Parent Handbook

2019-2020

Welcome!

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 1776! We are so pleased that you and your child joined.

When your child registers as a Scout, he or she joins a national organization: the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The BSA is divided into regions, councils, and districts.

Pack 1776 was founded in 2000 and is made up of scouts attending Coyote Creek Elementary School in San Ramon, California, and is part of the Meridian District which covers Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville and San Ramon. The Meridian District is part of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. Our Scouting Year typically runs from August to May, with the scouts advancing to their next rank at the May graduation. While the Pack will not hold Pack or den meetings during the summer months, the Pack scouts may attend Summer Day Camp and the Pack may organize hikes, outings and family camps in June and July.

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Organization

The Pack

Our Pack is a group made up of several dens. The Pack includes not only the scouts in those dens, but also their families, and their leaders. The Pack meets once a month with Cub Scouts, leaders, parents and other family members attending. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the Dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the scouts, their parents, and their leaders.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors certain special projects. These include community projects (e.g., Scouting for Food Drive for the needy), outdoor activities (e.g., field trips, family campouts, etc.), fund raising activities, and fun competitions (e.g., Pinewood car Derby).

The Den

A Cub Scout Pack is divided into small groups of about 8-10 scouts called dens, who meet at least once a month under the direction of adult Den Leaders. The Den Leaders are trained parent volunteers. The den allows scouts to get to know each other better and engage in activities that would be difficult in a larger group. The den also provides leadership opportunities for the scouts.

Dens are organized by rank. Ranks are organized by grade and age:

- Lion Cub Dens
- Tiger Cub Dens
- Bear Dens
- Wolf Dens
- Webelos Dens (I and II)

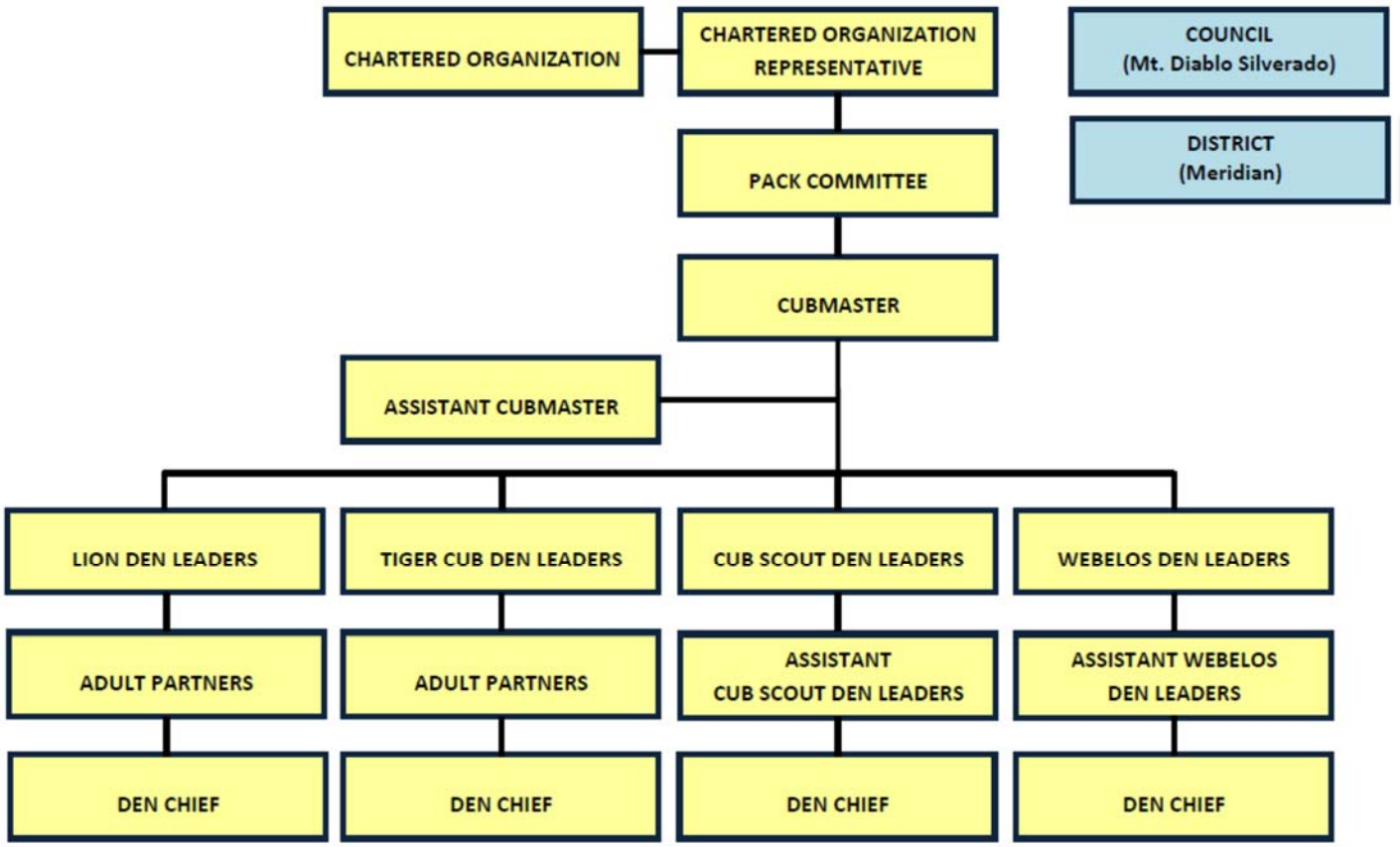
Den meeting activities are planned around the monthly theme and include games, handicrafts, hikes and other outdoor fun, practicing skits and stunts in preparation for the next Pack meeting and taking part in simple ceremonies and songs. Sometimes work on advancement requirements is included, but most of that work is accomplished by the scouts with their parents. The Den Leaders may ask for special help occasionally from parents (helping with a meeting, sharing a special skill, or just providing a snack for the scouts).

The Council & District

Pack 1776 is part of the Meridian District which covers Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville and San Ramon. The Meridian District is part of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. The Council operates two camps - **Camp Wolfeboro** located in the high Sierra Nevada Mountains on the shores of the Stanislaus River and **Camp Herms** in the hills of El Cerrito. The Council and District are funded through fundraisers such as Friends of Scouting. The Council provides training for all leaders at various times & facilities as well as sponsors/operates Scout Day Camp, Shooting Sports Day, Webeloree, etc. The District holds meetings once a month were all area Packs and Troops come together, called Roundtables.

