



Parent Handbook 2011-2012

Introduction to Pack 197

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Scouting year. Whether you and your son are new or returning members of Pack 197, we want this year of your son's Scouting experience to be a quality one. We have created this handbook in order to help your family get the most of your Scouting experience.

Everyone that serves in our Pack is a volunteer. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for all parents. Some positions are one day events and others are year long opportunities. There is a position for everyone.

Our Cub Scout Pack, like most others, is made up of several Dens (small groups of boys based on age who meets weekly or bi-weekly). The Pack is a combination of all of the Dens.

In addition to Den and Pack meetings, we hold special activities throughout the year to give your son opportunities for fun, fellowship and advancement. These are family activities and the whole family is welcome to participate.

Purposes of Cub Scouting: The Boy Scouts of America began Cub Scouting as a program for younger boys more than 75 years ago. The purposes of Cub Scouting state that Parents, Leaders, and Organizations work together to achieve the following:

- ❖ Influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth;
- ❖ Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship;
- ❖ Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body;
- ❖ Improve understanding within the family;
- ❖ Strengthen the ability to get along with and to respect others;
- ❖ Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills;
- ❖ Show how to be helpful and to do one's best;
- ❖ Provide fun and exciting new things to do;
- ❖ Prepare Cubs to become Boy Scouts.

Our goals for the 2011-2012 program year are:

- ❖ To provide at least 2 overnight camping opportunities
- ❖ To provide the Scouts with a year round program
- ❖ To have at least 50% of the Dens earn the National Den award
- ❖ To earn the Scouting's Journey to Excellence Award
- ❖ To have a full staff of trained leaders
- ❖ To plan and execute a great program for our families
- ❖ To provide service to our community and chartered organization
- ❖ To advance every boy into the next rank

and most importantly: TO HAVE FUN!

Privacy Guidelines: For communications purposes, we collect phone numbers and e-mail addresses from our families. If phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses come into your

possession as a leader or parent in this Pack, we ask that you respect the privacy of the families. This information is to be used only for communication regarding Scouting. Please do not use any Pack information for any other purposes.

Scout health forms: Anyone (every family member) that participates in any event must have a health form on file with the Pack. This form must be resubmitted each year. The form may be downloaded from the Pack website or <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>. Your medical information is kept confidential. These forms are only viewed by the Pack nurse unless there is an emergency requiring medical information.

Pictures of your Scout may be taken at Pack or Den meetings or activities as a method of preserving memories for our Scouts and their families. No Scouts will be identified by their full name in Pack promotional material or on the web site. If you request it, pictures of your Scout will be removed from the Pack website (please contact the Committee Chair).

The Pack leadership makes an effort to communicate with parents in a variety of ways. E-mail is the most common method of communication. We also maintain a web site www.BarfieldPack197.com to communicate information about the Pack. The web site also includes this parent handbook, and links to Scouting websites.

Questions or concerns about Pack operations or procedures should be presented to the Pack committee. Please contact the Committee Chair or a Committee Member if you have questions. If you e-mail your question, please remember to include your son's name and Den Leader. Your Den Leader can help you with questions about advancement and awards, uniforms, and your role in your son's Scouting experience. If he or she doesn't know the answer, they know the proper resources to consult to help you.

Dens

A Den is a group of 8 to 10 boys in the same grade or about the same age that are all working on achieving the same rank. Each Den is led by one or more **trained** parent(s) who serve as Den Leader(s). Other parents help in the Den as assistant Den Leaders, activity leaders, and chaperones. All parents are encouraged to help in their son's Den. Beginning in 2011, there must be two trained leaders for all Den and Pack Meetings per BSA National requirements. You will find your family's experience of Scouting is greatly enhanced when you make it a truly family activity.

First Grade boys work toward their Tiger Rank.

Second grade boys work toward their Wolf Rank.

Third grade boys work toward their Bear Rank.

