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1 INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Cub Scouts, Pack 339. We are excited that you have chosen to be a member of our Pack. To help new Cub Scout families understand the organization of Cub Scouts and Pack 339 this “Welcome Letter” was put together. For details in greater depth each parent should read the Parents’ Orientation Guide, and other helpful information including the Annual Calendar of events which can all be found on our website <http://www.cubpack339.org>.

Cub Scouting is a Family Program, it **requires parents to volunteer** - this way both the parents and the children benefit from the program which is as it should be in any family program. Parents include caring adults, guardians, and parents.

We are registered with the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Council service center and Meinders Scout Shop are located at the address below:



Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America
3031 NW 64th St, Oklahoma City, OK
Office: 405-840-111

The county is divided into several districts – Pack 339 is in the ‘Eagle District’.

1.1 Chartered

Pack 339 is chartered by Memorial Road Church of Christ.

1.2 Vision Statement

Cub Scouts strives to promote core values such as Citizenship, Compassion, Cooperation, Courage, Faith, Health and Fitness, Honesty, Perseverance, Positive Attitude, Resourcefulness, Respect, and Responsibility.

Cub Scout Pack 339 uses fun activities to help our children learn these values.

Parents know that our children grow up much too quickly. Let us enjoy our sons and daughters while we have the opportunity, and let us help them to grow, as they go through the various ranks of Cub Scouting: Lion (Kindergarten), Tiger (1st Grade), Wolf (2nd Grade), Bear (3rd Grade), Webelos I (4th Grade), Webelos II (5th Grade). It takes a partnership of Parents and Den Leaders to help our boys and girls attain these ranks.

1.3 Communication

Pack 339 uses multiple electronic means to communicate with you. You have already seen the www.CubPack339.org website. Additionally, the Pack uses the cell phone App, GroupMe (www.GroupMe.com), the private Facebook (www.facebook.com) page, Pack 339, and e-mail directly from Pack leaders or from Scoutbook (www.scoutbook.com). If Edmond Public Schools is closed on a Tuesday, then the Pack will not hold a Pack meeting that night. The leaders of Pack 339 are also available as indicated in section 10.

2 PACK MEETINGS AND DEN MEETINGS

Meetings are held for the most part every week starting in September through May, on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:00 and last 1 hour to 1½. See the Pack 339 website for exact dates (www.CubPack339.org).

Unless otherwise stated the Meetings will be held at the Church of Christ at Oakdale (intersection of Hefner and Sooner roads). The Pack also meets socially during the summer at least once.

Pack Meetings are the primary way in which Cub Scouts receive praise and awards in front of their peers. We try to encourage Cub Scouts with lots of praise and awards.

Pack meetings may include: Greeting, Opening Activity, Opening Thought, Flag Ceremony (e.g.: Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law), Introductions, Announcements, Songs, Den Skits, Advancement Recognition, Games, Closing Ceremony (e.g.: retiring of the flag and words of praise), & Cleanup.

Our major Pack activities include: Pinewood Derby (January); Blue & Gold Banquet (February); Family Camp (October and April); Dates are subject to change.

2.1 Uniforms

Cub Scouts has three levels of attire: Class A, Class B, and Class C. Class C attire is normal, everyday clothing. Class C is rarely used in Cub Scouts because our activities are relatively short in duration. Class B is a T-shirt or sweatshirt with a Scout theme. The shirts do not have to be Pack 339 shirts; they can be any Scouts BSA themed shirt. Class B shirts are for when scouts are going to exercise, or get dirty. Class A attire is the official uniform of Cub Scouts. The uniform is a blue shirt with patches for ranks Tiger through Bear, the T-shirt for the Lions, and the tan shirt (or the blue shirt) for the Webelos I & II. Class A is required for Pack meetings unless your den leader tells you otherwise.

Contact a Den leader or the Cubmaster if you are not able to purchase a uniform for your scout. The Pack has a limited supply of uniforms for this purpose.