Pack Leadership

The Pack Committee overseas and operates Pack 1776. It is made up of what Scouts BSA call the "Key 3" – Committee Chair Person, Chartered Organization Representative and Cubmaster as well as the Adult Leaders and Volunteers. Our Pack Committee handles the administrative and support tasks for the pack and is made up of volunteers overseeing different tasks such a Advancement, NOVA, Recruiting, Camping, Hiking, Outings, Friends of Scouting, Scouting for Food, Popcorn Kernel, etc. The Cubmaster is the person who leads the Pack. The Cubmaster executes the monthly Pack Meeting which includes all scouts, leaders and parents from all dens as well as the activities and outings that the Pack Committee has planned. Each den has a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader. These are adults. A den may have a Den Chief which is a Boy Scout who assists the Den Leaders.



Parental Participation

The Boy Scouts of America require a parent or adult family member to attend all pack meetings and events with first grade Tiger Cub Scouts (due to their young age). For Cub Scouts at Wolf level and above, adult supervision at pack meetings and events is also required although this can be provided by a non-family member (e.g., another parent in the pack that is not a pack or den leader) as long as this other adult clearly understands they are responsible for the oversight of your son for the duration of the Cub Scout meeting or event. Siblings of Cub Scouts are also welcome to attend and participate at most pack meetings and outings with the same adult supervision requirements.

Parents participate in most Cub Scout activities together with their child. **Parents are also expected to volunteer multiple times per year with both the pack and their den to help Pack 1776 be a fun and learning experience for scouts.** These volunteering opportunities involve other parents from the pack and den and also provide an excellent opportunity to get to know other parents. Parental participation includes:

1. Help their child's progress in Cub Scout achievements and electives by working with the den leader and tracking their progress.

2. Volunteering to help plan, host, and lead den meetings and activities.

3. Accompany their child to the monthly pack meetings. Scouting promotes family togetherness and siblings are also welcome to pack meetings.

Pack 1776 is volunteer based. No one is paid. Not the Cubmaster. Not the Den Leaders. **We depend on volunteers to put on a great program for our kids. This means serving as a chair to the various Pack positions or assisting in Pack events. Think about it! Your child sees you at their side during Den and Pack events or even better, taking charge as a leader or running one of our memorable events. Moreover, it ensures succession – that leaders and experienced volunteers are there to take over when the families of the Webelos II scouts leave in February.**

Adult role models in Scouting provide an ideal learning experience for all youth. Every adult volunteer has something valuable to offer. We need you to provide the direction, coaching, and training that empowers today's youth with the skills they will need to lead tomorrow.

There are many ways that you can help Pack 1776. Whether you are volunteering directly with Scouts or helping out behind the scenes, you can make an impact on the lives of our Scouts by volunteering your time.

How can you help? Here are a few ideas:

Assisting directly with the Scouts on an ongoing basis

- Leader (Cubmaster, Den leader, Scoutmaster, Venturing crew Advisor)
- Assistant leader

Helping directly with the Scouts in specific events or activities

- Blue and Gold Committee
- Camping Chair
- Communications Chair
- Cotton Candy Committee
- Cub Scout Day Summer Camp Coordinator/participant
- Friends of Scouting coordinator (fund-raising)
- Halloween Party Committee
- Hiking Chair
- Membership Chair
- Nova Awards Coordinator
- Outing Chair
- Photographer
- Pinewood Derby Committee
- Popcorn Committee
- Scouting for Food Chair (Food Drive)

Support: Administrative Role

- Advancement committee chair/member
- Communications committee chair/committee member (Webmaster, PR, newsletter)
- Quartermaster (supplies)
- Secretary: recordkeeping, activity permits, meeting minutes, annual recharter activities
- Treasurer/assistant treasurer
- Unit committee chair/member

All of these jobs help you earn your minimum service hours, which goes towards the return of your volunteer deposit. Job descriptions and more information about these volunteer positions can be found on the Pack Website at: https://pack1776.com/volunteering/roles.

Benefits of Volunteering & Volunteer Deposit

Each family submits a separate postdated check made out to Pack 1776 - even if you are a uniformed leader. It simplifies our job when everyone follows the same rule. We will hold on to this check until the end of the scouting year. If you have fulfilled your minimum service hours and log it onto our website at https://pack1776.com/volunteering we will shred your $200 deposit at child's graduation. For those that did not complete the minimum service hours, we will deposit your $200 volunteer donation into the Pack account in June.

We'd love for you to participate as a leader!

If you're willing to be a trained uniformed leader, we will discount your registration fee by $50; one discount per paid scout. You must complete a BSA Adult Application Form, online Youth Protection training, have all the patches properly sewn onto your uniform, and wear your uniform whenever the scouts wear theirs.

Serving as a Leader or Chair Person is rewarding!

The advantages of Scouting are not limited to youth. Adults also develop leadership and physical skills with every training experience. Volunteers network with other families – within and outside the Pack. This is important to those who wish to be accepted into a Scouts BSA troop as you make contacts with leaders in those troops, gain name recognition and build a rapport.

96 percent of volunteers say they would recommend volunteering for the BSA to other adults. In fact, volunteers believe their time invested with the Boy Scouts of America helps them be:

- A better citizen
- A better parent
- A better manager
- A better employee
- More patient and tolerant of others
- More open to new ideas and opinions

Attendance

Cub Scouts are expected to attend most pack and den meetings. If a pack or den meeting is missed, the scout or his parent needs to contact the den leader to find out what badge requirements were covered during the meeting so that the cub can complete those requirements with their parent at home. Each den leader will determine the minimum amount of attendance at den and pack meetings for a Cub Scout to achieve the badge by year end.

Discipline

It is not the job of any scout leader to tolerate conduct of any child that is detrimental to our main function of providing a healthy, safe and fun Cub Scout program to all in our pack and dens. Den and pack leaders have the option of requesting that a parent stays to supervise their child or possibly take their child home for repeated disruptive behavior. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all pack events.

Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

Leadership Selection

The Boy Scouts of America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. Being a leader in the BSA is a privilege, not a right. The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leaders. The adult application requests background information before accepting an applicant for unit leadership. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child molester, BSA can reduce the risk of accepting a child molester by learning all they can about an applicant for a leadership position: his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Scout leader, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

Required Training

- Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and parents of Lion and Tiger scouts.
- Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

Youth also need to annually complete with his/her parent or guardian, the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for his/her age.