Fourth grade boys are Webelos and work toward their Webelos I Rank.

Fifth grade boys are Webelos II and work on Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light.

Den Leaders set their own meeting days and times and will usually collect Den dues to pay for supplies for the Den.

Pack

The Pack consists of the Dens and their families. 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. He plans and directs monthly Pack Meetings and other special activities and events. The Cubmaster is in charge of the Pack Meetings and reports to the Committee Chair.

The Pack itself meets once a month, usually at Barfield Elementary School, on the third Thursday of each month at 6:45PM (this will vary depending on our activities and the school's calendar). Please check with your Den Leader and the Pack website for updates. All families (including brothers and sisters) attend the Pack meeting. Grandparents and other guests are always welcome. **No Scout or family member is allowed in any other area of the building.**

Unless otherwise instructed, your son should always wear his Class A uniform to Pack meetings.

Committee

The Pack is administered by a committee made up of parents. All parents of registered Scouts are invited to attend committee meetings. Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM (this will vary depending on our activities and the school's calendar). Please contact the Committee Chair for meeting location. All registered adult leaders are encouraged to attend the Committee Meeting.

Cub Scout Program Features



What is Cub Scout advancement and rank?

Cub Scouting includes a plan of advancement for each boy that emphasizes a game with a purpose, so Have Fun. The boy works on requirements based on his school grade or age. All Scouts begin by earning the Bobcat badge. After Bobcat, the ranks are Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. As a 5th grader (or at age 10) a Cub Scout may earn Cub Scouting's highest award – the Arrow of Light Award. After he has received this award, and is at least 10.5 years old, he is eligible to become a Boy Scout, or he may join a troop at age 11 (or when he completes the 5th grade). Sometimes advancement requirements are started in Den meetings, then completed at home with the help of family members. Many requirements are designed to be worked on at home with the family. Parental involvement is a vital part of advancement! Please get involved with your son's Cub Scout program. All requirements for an award that involve creating something or making a list should be brought to the Den meeting to be shared with the Den Leader and other boys.

Other advancement recognitions include Tiger Track beads, Arrow Points, and Webelos Compass Points. These are awarded following the completion of the basic rank badge. Parents

of Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts are encouraged to report their completion to his Den Leader, as soon as he finishes each requirement. Awards may only be earned once.



What outdoor activities are offered?

Adventuresome outdoor programs are encouraged for Cub Scouts. These include Pack and Den field trips, picnics, outings, day camping, resident camping, and Pack family camping. Because Cub Scouting is home-centered, Pack campouts are for the whole family. Other camping experiences are designed to include parents as well as leaders. Webelos Scouts are encouraged to go on overnight experiences and to conduct occasional joint outdoor activities with a Boy Scout troop. The council offers Cub Scout day camps and resident camping experiences for all Scouts. The study of nature is encouraged by advancement requirements. Cub Scouts are encouraged to become involved in nature conservation and they may earn optional conservation, Outdoor Activity and Leave No Trace awards.



Cub Scouting incorporates sports and academics

Physical fitness is encouraged by many advancement requirements. Cub Scouts are also encouraged to participate in the Cub Scout sports program, which offers more than 20 different sports. By learning a new sport a scout earns a sports belt loop. Further participation earns a sports pin. The Dens and Pack organize games and activities, such as the Pinewood Derby, in which sportsmanship is emphasized.

Academic and career skills are encouraged by many advancement requirements. Cub Scouts are also encouraged to participate in the Cub Scout academic program, which offers over 15 academic subjects. Belt loops and pins can be earned, as in the sports program.

How does Cub Scouting support religion?

Pack 197 welcomes families of all religious affiliations. Although Pack 197 does not provide religious training, Scouting activities and rank requirements aim to promote respect for religion and God. Cub Scouts are encouraged to seek religious training at their place of worship and/or in the home. Cub Scouts can earn an optional Religious Emblem that is sponsored and

administered through various religious institutions (Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Islamic, Buddhist, and others).

