

Welcome to Pack 99!



We are happy to have you join us on a fun adventure in Cub Scouts. Here is some helpful information about our Pack that will help you and your child start your journey.

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District	Apollo District #49 https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/apollo
Council	Sam Houston Area Council #576 https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/

Purpose

Scouting can help boys and girls enhance close relationships with their families and their faith while developing strong and desirable traits of character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. Scouting also provides boys and girls with leadership opportunities and helps them develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.

Cub Scouting is a family program, and parental help is the key to becoming a successful Cub Scout. Youth need their parents' help with achievements, electives, and activity badges. This is especially true of the individual faith's religious awards.

The BSA defines the purposes of Cub Scouting as:

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

History

Boy Scouts was started in England in 1908 by Lord Baden-Powell. Throughout the world, each country has its own independent Boy Scout organization. Every person in the world who is a member of their country's Boy Scout organization is allowed to wear the purple Boy Scout World Crest patch on their uniform.

The Boy Scout organization in the United States of America is called the Boy Scouts of America which is abbreviated Scouts BSA. The BSA was founded in 1910. The BSA is divided into geographical regions called Councils. Pack 99 is a unit in the Sam Houston Area Council which includes Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA boy and girl Troops, Sea Scout Ships, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts. Each Council is divided into Districts. Pack 99 is part of the Apollo District, which covers the Meyerland, Maplewood and Westbury neighborhoods.

Our Pack was founded in 1979 and is chartered by St. Thomas More Catholic Church and School. We are a Catholic unit, but we welcome youth from all religions and denominations. We have earned the Gold Level unit award with the Boy Scouts of America almost every year in our history, which is the highest award presented to a unit each year for running a quality scout unit. The Pack has also received the Gold Level Pope Paul VI award from the National Catholic Committee every year for many years for our program quality as a Catholic Unit.

Pack & Den Information

In Pack 99, boys and girls can participate from kindergarten to 5th grade. Dens are grade specific.

- Kindergarteners: Lion Cubs
- First Graders: Tiger Cubs
- Second Graders: Wolf Scouts
- Third Graders: Bear Scouts
- Fourth Graders: Webelos (sometimes referred to as “Webelos I”)
- Fifth Graders: Arrow of Light Scouts (sometimes referred to as “Webelos II”)

Arrow of Light Scouts “crossover” into a Troop in the middle of fifth grade and continue their Scouting journey in Scouts BSA.

Den Meetings- Run by Den Leaders. Dens meet twice a month and typically at St. Thomas More’s Scout House. Lion and Tiger Cubs are required to have a parent present for their meetings and activities. For all the other Dens, parents are highly encouraged to attend. In all Dens, we would love as much parental involvement as you are able to so we can provide the best experience for your child.

Pack Meetings- Planned by the Pack Committee and run by the Cubmaster. These are typically scheduled on the 4th Friday of the month but check the calendar for exceptions. Cub Scouts from all dens are expected to attend. Pack Meetings include fun activities and a special time to recognize Scouts for their achievements in front of their peers. The Pack Meeting is NOT a drop-off event, and each Cub Scout should have an adult with them. We encourage the entire family to participate during the Pack Meeting, so your presence is important.

Pack Special Events

The annual pack calendar is available on our website, pack99.org. The Pack calendar of upcoming Den meetings, Pack meetings and events are on our website. Once your scout is registered, you will get email reminders of upcoming Pack activities and events from Scoutbook, our scout management system. Please contact the Cubmaster or Committee Chair with questions about Pack activities and events.

Our Pack has several special events during the year that are traditional to most Cub Scout Packs, including the following:

- Blue & Gold Banquet: This is the annual birthday party for Cub Scouting. While the official BSA birthday is in February, we normally hold the Blue & Gold Banquet in May so that it doubles as an end-of-school celebration. Blue & Gold is a more formal Pack Meeting where we have dinner, a year in review and give out special awards including the Pinewood Derby Trophies.

- Pinewood Derby: This is the favorite event of the year for most Cub Scouts. It is typically held in February. Cub Scouts design and build their own small wooden car and race it for speed and design categories.
- Family Campouts: Our Pack goes camping a minimum of twice a year with a fall campout at Bovay Scout Ranch and a rotating Spring Campout.
- Day Camp: All Districts in our Council have a Cub Scout Day Camp called *Twilight Camp* each summer where Cub Scouts can practice their Archery and BB Gun shooting skills, as well as complete rank adventures and electives. For the Apollo District, Twilight Camp is typically in June held in the evening.