Pack 1776's Major Events

August
Kick Off & First Pack Meeting

September
Webeloree #1
Popcorn Fundraiser
Patriot Day Flag Ceremony at Coyote Creek

October
Webloree #2
Outdoor Pack Mtg & Bobcat Ceremony
Halloween Party

November
Scouting for Food Drive

December
Pass Out Pinewood Derby Cars

January
Pinewood Derby

February
Blue & Gold Banquet and AOL Bridging Ceremony
Winter Overnight
Friends of Scouting Drive

April
Spring Campout

May
Pack Graduation
Early Registration for Next Year Opens / Discount
Cotton Candy Booth at the Art & Wind Festival

June
Cub Scout Day Camp

Terminology

Cub Scouting has a language all its own. If you are not familiar with it, below are definitions of many terms you will encounter as you get more and more involved in the program.

Achievements

To earn the rank badge, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts must complete Achievements found in their Handbook.

Activity Badge

There are 20 Activity Badges a Webelos Scout can earn. These are divided into 5 areas: Physical, Mental, Technology, Outdoor, and Community. A pin is presented for completion of each Activity Badge.

Advancements

Advancements in rank are presented at each pack meeting and include Tiger Cub, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light badges.

Akela

Akela is the Cub Scout term for a leader - any leader - including den leaders, Cubmasters, teachers, parents, and any other adult the Cub Scout looks up to.

Arrow of Light (AOL)

This is the highest award a boy can earn in Cub Scouting - also the ONLY (non-religious) award from Cub Scouts which can be worn on a Boy Scout Uniform. Adult leaders who earned this rank as a Cub Scout wear a knot signifying it.

Assistant Cubmaster

An assistant Cubmaster is an adult (18 years or older) who assists the Cubmaster with the pack program. You may have several assistant Cubmasters. One of them might be the next Cubmaster.

Assistant Den Leader

An assistant den leader is an adult (18 years or older) who assists the den leader with the den meetings.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is a training event presented by the council that introduces Cub Scout leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct pack outdoor activities, particularly overnight events and camping. In order for our Pack to attend an overnight event, there must be BALOO trained adults in attendance. Pack 1776 will reimburse you for an early registration fee after you attend and if you stay with us until the *end of the school year*.

Blue & Gold Banquet

Because February is the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America, many packs, like 1776, celebrate with a Blue and Gold banquet. The banquets are special events that can include entertainment. Pack 1776 also conducts its **Bridging Ceremony** at the Blue & Gold Banquet.

Bear Cub

These are generally third grade Cub Scouts.

Bobcat

Every scout who joins Cub Scouts must first earn the Bobcat badge. Doing this, they learn the seven basic tenets of Cub Scouting: the Promise, the Law of the Pack, the sign, the handshake, the motto, the salute, and what Webelos means. Our Bobcat ceremony takes place at the October Outdoor meeting.

Boy Scout (now known as a Scouts BSA scout)

A Scouts BSA scout is between the ages of 11 and 18 and belongs to a Troop. The Scout advances through these ranks: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, then Eagle.

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is a nationally chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Explorer Units, and Varsity Units.

Boys Life

A magazine for scouts. It is included in your Scout's Pack 1776 registration fee.

Bridging

A ceremony where Webelos Cub Scouts who earned their **Arrow of Light** cross a ceremonial bridge to signify their transition from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA. This is normally done at a Cub Scout Pack Meeting with Scouts from the Webelos' new troop participating. This is an induction ceremony into Scouts BSA and usually occurs at the **Blue & Gold Banquet** in February. Webelos who do not earn their Arrow of Light by February must wait until that coming June to enter into a Scouts BSA troop.

Buddy System

Whenever a scout needs to go somewhere at camp, hiking, meetings, etc. it is always done in groups of at least two. A scout always takes a "buddy" scout with him.

Bug Juice

A fun little term for a refreshment drink (kool-aid or lemonade).

Chartered Organization

A chartered organization is a community group - often a religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other organization - that sponsors a Scouting unit, such as a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venturing crew. The Boy Scouts of America issues a charter to each chartered organization, allowing them to use Scouting as part of their youth program. Our charter organization is the **San Ramon Valley Parent Support Network**.

Charter Renewal

Charter renewal is the annual process during which the charter issued by BSA to your chartered organization is renewed. The pack committee must help by verifying the list of scouts and adults registered in the pack.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct helps your meetings run smoothly without disruption by getting the Cub or Webelos Scouts' agreement on what behavior is acceptable.

Committee

This is the group of adult volunteers who "run" the Pack. Any interested adult is welcome to attend Committee meetings.

Charter Organization Representative (COR)

Charter Organization Representative - A person assigned by the Charter Organization to be the liaison between the troop and the charter organization.

Class A Uniform

This is the official uniform of Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts wear a blue shirt, while Webelos switch to the khaki Scouts BSA shirt. “Class A uniform” is not a BSA official term, but it is widely used by pack

Class B Uniform

Class B uniforms are Scouting-related t-shirts. They can be pack t-shirts, day camp t-shirts or any other Scouting t-shirt. They are officially called special purpose or activity uniforms. Upon joining, a Pack 1776 Class-B tee shirt will be provided for the Scout (The new Class B shirts are usually available by late September or October). The cost is included with your child’s annual registration fee.

Council

The Council is an organization of professional Scouters that oversees all Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and other units in an area. Pack 604 is part of the Hoosier Trails Council. The scout executive for our council is Mr. Randy Brown.

Court of Honor

A Court of Honor is a special awards ceremony. Awards may be presented at any Pack meeting, but there is a special ceremony for presentation of awards at a Court of Honor.

Cracker Barrel

A scout term for a social gathering with refreshments after a meeting or activity. Often an evening activity at camp before taps.

Cub or Cub Scout

A Cub Scout is any member of Scouts in first through fifth grade (or age 7 - 11).

Cub Scout Leader

All the adult volunteers in your pack.

Cub Scout sign

The Cub Scout sign is used when Cub Scouts say the Cub Scout Promise and Law. The sign is also used to get the attention of any Cub Scout group. To make the sign, hold up your right hand with the arm straight and first and middle fingers extended. The other fingers and thumb are folded over into the palm.

Cubmaster

The Cubmaster is the chief adult volunteer leader and is responsible for monthly pack meetings, the program of the pack, and the operation of the dens.

Den

The Den is a group of Cub Scouts who meet at regular intervals. Ideally, a den consists of 6 to 8 boys who are all working toward the same rank.