Pack Meeting Attendance and Behavior

Pack meetings are the highlight of each month's Scouting activities. At the Pack meetings, Scouts show their families and the rest of the Pack what they have been doing during the month. Pack meetings include games, songs, skits, Webelos Den demonstrations, and award ceremonies. As Scouts complete requirements and activities, they receive recognition at the Pack meeting. Your son is proud of what he has worked on at home with you and in his Den meetings, and of the awards he has earned. It means a great deal for him to have his family attend Pack meetings and share his participation and recognition. Parents need to attend Pack meetings, in order to participate in their sons' recognition.

Since parents are in attendance at Pack meetings, siblings are naturally encouraged to come as well. We ask that non-Scout children sit with their parents, and that parents enforce some general rules of behavior:

- ❖ All attendees should show proper respect for the Scouts, leaders and others involved in the Pack meeting, by not talking during award ceremonies, skits, or other performances and presentations.
- ❖ All attendees should participate in games, songs, audience participation activities, and all the fun that the Pack Meeting involves.
- ❖ For their safety and the enjoyment of all attendees, children should not play tag or other running games, unless they are part of an organized game that is part of the Pack meeting.
- ❖ Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the Pack Meeting. This will allow the Pack Meeting to start on time. We try hard to keep Pack Meetings on time and need your cooperation in order to start on time.
- ❖ No Scout or family member is allowed in any other area of the building.
- ❖ Please do not play with any equipment or supplies that do not belong to you.

Volunteer Guidelines and BSA Youth Protection

Beginning in 2011 there must be two Youth Protection Trained leaders for all Scout Pack and Den meeting per BSA National requirements. The web site to take the training is <http://myscouting.scouting.org>. Remember this training is required for all registered adults every 24 months.

Youth Protection training can be completed online or by attending Cub Scout Leader Training and Youth Protection Training. Upon completing training, you will receive notification of successful completion. Turn in a copy of your training certificate to the Pack Trainer and keep a copy for your records.

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA volunteers, regardless of their position.

Once Pack 197 receives the Volunteer Application with the Youth Protection Certificate, we forward it to Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A background and reference check will be performed by the BSA Council and must be approved by the Council.

The goal of these standards is to ensure the safety of all Scouts. As parents, we want you to be confident that adults who are working with your sons are providing a safe and well-run program.

All applications will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

Please consult the Cubmaster or Committee Chair for any questions regarding the volunteering process.

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.

If you have taken Youth Protection Training online but did not input your member ID number, please log back on to the Training section of MyScouting and input your member ID so the training will be linked with your records.

If you have taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years but did not take the course online, log on to MyScouting to ensure your records are up to date, or contact your council and have them verify that your Youth Protection Training records are accurate.

To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the information available in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

Parent Involvement

Scouting has three aims: Character Development, Citizenship Training, and Personal Fitness. In Cub Scouting we carry out these aims through these methods:

- ❖ The ideals of Scouting
- ❖ The Den
- ❖ Advancement
- ❖ Family involvement
- ❖ Activities
- ❖ Character Connections
- ❖ A home and neighborhood centered focus
- ❖ The uniform

The Cub Scouting program is designed to include parents. The purpose is to increase communication in your family, and to give your Scout the valuable experience of spending one-on-one time with you. As parents you are Akela (Ah-kay-la) - the good leader, and share this responsibility with his Den Leader. As your son progresses from Tiger Cub to Boy Scout, your involvement in his Scouting career evolves just as he does.

As Tiger Cubs, a parent must attend all meetings with their Scout, and participate in all activities. You sign the requirements in his handbook. You and the Tiger Cub Den Leader plan one month's meetings and outings. You and your Tiger Cub host the meetings (not necessarily in your home) and direct the meetings you have planned - with the assistance of the Den Leader. Tiger Cub parents also assist with Pack activities and represent the Den on the Pack committee.

