discount card sale will also go to the individual scout's account to pay for dues, camping, etc.

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.

Walmart

Walmart has a program for workers. Check with your store.

Sea World

Check with your employer about the volunteer program.

Does your company or organization give back to the Community?

Other local companies may also have a donation program that could help fund our Pack, so let us know if you or a family member is an employee of any of these companies.

Other Support

Our chartered organization (Rotary Club of Celebration) and the community also support Cub Scouting through the United Way, Friends of Scouting, 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.

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 for you 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, themed events) 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 Pack programs, developing its budget and maintaining Pack funds.

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, so please 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 information on when to wear the uniform. Several scheduled uniform inspections will be conducted at the Pack Meetings 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)



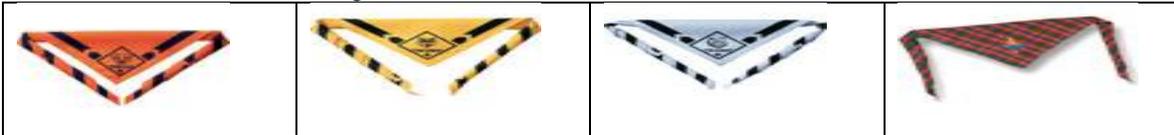
Green (Webelos)



Scout belt; Blue or Khaki



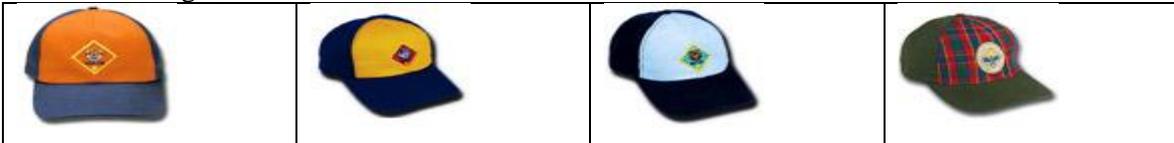
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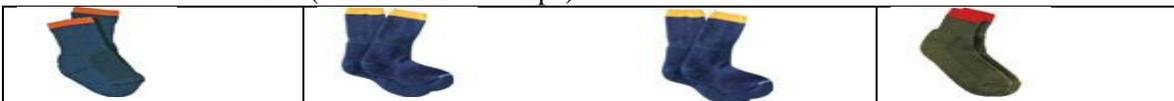
Scout Neckerchief Side: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos



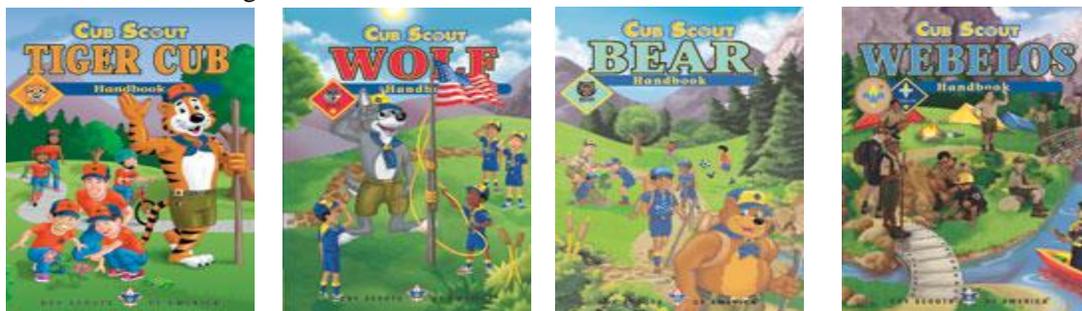
Scout Hat: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos



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. Two or more leaders and parent volunteers will lead pack outings and special events.

Pack 125 Calendar



The Pack calendar lists Pack events and can be found at <http://www.celebrationpack125.org>. 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.

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are held once per month. Please reference the pack schedule to confirm dates & times. We will attempt to keep these meetings to one 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 scout 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 boys 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.

Derbies



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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