Den Chief

A den chief is a Scouts BSA scout who serves as an assistant, helping the den leader with the den and providing fun and interesting things for the boys to do. They are selected by their Troop to serve Pack 1776 and have a 6-month term. Usually they have earned the First Class rank.

Den Leader

A Cub Scout den leader is an adult volunteer who leads a Cub Scout den, with the help of assistant den leaders and parents.

Den Meeting

Individual Den Meetings are held for each rank level of Cub Scouts. These usually occur at a regular interval, such as weekly or bi-weekly. When to meet is up to the Den Leaders.

District

Each Council is divided into a number of Districts. Pack 1776 is part of the Meridian District.

Dutch Oven

A large cast iron covered pot used to bake and cook in.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is a fund-raiser that represents the council's largest source of income. Our Council does not receive funding from Scouts BSA and relies upon FOS to pay for things like volunteer and staff training, Insurance coverage for our leaders, upkeep of Camp Herms and Camp Wolfeboro, Professional staff and much, much more.

Good Turn

"Do a Good Turn Daily" is the scout slogan. A good turn is something you do without being asked or expected to do it and for which you expect no reward.

Handbook

Each level of Scouting has its own Handbook. The Handbook is **ESSENTIAL** for your Scout, as it spells out the requirements for advancement, as well as providing a place to record completion of the same.

LEAD

LEAD is an annual Cub Scout Leader learning extravaganza sponsored by the council. It is usually held in January. This event is OPEN to all adults. You DO NOT have to be a uniformed leader. Pack 1776 will reimburse you for an early registration fee after you attend and if you stay with us until the *end of the school year*.

Leave No Trace (LNT)

A set of guidelines that set standards for outdoor activities that are environmentally sound and considerate to others using the same area.

Lion Cub

Lion Scouts is a fun introduction to the Scouting program for kindergarten-age youth.

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my.scouting.org is the Scouts BSA website where adults receive training. You create an account.

NOVA

Pack 1776 works toward at least one NOVA award, as a pack, per year. The Boy Scouts of America's NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Pack

A Pack is a group of Cub Scouts made up of one or more dens. The Pack usually meets once every month.

Pack committee

The pack committee is responsible for the operation of the pack, including planning, finances, records, activities, advancement, and more.

Pack Committee / Leadership meeting

A pack leaders' meeting is held monthly to finalize details for the pack program and pack meeting for the current month, and to plan upcoming months. The Pack Committee meets every month. All adults are welcome.

Pack meeting

The pack meeting is a monthly gathering of all the Cub Scouts and Webelos Scout dens in the pack, along with their families, for recognition, fun, and program.

Pinewood Derby

Pinewood derby is an activity for all Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Scouts build wooden race cars with adult assistance and race them down pinewood tracks for prizes and trophies. The race is usually held in January. There are rules that govern the construction of the car and how it is raced. They are circulated in December and are posted on the Pack Website. The cost of the car is included in the Scout's registration. Siblings may also race (for a nominal fee for the cost of the car kit).

Popcorn Sales

Trail's End brand popcorn is sold by Scouts to raise money for their unit activities. This is our main fundraiser for the scouting year. This usually takes place in September and October.

Rank Badges

The Rank Badges, in order, are: Bobcat, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light.

Roundtable

Our District holds a monthly Roundtable meeting for all of its Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders. The purpose of Roundtable is to help units succeed by providing useful program ideas, information on policy, leadership training, and current information on upcoming Council events and training opportunities. Roundtables are the best way to find out what's going on! Everyone may attend!

Scoutbook

Scoutbook is an advancement tracking tool. It is a free. Each parent has an account where they can track their Scout's progress towards advancement and awards. https://www.scoutbook.com There is also a mobile app.

Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for youth 11-17 years old that provides fun. This was formerly known as "Boy Scouts" but changed when females entered Scouting in 2019!

Scout Sign

The Scout sign is used when Webelos Scouts say the Scout Oath or Promise and Scout Law. To make the sign, raise the right hand palm forward, upper arm straight, and out to the side. The arm is bent at the elbow, forming a right angle. The three middle fingers are held erect and the thumb covers the nail of the little finger.

Service projects

Service projects are part of Cub Scouting's citizenship training. They can include service in the neighborhood, to the community, or to the chartered organization.

Tiger Cub

The Tiger Cub program is for first grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners

Tiger Partner

The adult partner of a Tiger Cub, usually a family member, is the Tiger Partner.

Troop

A Troop is a group of Scouts BSA made up of one or more patrols. There are troops for males and females.

Uniform

The Uniform is the prescribed clothing for any and all official Cub Scout events. See the uniform guide, below.

Unit

Each individually chartered Pack or Troop is a Unit. We are Pack 1776.

Webelos

Webelos means **WE**'ll **BELO**yal **S**couts. Or for you old timers, **W**e**B**e**L**o**S** stood for **W**olf, **B**ear, **L**ion, **S**cout to indicate the progression towards being a Boy Scout.

Webelos Scout

These are fourth and fifth grade Cub Scouts. These activities are designed to prepare the boys for the merit badge methodology utilized in Boy Scouts.

Wolf Cub

These are generally second grade Cub Scouts.

Woodbadge

Advanced Training for an adult leader. Any adult who has taken Basic Leader Training can attend this advanced training course to expand their knowledge of the scouting program and be of more help to the pack/troop.

Youth Protection

Training courses about child abuse. Training is offered for different age groups of scouts and for adults. This training is available online.

Uniforms

Why do we wear uniforms?

The Cub Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. There are many reasons for this. One reason stands out above all the rest. We wear the uniform because it is a means of identifying ourselves openly with the principles to which we are committed-character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. It is a way we give each other strength and support. It is a bond that ties us together in spite of our differences. It is a way of making visible our commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and to helping other people. Scouts and adults alike should take pride in belonging to such a movement and wear the uniform as it is intended.

The uniforms we wear

Class "A" - official Cub Scout uniform
Class "B" – Pack 1776 Shirt

Class "A" - official Cub Scout uniform

The "Class A" uniform is the official Cub Scout uniform. It identifies the scouts with their rank and gives them a sense of belonging to a den, the pack, and Boy Scouts of America.

- **Scouts should wear it to all den meetings, pack meetings, and special pack activities, unless told otherwise.**
- **You must purchase the uniform and initial insignia (see the next page).**

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TIGERS **WOLF** **BEAR** **WEBELOS**

Class "B" - Pack Specific T-shirt

Upon joining, a Pack 1776 Class-B tee shirt will be provided for the Scout (The new Class B shirts are usually available by late September or October)

The cost is included with your child's annual registration fee.