The parents of Scouts in Wolf and Bear Dens are also primarily responsible for assuring that their sons complete the requirements for their rank, and sign the requirements in the Scouts' handbooks. Parents are encouraged to attend Den meetings and to assist Den Leaders with activities, chaperoning field trips, arranging special events, and representing the Den on the Pack committee.

The parents of Webelos Scouts become the support system for the Webelos Den Leader. As Webelos Scouts work on individual activity badges, parents serve as resources to help the Den Leader teach the skills the Scout learns in order to earn the badge. For instance, a parent who has construction experience would be the activity badge counselor for the Craftsman badge. Webelos parents also accompany the Den on camping outings, assist their son in selecting a Boy Scout troop to join, and represent the Den on the Pack committee.

In addition to assisting with Den activities, parents have a great role to play in the success of the Pack. You will see other parents serving on the Pack committee, as Den Leaders, and on committees for special events and activities. None of these functions would be a success without the participation of parents, who after all, are the "owners" of the Pack. Your sons' successful Scouting experience is directly tied to the participation of parents in the life of the Pack. While not every parent feels he or she is patient enough to be a Den Leader or organized enough to be the Treasurer, there is a role for every parent in Pack activities. Your son will appreciate the fact that you care enough about him and his Scouting experience to become involved in a committee, or Pack position.

This year you will be asked to sign up for committees that will be responsible for:

- ✓ Pack Outings (there may be a single committee to arrange these, or one committee for each outing)
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Blue and Gold Banquet - Scouting's annual birthday party in February
- ✓ Pinewood Derby
- ✓ Summertime Program - responsible for coordinating Resident Camp, the Pack campout and other summer Pack activities.

It may be the case that if not enough parents sign up to fill all the spaces available, parents will be assigned to committees. However, we doubt that this will be necessary. We are confident that all parents want to make a contribution to the Pack, so that they can demonstrate to their Scouts the importance of being part of their community.

There are many resources available to help you with your committee activities, including training, available from the Pack and from the council.

The Pack participates with the Middle TN Council Family Friends of Scouting. Our District Executive will present this program at a Pack Meeting.

You want your son to get as much out of Scouting as is possible. A healthy Pack is one which offers Scouts many opportunities. Parents are the key to a successful Pack.

Pack Budget and Finances

We are able to present opportunities for activities, camping and outings because we succeed at fund raising through the participation of Scouts and parents.

Because of Bank Charges to the Pack, all returned checks to the Pack will be charged a \$25.00 returned check fee.

It has been our history that Pack 197 is usually able to pay for many of the expenses associated with the Blue and Gold program, rank advancement badges, and neckerchiefs and slides at rank advancement picnic. In other Packs, these are typically paid for by parents. By actively participating in our fund raising activities your Scout receives the satisfaction of knowing he is paying his own way in Scouting (and saving his parent's money).

It costs the Pack about \$150 per Scout per year to provide the program, awards and other items mentioned above. Families can fulfill their portion of the budget through participating in fund raising.

We encourage you and your Scout to participate in fund raising for several reasons:
Knowing he is paying his own way increases a Scout's self esteem, and helps him learn valuable life skills, such as confidence, persuasion, and the ability to set and fulfill goals.
It relieves parents from a substantial financial commitment.
Your Scout is eligible to receive recognition success in fundraising
The Law of the Pack says "A Cub Scout helps the Pack go" - One way to do this is through fund raising.

We typically have two different types of fundraisers.

- We participate in the BSA popcorn sales, which consist of selling door to door and group selling at a local business (scheduled to be at the Wal-Mart on Rutherford Blvd.). 60% of the price of the popcorn stays with Scouting – 30% goes to Council and 30% goes to the Pack.
- We participate in the Kroger Gift Card program. The Pack earns 4% of every dollar you load on your Pack registered Kroger Gift Card.

Kroger Gift Card Program: Kroger will donate 4% of your purchases to the Pack.