2.2 Den Meetings

Activities generally are to be preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, & Scout Law, and are generally followed by a short Closing Ceremony. Activities are intended to be fun and interesting. Den Leaders are expected to attend Pack Committee meetings, or to appoint a Den representative.

Each Den can establish its own system and schedule for conducting den meetings. Although not required parents should plan on attending at least one den meeting a month – as it is a good opportunity for Cub Scouts and parents to socialize. **(Please Note: at Lion and Tiger Den Meetings, the parents ARE required to stay with their scout(s)).**

Each Den is expected to take turns during Pack Meetings in the Opening Ceremonies, Skits, Songs, and Closing Ceremonies.

3 DENS

Cub Scouts is divided by age so that children in the same school class are grouped into the same den. Below is more information on the different dens.

3.1 LION & TIGER SCOUTS (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

Lion and Tiger Scouts and Parent(s) are a team and join together. The BSA requires at least one adult 18 years of age or older to accompany the Lion or Tiger scout to every Scouting function. This includes all Den, Pack, and “go see it” events. Lion and Tiger scouts meet for a Den meeting at least once a month and also go on a “Go See It” (field trip) trips. Lion and Tiger scout adult partners take turns leading den meetings. Help and ideas are provided by the Den leader and Pack trainer.

3.2 WOLF & BEAR SCOUTS (2nd & 3rd Grade)

Wolf and Bear scouts complete twelve Achievements to earn their rank badge (patch). All the requirements are outlined in the hand books. These requirements are meant to be completed at home with parent/guardian assistance. Achievements may be worked on at Den meetings at the discretion of the Den Leader. Either a parent or the den leader can approve and sign off the work.

The parents of Wolf and Bear scouts are not required to attend Den meetings according to BSA documents for the two ranks. However, being a Den Leader can be a very time consuming activity which may require the help of parents. Some Den Leaders elect to have a parent host be responsible for running the Den Meetings this allows the Den Leader to catch up on paperwork or have parent meetings. Den Leaders or Den Trainers are expected to help plan or at least advise on the Den meeting plan and provide needed books, literature and supplies. The parent host approach requires the Den leader and Den parents to work out a schedule for Den Meetings. If parents do not feel comfortable running a Den meeting or have scheduling conflicts they should discuss this with the Den leader or Cub Master so that an alternate means of supporting the Pack and or Den can be found. Everyone has talents and strengths and it often just takes some figuring to channel these resources. Remember to keep it fun and make cub scouts an enjoyable and memorable experience.

3.3 WEBELOS (4th & 5th Grade)

This program is for boys who have completed third grade (or are age 10). A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop. Webelos complete the requirements found in the Webelos Handbook, work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements—all leading to the Arrow of Light Award. A key difference is that the Webelos Leader is responsible for approving and signing off achievements (not the cub scouts Parent/Guardian).

4 PACK LEADERS

Pack Leaders are responsible for planning and holding Pack Meetings, and assuring adherence to BSA rules and regulations. Pack Leaders are expected to attend monthly Committee meetings, district roundtable meetings, and BSA Adult Leader training classes. A list of the current Pack leaders is in section 10.

4.1 Public Faces

The Cubmaster's and Assistant Cubmaster's duties include: leading and or conducting the monthly Pack meetings, guide & support Den Leaders, work with the Pack committee to plan an annual Pack program, and to coordinate the Cub Scout program in the Pack.

Den Leaders' duties include: planning and carry out Den meetings with the goal of accomplishing the theme of the month. Prepare its stunts & exhibits for the Pack Meeting and lead the Den in its participation at Pack meetings; help the Cubmaster in presenting awards during Pack meetings.

The Popcorn Kernel interfaces with the Council to set up the Pack with popcorn order forms, purchases popcorn for 'Show and Sells' (selling popcorn out in front of a retail store like Lowes), tracks popcorn sales for prizes, orders popcorn for the Pack, and coordinates picking up and sorting the popcorn for the Pack.