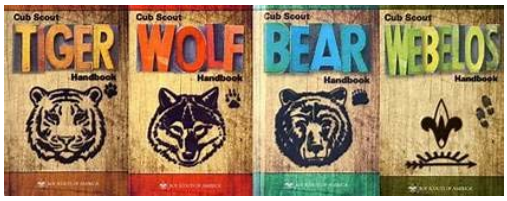
These T shirts are our casual uniform and are worn at field trips, camp outs and sometimes Den Meetings.

Class “A” Uniform, Initial Insignia & Book

All scouts are expected to wear the official uniform at all scouting events, unless otherwise directed. We follow the waist-up uniforming.

New Scouts will need to buy the following items:

- Cub Scout **shirt** (Blue for scouts; khaki for Webelos) with American flag patch
- Cub Scout **belt** - no uniform pants needed (see Below)
- Cub Scout **cap** (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- Cub Scout **neckerchief** (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- Cub Scout **neckerchief slide** (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- World Scout Crest Emblem
- Mt. Diablo Silverado Council shoulder patch
- "1776" Pack numerals in Red
- Den numeral patch
- Cub Scout Handbook (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos)
- Blue Epaulets for Webelos scouts.



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Pants & Shorts

Official pants are optional. However, **the pants must be Navy Blue colored pants or blue jeans/denim** and in good repair. **Webelos scouts may wear olive green pants**.

Shorts may be worn, but they too must be in solid a blue color. Webelos scouts may wear olive green shorts.

- Plaid or other colored shorts are not to be worn.

Where to buy your uniform

Scouting uniforms & Handbooks can be purchased at:

Boys Scouts of America Online Store

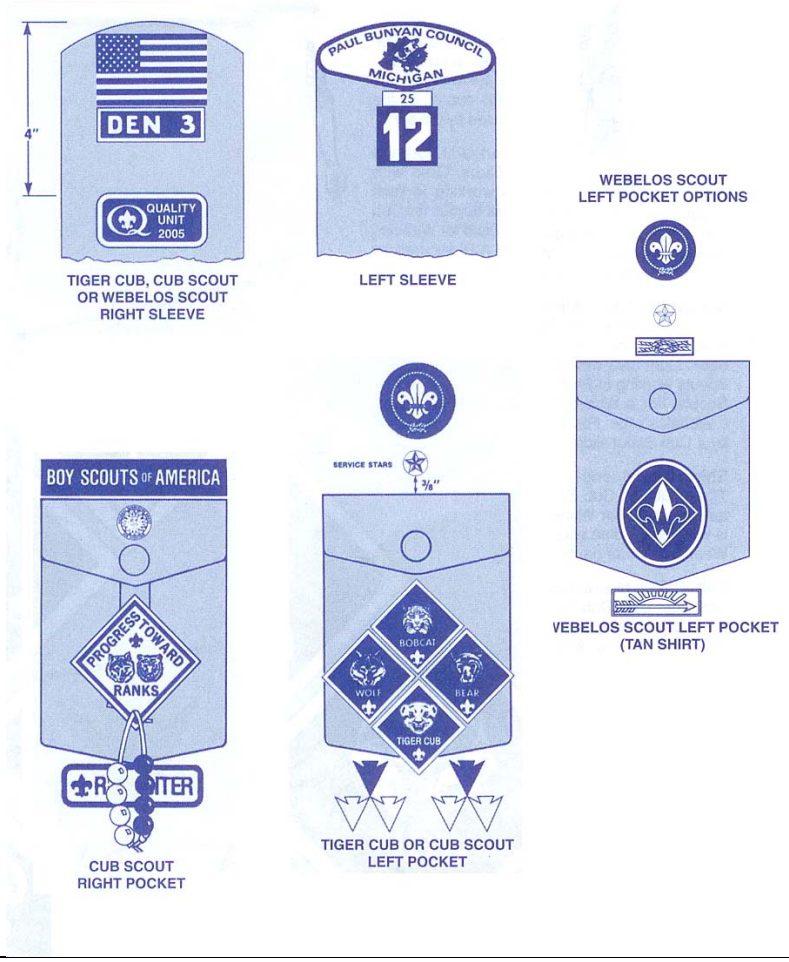
Mount Diablo Silverado Council Shop
800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill
Telephone: (925) 674-6100

McCaulou's in Danville
589 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danville
In Danville Town & Country Shopping Center
Telephone: (925) 837-0261

East Bay Scout Shop
1001 Davis Street, San Leandro
Telephone: (510) 633-2005

For those who do not want to sew badges on the uniform, "Badge Magic" is sold at these stores to affix badges

Setting up your Class "A" Uniform



Scout Ranks & Advancement

Recognition is important to young scouts. The Cub Scout advancement plan provides fun for the scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with scouts on advancement projects.

To earn a rank, adventures are to be completed among other requirements. Some Adventures are required and others are optional (electives)

- Scouts advance to the next rank on June 1st.
- Adventure belt loops and Webelos pins provided by the Pack and are included in the Annual Registration Fee.
- Adventure belt loops and pins are typically awarded very close to the completion of the Adventure and are handed out to the Scout by the Den Leader.
- Rank Badges are provided by the Pack and are included in the Annual Registration Fee.
- With the exception of the Bobcat rank, all other rank badges are awarded by the Cubmaster at the May graduation.

Pack 1776 utilizes ScoutBook to track a Scout's work toward advancement. Den Leaders and parents can mark off completed adventures and ranks in ScoutBook. Parents are encouraged to sign into their child's ScoutBook account to monitor their progress. Scouts and their parents can work on Adventures on their own.

More information may be found here: https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/cub-scouting-adventures/

Scout Ranks & Advancement, *continued*

Lions through Bears adventure loops are worn on the Cub Scout's belt.

Webelos pins are worn on an item called Webelos Colors on the right sleeve of the tan uniform shirt.

Bobcat

All New Cub Scouts Earn This Badge First

The Bobcat rank is the beginning rank for all scouts who are new to Cub Scouts, regardless of grade or age. The Bobcat requirements serve to orient a new Scout to the ideals and symbols of Scouting. To earn the Bobcat rank emblem, a scout must:

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed
2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed
3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

Lion

Kindergarten Age

The Lion rank is an introduction to Cub Scouting for scouts starting Kindergarten. To earn the Lion rank emblem, a scout must complete:

1. Lion's Honor adventure
2. Fun on the Run adventure
3. Animal Kingdom adventure
4. Mountain Lion adventure
5. King of the Jungle adventure

As a scout completes the requirements for each adventure he or she earns an adventure sticker (not an adventure loop). When a scout has completed all 5 adventures, he has earned his Lion rank emblem.