Purchase a \$5.00 Kroger Gift Card from the Pack. The program only works if you get your Gift Card from the Pack. The card comes pre-loaded with \$5.00, so there is no cost to purchase. Each time you shop at a Kroger store, load money on the gift card, then use the gift card to pay for your purchases. You can use the gift card to purchase groceries, other gift cards that Kroger sells, prescriptions, and gas.

The gift card can be loaded at the register before you check-out or at customer service when you enter the store, so it only adds seconds to your shopping trip. If you're not good at estimating your purchases, you can also load the card for the exact amount of your purchase at the end of the check-out process.

Our Kroger Gift Card program has the potential to make our Pack GREAT but only if everyone participates. Here is an example of how much money the Pack could earn as part of your routine purchases:

If there are 80 families in the Pack and each family spends only \$300.00 per month in Kroger purchases, the Pack will receive \$960.00 per month or **\$11,520.00** per year.

Budget

Available upon request from the Committee Chair.

Scout Accounts

Scout Accounts are for registered Scouts of Pack 197. Funds from the Scout Account may only be disbursed for the purpose of defraying scouting expenses. These accounts are not true bank accounts with a bank, but are entries per scout in an accounting spreadsheet (i.e. Excel or similar). No interest is earned on these accounts. The money is in a Pack 197 bank account and is property of Pack 197. If a scout leaves the Pack and there is money left in his account, then the money remains with Pack 197. Below are the rules for deposits and withdrawals from Scout Accounts:

Policies for deposits into Scout Accounts:

1. Popcorn - In order to receive any funds from Popcorn sales, the boy must participate in a minimum of two hours of an official Popcorn Show and Sell. The boy's account will receive 25% commission on the sale of Popcorn after the first \$300 in sales.
2. Kroger Gift Card Reloads – The boy's account will receive 2% of the reload. This amount is subject to change based on the financial condition of the Pack.
3. Deposit - A scout or his parents may make direct deposits to the scout account. They should do so only in complete acceptance of these policies

Policies for withdrawing money from Scout Accounts:

1. Scout Accounts can only be used for Council, District, Pack, Class B Uniform, www.scoutstuff.org, and BSA Scout Shop expenses. Examples of these expenses are: re-charter, advancement (Belt Loops, Webelos Activity Pins, and patches), Cub and Family,

Cub Scout Day Camp, and Resident Camp. The Pack Committee has the final say to what the Scout Account can be used for.

2. Reimbursements will only be made with proper receipts and the official Pack 197 Scout Account form.
3. Requests for reimbursement will be turned in at the Committee Meeting and checks will be available at the Pack Meeting.
4. For Advancement/Awards to be passed out at Pack Meeting, the official Pack 197 Scout Account Debit/Credit form must be submitted by the Committee Meeting.

Policies for Scout Accounts

1. Scout Accounts can never have a negative balance.
2. Any money owed to the Pack will automatically be deducted from the Scout Account.
3. The Pack Committee has the final say on all Scout Accounts.
4. When a boy leaves the Pack or does not re-charter, the Scout Account is closed and all funds immediately transfer to the Pack. If the boy returns to the Pack, the old Scout Account does not return to the boy, it has been forfeited.
5. No reimbursement will be made without a detailed receipt attached to the Pack 197 Scout Account Debit/Credit form.
6. Only current expenses (within the past 60 days) are eligible for reimbursements. No past expenses will be reimbursed.
7. Scout Accounts are the property of the Pack.
8. These policies may be amended anytime by the Pack Committee.

Annual Re-Charter

Every November re-charter fees are due from all scouts. This fee will register your son as a Cub Scout for the next year. If you just joined in the fall, you were only charged a prorated portion of this fee. We will collect these from the November Pack meeting to the December Pack meeting. The fees are \$45.00 per year for the first Scout in a family and \$33.00 per year for each additional Scout in the same family. Please plan this expense into your family budget. The registration fee for an adult leader is \$16.00 per year. These fees are subject to change by the Middle Tennessee Council BSA.