Parent Expectations:

- Make sure your Cub Scout attends Den and Pack Meetings, they are prepared as needed, and parents are willing to help with crafts, skits, refreshments, or other activities.
- Attend monthly Pack Meetings with your Cub Scout
- Cub Scouting relies on families to help guide Cub Scouts through their achievements. The boys and girls will work on rank, elective and other activities during Den meetings, but Cubs will need your help as parents to complete all the requirements to earn ranks and awards.
- Please update your child's Scoutbook profile as your child completes items at home. This will let your Den Leader see what your son or daughter has already done, so they can plan activities for everyone.
- Remember, at home YOU are the wise leader like Akela the wolf in *The Jungle Book*. You will be signing off on adventures and activities you do at home and the Den Leader will be approving all work.
- Make sure your Cub Scout is living the Cub Scout Motto to "DO YOUR BEST." Do not sign off on adventures or other awards that your scout did not earn or finish. DO YOUR BEST does not mean do it perfectly. But Cub Scouts need to put in effort, even when things are difficult. If there are questions on this area, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Den Leader or Cubmaster.
- Review the Cub Scout Handbook for your child's current rank. Be familiar with the requirements to earn the rank. You don't have to memorize the book, but many things you already do at home can be signed off, so it helps to know what those things are.
- A representative from each Cub Scout family is encouraged to become a member of the Pack Committee and attend Pack Committee Meetings (typically conference calls) each month. We ask this so that parents can help to grow and strengthen our Pack and make it better for your child and the community. These

meetings are an important way for the parents and leaders to communicate about upcoming events and activities. Check the pack calendar for dates and times.

- When possible, all interested parents are encouraged to attend the District Roundtable meeting on the second Thursdays of the month. This roundtable provides information and training related to Scouting, and there is a specific breakout for Cub Scouts.

Scout Expectations

- Cub Scouts should wear their Field Uniform (also referred to as “Class A”), the blue uniform or tan uniform shirt, to all Cub Scout events, including Den Meetings, Pack Meetings and Pack Activities. Leaders will give instructions if uniforms are not required for an event or if the Activity Uniform (“Class B”), Pack t-shirt or other Scouts BSA shirt may be worn.
- Cub Scouts are striving to be good citizens and an example to those around them. They should do their best at any Scouting event, including Den and Pack meetings, activities, Day Camp, service projects, etc.
- Be helpful, especially when asked.
- Be respectful of those around you.
- Be respectful of nature and the things that live in it.
- Be respectful of your surroundings. Cub Scouts leave their area better than they found it.
- Be responsible. This includes no running, throwing, touching other people’s things, disrespecting, or making a mess, particularly during Den or Pack Meetings.
- Cub Scouts should be learning to live the Scout Law.

A Scout is:

1. Trustworthy
2. Loyal
3. Helpful
4. Friendly
5. Courteous
6. Kind
7. Obedient
8. Cheerful
9. Thrifty
10. Brave

- 11. Clean
- 12. Reverent

Advancement

You and your Den Leader will work together to track your child's progress on ranks, adventures, electives, and other awards. Please make sure to update your child's Scoutbook profile so your Den Leader knows which items you are completing at home, and they will do the same for items completed in a meeting/activity. By working together, parents and Den Leaders can make sure your child is progressing as needed through the program to earn all the awards they need to advance. Please talk to your Den Leader about any specific questions you have about your child's progress.

Den Leaders encourage Cub Scouts to work on adventures, electives and other awards outside regular den meetings and activities. Cubs Scouts who have many awards earn most of them on their own. In most cases you will not be able to earn the badge for your rank unless you do some work outside den meetings. If a requirement says to make something (project, list, report, etc.) it can be turned in to your Den Leader or bring it to the next Pack Meeting and put it on a display table in the back of the room or presented to the Pack.

The requirements are different for each rank in Cub Scouts, and you need the corresponding handbook to understand what these requirements are and find out what you need to work on to earn advancements. The handbook also gives you suggestions on how to complete them.

The Advancement Chair helps the Cubmaster and other leaders in putting on recognition ceremonies by preparing advancement materials in advance of the pack meeting, getting signatures on award cards from the den leaders and Cubmaster, and organizing everything so they are easy to present at pack meetings.

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Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

New Cub Scouts who are in 1 st grade or above earn the Bobcat Badge first before working on the requirements for their badge of rank. Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Oath <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Law <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Handshake <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Motto <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Salute					
Kindergarten LION *Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i>	TIGER 1 st Grade or 6 years old *Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i> Protect Yourself Rules Video	WOLF 2 nd Grade or 7 years old *Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i> Protect Yourself Rules Video	BEAR 3 rd Grade or 8 years old *Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i> Protect Yourself Rules Video	WEBELOS 4 th Grade through joining a Scouts BSA Troop. 4 th graders work towards the Webeles badge of rank first *Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i> Protect Yourself Rules Video	Arrow of Light without earning the Webeles badge *Exercises in the pamphlet <i>How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse</i> Protect Yourself Rules Video
Lion's Honor Animal Kingdom Mountain Lion King of the Jungle Fun on the Run *Required once a year. Is not repeated in the same year as earning Bobcat.	Games Tigers Play My Tiger Jungle Team Tiger Tiger Bites Tiger Circles: Duty to God Tigers in the Wild Elective Adventure	Call of the Wild Council Fire Duty to God Footsteps Howling at the Moon Paws on the Path Running with the Pack Elective Adventure	Baloo the Builder Bear Claws Bear Necessities Fellowship and Duty to God Fur, Feathers, and Ferns Paws for Action Elective Adventure	Cast Iron Chef Duty to God & You First Responder Stronger, Faster, Higher Webeles Walkabout Elective Be Active In Your Webeles Den for 3 Months	Building a Better World Duty to God in Action Outdoor Adventurer Scouting Adventure Elective Be Active In Your Webeles Den for 6 Months or Be 10 and a half years old