Tiger
1st Grade

The Tiger rank is for scouts who have finished kindergarten (or who are 7 years old). To earn the Tiger rank emblem, a scout must:

1. Complete each of the following Tiger required adventures with his/her den or family:
    a. My Tiger Jungle
    b. Games Tigers Play
    c. Tiger Circles: Duty to God
    d. Team Tiger
    e. Tiger Bites
    f. Tigers in the Wild
2. Complete one Tiger elective adventure of his/her den or family's choosing.

3. With a parent or adult partner, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age. As a scout completes the requirements for each adventure he/she earns an adventure loop. Adventure loops are designed to be worn on the Cub Scout belt. When a scout has completed all 7 adventures, he/she has earned the Tiger rank emblem. Scouts can continue to complete Tiger elective adventures to earn adventure loops until the end of the program year on May 31st. Scouts advance to the next rank, Wolf, on June 1st.

Wolf
2nd Grade

The Wolf rank is for scouts who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf rank emblem, a scout must:

1. Complete each of the following Wolf required adventures with his/her den or family:
    a. Call of the Wild
    b. Council Fire (Duty to Country)
    c. Duty to God Footsteps
    d. Howling at the Moon
    e. Paws on the Path
    f. Running With the Pack

2. Complete one Wolf elective adventure of his/her den or family's choosing.

3. With his/her parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for his/her age.

As the requirements for each adventure are completed an adventure loop is earned. When all 7 adventures are completed, the Wolf rank emblem has been earned. Scouts can continue to complete Wolf elective adventures until May 31st. Scouts advance to the next rank on June 1st.

Bear
3rd Grade

The Bear rank is for scouts who have finished second grade (or who are 9 years old). To earn the Bear rank emblem, a scout must:

1. Complete each of the following Bear required adventures with his/her den or family:
    a. Bear Claws
    b. Bear Necessities
    c. Fellowship and Duty to God
    d. Fur, Feathers, and Ferns
    e. Baloo the Builder
    f. Paws for Action (Duty to Country)

2. Complete one Bear elective adventure of his/her den or family's choosing.

3. With his parent or adult partner, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for his age.

As a scout completes the requirements for each adventure he/she earns an adventure loop. Adventure loops are designed to be worn on the Cub Scout belt. When a scout has completed all 7 adventures, he/she has earned the Bear rank emblem. Scouts can continue to complete Bear elective adventures to earn adventure loops until the end of the program year on May 31st. Scouts advance to the next rank, Webelos, on June 1st.

Webelos
4th Grade

Scouts are in a Webelos Scouts den for 14 months. The first year they work on their Webelos rank requirements. The second year they work on their Arrow of Light rank requirements and crossover to Scout Scouts.

The Webelos rank is for scouts who have finished third grade (or who are 10 years old). To earn the Webelos rank emblem, a scout must:

1. Be an active member of his/her Webelos den for three months. (Being active means having good attendance, paying his/her den dues, and working on den projects.)

2. Complete each of the following Webelos required adventures with his/her den or family:
    a. Cast Iron Chef
    b. Duty to God and You
    b. First Responder
    c. Stronger, Faster, Higher
    d. Webelos Walkabout

3. Complete two Webelos and Arrow of Light elective adventures of his/her den or family's choosing.

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Webelos
4th Grade (continued)

4. With his/her parent or adult partner, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

As a scout completes the requirements for each adventure he/she earns an adventure pin. Adventure pins are designed to be worn on the Webelos colors (a ribbon worn on the shoulder).

When a scout has completed all 7 adventures, he/she has earned the Webelos rank emblem. Scouts can continue to complete Webelos and Arrow of Light elective adventures to earn adventure pins until the end of the program year on May 31st. Scouts advance to the next rank on June 1st.

Webelos II (Arrow of Light)
5th Grade

Scouts are in a Webelos Scouts den for 14 months. The first year they work on their Webelos rank requirements. The second year they work on their Arrow of Light rank requirements and crossover to Boy Scouts.

The Arrow of Light rank is for scouts who have finished fourth grade (or who are 11 years old). To earn the Arrow of Light rank emblem, a scout must:

1. Be active in his Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old. (Being active means having good attendance, paying his/her den dues, and working on den projects.)

2. Complete each of the following Arrow of Light required adventures with his/her den or family:
   a. Building a Better World
   b. Camper
   c. Duty to God in Action
   d. Scouting Adventure

3. Complete three Webelos and Arrow of Light elective adventures of his/her den or family's choosing.

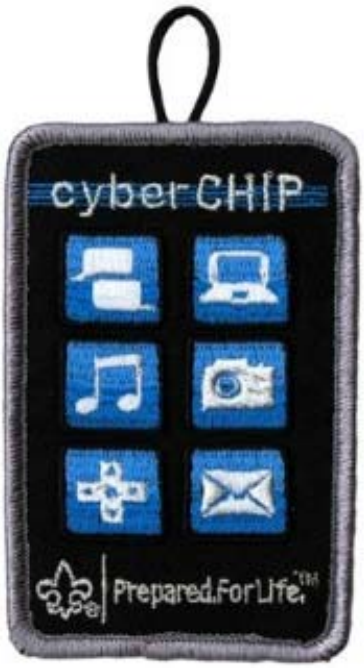
4. With his/her parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

As a scout completes the requirements for each adventure he/she earns an adventure pin and an adventure pocket certificate. Adventure pins are designed to be worn on the Webelos colors or on the front of the Webelos cap. When a scout has completed all 7 adventures, he/she has earned their Arrow of Light rank emblem. Scouts can continue to complete Webelos and Arrow of Light elective adventures to earn adventure pins until they crossover to Boy Scouts. Scouts typically crossover to a Boy Scout troop as a den in February at the *Blue and Gold Dinner*.

Scout Awards

Scouting is not about collecting badges. It's about collecting the lessons, experiences and relationships that shape your life. Behind each small, round patch is a story with infinite endings. One by one, these stories come together to form the person who writes them - confident, courageous and prepared to make a difference in the world. Below are examples of common awards that scouts earn in our pack. There are more though!