Uniforms

The uniform is one of the methods of Cub Scouting mentioned previously. The first thing a new Scout asks his parent is often "How soon can I get my uniform?" It is one of the things that attracts him to Scouting and he wants the feeling of belonging it gives him.

The uniform makes us all feel part of the group. It erases any differences between us - in uniform we are all Scouts and Scouters, regardless of financial situation, religious persuasion, age, gender or race.

The uniform shirt is the only place on which Cub Scouts may properly display rank advancement. As such, it constitutes the minimum necessary purchase for a Scout uniform. Tiger Cubs (1st grade), Wolves (2nd grade) and Bears (3rd grade) wear a blue uniform shirt. Webelos (4th and 5th grade) wear either the blue shirt or a khaki shirt, depending on his Den's

preference (if you are purchasing your first shirt as a Webelos, please consult your Den Leader). All Scouts wear a neckerchief under the collar. Tigers wear orange, Wolves yellow, Bears a light blue one and Webelos a special plaid neckerchief. A neckerchief requires a slide (that are available by rank) to keep it in place.

Belts and hats are also purchased by rank.

It is required that shirts be tucked into pants or shorts.

Scouts are strongly discouraged from wearing sweat pants or cotton knit pants with their uniform shirt. Blue jeans, navy or khaki pants or shorts, or Scout pants (optional) are all considered acceptable with the Class A uniform.

Insignia

Insignia are the 'patches' affixed to a uniform that indicate membership, rank and advancement. Membership insignia are purchased with the uniform and affixed by the Scout and his family. Rank insignia are purchased by the Pack and presented to Scouts at Pack meetings or Blue and Gold. These are subsequently attached to the uniform to show the Scout's advancement progress.

Membership insignia consists of the following items:

- Council Shoulder Patch - Shows that we are part of the Middle Tennessee Council.
- Red Unit numerals (197) - Our Pack number.
- World Crest - Stands for our membership in the world fellowship of Scouting.
- Den numeral - Shows the Scout's Den number. Webelos may also wear a Patrol name patch as determined by their Den.

All of these items should be purchased when purchasing a uniform shirt. We do not require the uniform pants. This is considered the Class A uniform.

Scout uniforms and insignia may be purchased at (**please call to confirm days and hours**):

Murfreesboro Scout Shop
(located inside Haynes' Hardware)
1807 Memorial Blvd
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
(615) 867-4690
Tuesday - Friday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Nashville Scout Shop
3414 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215
(615) 383-0753
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location of insignia on the uniform shirt: The Uniform Inspection form shows where the patches belong on the uniform shirt - <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34282.pdf>

The Class B uniform is Pack 197 T-Shirt. This shirt may be purchased at a Pack meeting or by contacting your Den Leader.

The Class A uniform will be worn at all Pack activities unless otherwise specified.

Pack Policies 2011-2012

Pack Meetings

1. Pack Meetings are scheduled monthly during the school year.
2. Pack Meetings are family events, all family members are encouraged to attend.
3. No Scout or family member is allowed at the Pack meeting without a parent or guardian.
4. No Scout or family member is allowed in any other area of the building.
5. Parents or guardians are responsible for the conduct of their own family members at the Pack meeting.
6. Scouts must be in complete Class A uniform to receive their awards.

Leadership

1. All parents are required to lead or assist in at least one Pack activity throughout the year. If a parent does not sign up for an activity, an activity will be assigned to them. Activities may be canceled for lack of parent participation.
2. All leaders must meet eligibility requirements as determined by the Pack.
3. All Den and Pack leaders must have a background check performed before being placed in charge of any Scouts.
4. All camping activities must have 2 Baloo certified adults in attendance.
5. All Den and Pack leaders MUST complete the YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING to register as leaders with the Pack.