4.2 Other Faces

The Pack Committee Chairman or woman interfaces with the Council to ensure the Pack's documents and records are prepared for recharter each year.

The secretary records Pack Committee meeting minutes and distributes them.

The Pack treasurer keeps the budget, accounts expenses for campouts, activities, and odds and ends, and maintains the the account. The Pack treasurer reimburses expenses incurred for the Pack. The Pack treasurer will check that dues are paid and inform the Den leaders to remind their Dens that dues are due.

The Pack Advancement Chairperson buys patches and belt loops for the Cub Scouts when adventures and ranks have been completed.

The Outdoor Activity Chairman or woman is key to formulating the theme for family camps in the Fall and Spring. The Outdoor Activities Chair organizes the event, reserves the camp site, and coordinates with any outside group or person needed for the theme of the campout.

5 DUES

Pack dues help Pack 339 in purchasing scout awards, equipment, other materials and storage space. Dues are generally paid for the full year, but may be paid monthly. Dues are collected by the Pack Treasurer. The costs listed below are subject to change by the Scouts BSA and Pack 339.

Dues	Description	Cost
BSA Registration Fee	Only due once	\$25
BSA Scout Dues	These are dues that go straight to the BSA	\$174
Scout Life Magazine www.scoutlife.org	This a monthly Magazine from the BSA and is optional	\$12
Pack 339 Dues	These are dues that help support Pack 339	\$55

Please note: If at any time you need help with dues, don't hesitate to see a Pack leader. We never want to prohibit a scout from participating due to monetary reasons.

6 FUNDRAISING

Pack 339 normally participates in the annual District Popcorn sales event which takes place from August to November. All scouts are expected to participate. The Pack receives extra benefits once certain sales thresholds are met. These benefits include free training and cloth advancement badges. A percentage of the scout dues will be offset from the proceeds of the popcorn sales by each scout. Complete details regarding the popcorn sale will be discussed by the Popcorn Kernel at the sales kickoff meeting in September. There may be other opportunities for fundraising that we will take part in as well.

If you have any ideas about other fundraising possibilities, please let a Pack leader know!

7 PACK COMMITTEE & OTHER COMMITTEES

The function of the Pack Committee is largely administrative. Meetings of the Pack Committee are held once a month, or more often, to discuss Pack business. Pack Committee meetings are held to discuss upcoming Pack activities, and to determine how Committee members can best help facilitate the Pack activity. Pack Committee members may be elected or appointed to one year term. Any parent can come and participate in any Pack Committee meeting. At this point, there are no term limits, however it is believed the Pack will benefit by rotating new parents through the Pack Committee. Optimistically, all parents would become members of the Pack Committee at some point.

8 TRAINING

The District holds monthly Round Table training meetings where monthly themes and upcoming activities are discussed. Pack Leaders are expected to attend these sessions. Parents are encouraged to attend as well. Pack leaders are also expected to take other required training courses.

All adults in Pack 339 are required to maintain up-to-date Youth Protection Training (YPT). This is an online training course pertaining to stopping child abuse in

all its forms. The BSA takes this training very seriously. The training is available through the <https://my.scouting.org> website. Adults in Pack 339 will be given login credentials to that site after their adult leader application is processed by the Council.

All scouts have a training booklet in the front of their rank books that parents or caring adults are required to read through and accomplish the question and answer session with their scouts as outlined in the booklet.

9 T-SHIRTS

We have Cub Scout Pack 339 T-Shirts for sale at every meeting, while supplies last. The cost is \$10 per shirt. If you are gifted in T-shirt design, please help us create this year's shirt!

10 PACK LEADERS (2021-22)

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Advancement	Shaleen Wilson			
Chair				
Outdoor Activities				
Chair				
Popcorn Kernel	Jeff Snyder			
Den Leaders				
Lions				
Tigers	Shaleen Wilson			
Wolves	Carl Guild			
Bears				
Webelos	Jeff Snyder			
Arrow of Light	Melissa Reish	mel.reish@gmail.com		