Cyber Chip



Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert NetSmartz®, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies. Netsmartz® has Cyber Chip resources, including grade-specific videos, for each level. Topics include cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft.

Yearly completion of the Cyber chip is required to advance to the next rank. The patch is worn on the right pocket, hanging from the button

Marksmanship Award

Usually twice a year, the Council holds Cub Scout Marksmanship days at Camp Herms. The days usually occur in October and May. Morning and afternoon sessions give your Cub Scout a chance to earn their rank-based shooting sports patch and a BB gun or archery pin. You may take both sessions if you wish.

When available, slingshots are available. This was recently offered at Cub Scout Day Camp. The patch is worn on the right pocket, hanging from the button.

National Summertime Award Pins

A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award by planning and conducting three pack activities - one each in June, July, and August. Individual scouts that participate in all three pack events can receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin.

NOVA Awards

Pack 1776 works toward at least one NOVA award, as a pack, per year. The Boy Scouts of America's NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The hope is that the requirements and activities for earning these awards stimulates interest in STEM-related fields and shows how science, technology, engineering and mathematics apply to everyday living and the world around them. Counselors and mentors help bring this engaging, contemporary, and fun program to life for youth members.

There are multiple Nova awards for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Each award covers one component of STEM—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. They all have different requirements, which depend on a scout's rank. Lions and Tiger scouts are not eligible for the NOVA award may participate in Pack 1776's pack meetings that are geared toward the NOVA award of our choice.

Cub Scout Nova awards:

- Science Everywhere,
- Down and Dirty,
- Nova WILD!,
- Out of This World,
- Tech Talk,
- Swing!,
- 1-2-3 Go!,
- Uncovering the Past
- Fearful Symmetry
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For their first Nova award, Scouts earn the distinctive Nova award patch. After that, a Scout can earn additional Nova awards, each one recognized with a separate pi (π) pin-on device that attaches to the patch. The patch and the devices represent each of the four STEM topics—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The patch is worn on the right pocket, hanging from the button.

Recruiter Strip

Scout can earn the recruiter strip by getting a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to join the Pack. This patch is sewn at the bottom of the right pocket.

Outdoor Activity Award

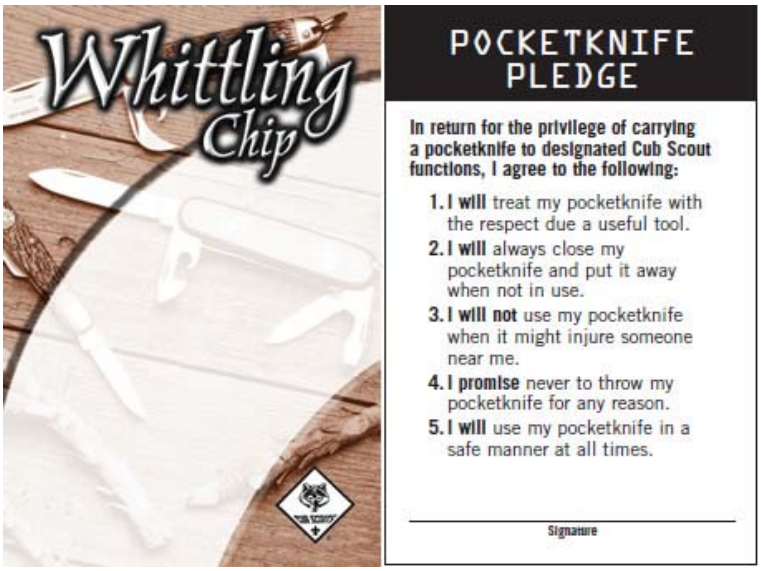
Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. This award recognizes the Scout for taking part in outdoor recreation and conservation projects. In many cases, you can earn this award while doing other Scouting activities.

World Conservation Award

Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts may earn the Cub Scout World Conservation Award. This award provides an opportunity for individual scouts to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

Whittling Chip

Earning the Cub Scout Whittling Chip is a rite of passage for Bear Scouts as they learn pocketknife safety. Bear Cub Scouts have to earn the Whittling Chip for the Bear Claws required adventure. The Arrows of Light who haven't earned it yet must do so for their required Scouting Adventure.



The requirements are:

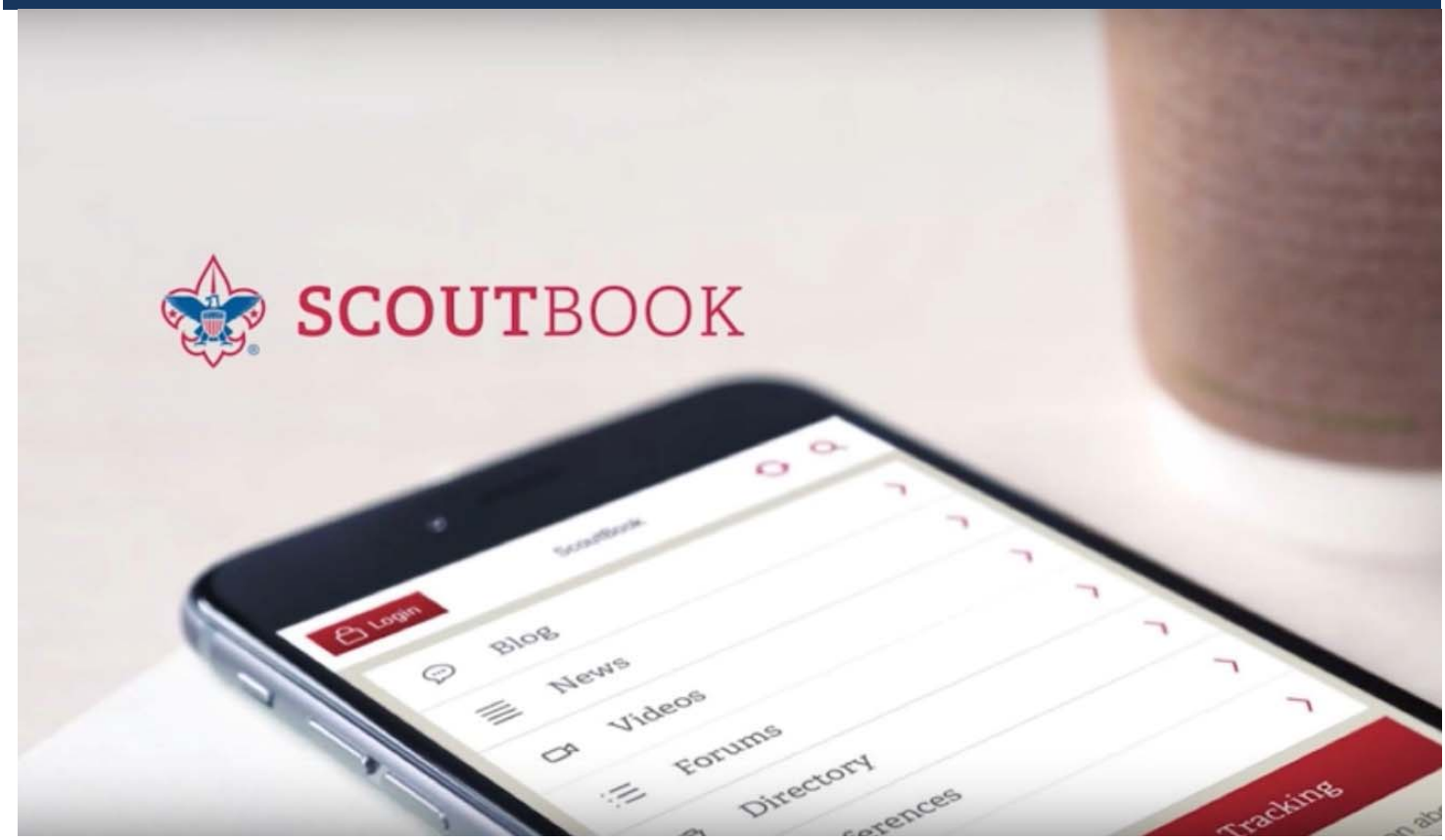
1. Know the safety rules for handling a knife.
2. Show that you know how to take care of and use a pocketknife.
3. Make a carving with a pocketknife. Work with your den leader or other adult when doing this.
4. Read, understand, and promise to abide by the "Pocketknife Pledge."