Source: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/cub-scouting-adventures/>

Religious Emblem



A Cub Scout can complete the Religious Emblem requirements at any time during Cub Scouting. For a Catholic Scout, there are two awards that can be earned during their time in Cub Scouts, Light of Christ (designed for 6–7-year-old youth) and Parvuli Dei (designed for 8–10-year-old youth). There are also faith adventures at every rank level in Cub Scouts unrelated to these awards.

For religious awards for other religions or denominations, please contact the Religious Emblems Coordinator who will be happy to help find a religious emblems coordinator for your specific religion or denomination.

Funding

Our Pack is completely self-sustained. The yearly fee is due November 1st and pays for your child's national registration with the Boy Scouts of America, a year's subscription to the magazine *Scout's Life*, a Pinewood Derby car, materials for den meetings, belt loops, awards, rank advancements, recognitions, and a portion toward Adult Leaders' registration since they are so gracious with volunteering their time. The yearly fee does

not cover all our expenses, so we also have a popcorn fundraiser in the fall to help sustain the program.

Families are also responsible for providing the uniform, handbook, camping fees, and some optional activities, such as the annual Scouts at the Ballpark outing.

Website / Facebook Group

Our public website is: www.pack99.org

Our private Facebook Group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cubscoutpack99/>

On the website and Facebook page you will find:

- Calendar of events
- Pictures of activities
- Links to Leader training, BSA/Council/District information
- Other essential information

Uniforms

There are two Scout Shops located in the Houston area.

Houston Scout Shop
2225 North Loop West, Suite A
Houston, TX 77008
(713) 865-5190

Stafford Scout Shop Boy Scouts
12300 Parc Crest Dr #130
Stafford, TX 77477
(281) 207-2340

We recommend that you visit the Scout Shop in-person so that you can get the required patches for the uniform. You can buy supplies at www.scoutshop.org but they will not have patches.

Official Cub Scout Uniform requirements are here:
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform/>

Pack 99 uniform requirements

Lion (Kindergarten)

- Lion Cubs wear the official Lions T-shirt, *not* the blue button-down!
- Neckerchief: rank specific
- Neckerchief slide: rank specific
- Belt: official navy-blue web belt
- Pants: official Scout blue pants/shorts/skorts are **optional**. Any navy-blue school pants or shorts are acceptable.
- Socks: official socks, **optional**. Any solid-color socks are acceptable.
- Shoes: closed toe and comfortable. "Recess shoes"
- Hat: rank specific, **optional**.
- Pack 99 red activity T-Shirt (purchased at www.pack99.org, not the Scout Shop)



Tiger, Wolf Bear (Grades 1-3)

- Official **navy-blue button-down shirt** with these patches:
 - Purple World Scouting Crest Emblem circle patch
 - World Crest Ring patch
 - Sam Houston Area Council shoulder patch
 - Red pack numbers "9" "9"
 - Den number strip: *consult your den leader or Cubmaster for your child's den number*
- **Neckerchief**: rank specific
- **Neckerchief slide**: rank specific
- **Belt**: official navy-blue web belt
- **Pants**: official Scout blue pants/shorts/skorts are optional. Any navy-blue school pants or shorts are acceptable.
- **Socks**: official socks, **optional**. Any solid-color socks are acceptable.



- **Shoes:** closed toe and comfortable. “Recess shoes”
- **Hat:** rank specific, **optional**.
- **Pack 99 red activity T-Shirt** (purchased at www.pack99.org, not the Scout Shop)

Webelos and Arrow of Light (Grades 4-5)

Same uniform for 4th and 5th grades!

- Official **tan** button-down shirt with these patches:
 - Purple World Scouting Crest Emblem circle patch
 - World Crest Ring patch
 - Sam Houston Area Council shoulder patch
 - Red pack numbers “9” “9”
 - Den number strip: *consult your den leader or Cubmaster for your child’s den number*
- **Rank Colors** aka “the dangly thing”
- **Neckerchief** (Webelos, same for 4th/5th)
- **Neckerchief slide** (Webelos, same for 4th/5th)
- **Belt:** official green web belt
- **Pants:** Official Scouts green pants/shorts are **optional**; any similar style is acceptable
- **Socks:** official socks, **optional**. Any solid-color socks are acceptable
- **Hat:** rank specific, **optional**
- **Pack 99 red T-Shirt** (purchased at www.pack99.org, not the Scout Shop)



Cub Scout Uniform requirements and link to purchase:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform/>