Safety rules for knives are:

1. A knife is a tool, not a toy.
   Know how to sharpen a knife. A sharp knife is safer because it is less likely to slip and cut you.
2. Keep the blade clean.
3. Never carry an open pocketknife.
4. When you are not using your knife, close it and put it away.
5. Keep your knife dry.
6. When you are using the cutting blade, do not try to make big shavings or chips. Easy does it.
7. Make a safety circle (blood circle): Before you pick up your knife to use it, stretch your arm out and turn in a circle. If you can't touch anyone else, it is safe to use your knife.

There is a tradition in Scouting of removing corners from a Whittling Chip card when the Cub Scout uses his or her pocketknife in an unsafe manner.

the Whittling Chip patch is considered a "Temporary Patch" and, if worn, should be worn centered on the RIGHT Pocket of the Cub Scout or Webelos Scout Uniform Shirt (NOT on a pocket flap), or on a patch vest, blanket or outer wear. Scouts who earned it while in Cub Scouts may also wear it on the BACK of a merit badge sash. **It should NOT be sewn on a pocket flap.**



Scoutbook is an advancement tracking tool. It is a free. Each parent has an account where they can track their Scout's progress towards advancement and awards. https://www.scoutbook.com.

There is also a mobile app version. This free app is available for both iPhone and Android devices. Search for "Scouting BSA" in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Logging in to Scoutbook

If you are new to Scouting, your Scoutbook login will be the email address that you provided on the BSA Youth Application. You will receive a temporary password in your invite email and then you will be asked to create your own password to use later on. Our unit leaders do NOT have the ability to know or reset your Scoutbook password. That can be done with the Forgot Password link on the login page.

If you are now or have ever been a registered BSA Leader, or have taking any BSA Training (like Youth Protection Training) in the past, you will have an adult BSA ID associated with your name. That BSA ID will have a Username and an Email address associated with it on My.Scouting.org. Scoutbook has a Single Sign On (SSO) connection between My.Scouting and Scoutbook, now. So, your Scoutbook login will be your Username, not your email address. If you cannot remember your username or your My.Scouting password, please go to My.Scouting.org and use the Forgot username/password? link and work through the process of learning/resetting them before attempting to login to Scoutbook.

Next: Update your and your Scouts Profile pages

When you first log into Scoutbook, click on My Dashboard to see the Scouts you are connected to in Scoutbook. Click the link for My Account. Once there, go into the Edit Profile page and enter as much up to

date information as possible, especially all possible phone number fields. You can also provide your Cell number and allow the system to send you text messages. We enter much of this information for you when your scout joins Pack 1776, but please double check it.

Track and Manage your Scout

Viewing the main screen of your Scout, you can get a quick view of how close they are to their next rank as well as all of the awards that have been recorded and awarded to them. Further down, you can see a quick overview and then click the links to see the details in categories like: Advancement, Awards, and Leadership, along with Service and Camping Logs. Each link will provide more detail for you to view.

If you have any questions or disputes with any details recorded for your Scout, please reach out to your den leader with details about what might be incorrectly recorded or missing.

Hiking Program

Pack 1776 participates in two hiking programs put on by our council, Mt. Diablo Silverado Council ("MDSC") and the San Francisco Bay Area Council ("SFBAC"). Participation in these hikes go towards hiking patches and requirements for the National Summer Time and Outdoor Activity awards. Weather permitting, we try to conduct monthly hikes. Sometimes we conduct a "Bike Hike" where we ride our bicycles down the Iron Horse Trail.

MDSC's program is called the **Highlander** and includes hikes across Contra Costa County such as Las Trampas (San Ramon), Black Diamond Mines (Antioch), Mt. Diablo (Danville) and Briones (Lafayette).

SFBAC's hiking program is called **Trail Trekkers** and encompasses hikes such as Little Yosemite (Sunol), The Hoot Owl, Black Diamond Mines (Antioch), Huckleberry Botanical Preserve (Oakland), Morgan Territory (Livermore), Redwood Creek (Oakland) and so on.

Both programs offer a center patch and smaller ones called "rockers" which surround the center patch and identify which hike a scout has completed. **We will be doing a modified version of the programs, mixing in hikes from both patches as we go and awarding the center patch after the completion of three hikes. The center patch will be awarded in a ceremony at the pack meeting following the third eligible hike**.

There is also a standalone hiking patch called the **Cub Scout Presidio Historical Trail** which is for a 3.5-mile trail in San Francisco's Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We will be doing a modified version of the hike which starts at the Presidio Visitor Center, down to Fort Point, up to the Golden Gate Bridge and throughout the Presidio.

Information about upcoming hikes and the patches can be found in the Hiking Patch section on the Pack Website.

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