Leadership Meetings

1. Leader/Committee meetings are to be held at least once a month during the school year. All parents are invited to attend this meeting. Each Den must send a representative to these meetings.
2. The district holds monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the North Blvd Church of Christ. This is an opportunity to learn about what is happening in the district. <http://www.totscouting.org/roundtable-info.html>

Parent Responsibilities

1. See that he has the proper uniform and handbook;
2. Assist him in attending weekly or bi-weekly Den Meetings and monthly Pack meetings;
3. Work with him to complete achievements for his rank award;
4. Return information forms, dues 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.

Pack Leadership – Contact information is available on the web site

Pack Committee Chair	Mindi Bell (2012)
Pack Committee Members	
Activities	OPEN
Advancement	Tim Burns (2013)
Barfield Clean-up	Diana Burns (2015)
Blue and Gold	Mindi Bell (2012)
Camping Coordinator	Chris Feagans (2013)
Charter Organization Rep	Mindi Bell
Christmas Parade	Shawn McGoldrick (2014)
Community Service	OPEN
Salvation Army Stocking Stuffing	Allison Goforth (2013)
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Ruth Arthurton (2014)
Scouting for Food	Allison Goforth (2013)
Fundraising	
Popcorn	Sue Polidan (2015)
Kroger Gift Card	Melissa Briggs (2013)
Health and Safety – Pack Nurse	OPEN
Health Forms	Sue Polidan (2015)
Membership	Tim Burns (2013)
Outings, Field Trips, and Tours	Kris Miller (2012)
Pack Trainer	OPEN
Parent Coordinator	OPEN
Pinewood Derby	Shawn McGoldrick (2014)
Public Relations	OPEN
Raingutter Regatta	Shawn McGoldrick (2014)
Rank Advancement Picnic	Ami McFerrin (2014)
Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	Tim Burns (2013)
Webmaster	Larry Arthurton (2014)
Cubmaster	Tirra Hargrow (2014)
Assistant Cubmaster	Marty Bell (2012) Chris Feagans (2013) David Wetter (2013)
Den Leaders	
Tiger Den 1	Mike Puckett
Tiger Den 1 Assistant	OPEN
Tiger Den 2	OPEN
Tiger Den 2 Assistant	OPEN
Tiger Den 3	OPEN
Tiger Den 3 Assistant	OPEN

Wolf Den 1	Sue Polidan
Wolf Den 1 Assistant	Jennifer Smith
Wolf Den 2	Rebecca Duke
Wolf Den 2 Assistant	OPEN
Bear Den 1	Adam Augustine
Bear Den 1 Assistant	Shawn McGoldrick
Bear Den 2	Bryan Jaynes
Bear Den 2 Assistant	Karl Hammers
Bear Den 2 Assistant	Tirra Hargrow
Bear Den 3	Jay Parr
Bear Den 3 Assistant	Freddie Snell
Webelos I Den 1	Melissa Briggs
Webelos I Den 1 Assistant	OPEN
Webelos I Den 2	Mike Puckett
Webelos I Den 2 Assistant	Kevin Greene
Webelos I Den 2 Assistant	David Wetter
Webelos II Den 1	Kris Miller
Webelos II Den 1 Assistant	Linda Mercer
Webelos II Den 2	Bill Crowley
Webelos II Den 2 Assistant	OPEN
Webelos II Den 3	Kim Wilder
Webelos II Den 3 Assistant	OPEN

Most leaders in Cub Scouts will cross over to Boy Scouts when their son does. The year next to each leader's name lists the year their son will leave Cub Scouts. It would be helpful if you would train with the person before they leave the position.

There is a Pack Leadership Job Description document available on the website that contains an overview of each position. Please contact the Committee Chair to volunteer for any position.

Activities

Barfield Elementary Clean-up

Late summer we will spend the day cleaning up Barfield Elementary School. Barfield is our charter organization and this is our way to say Thank You to the school for allowing us to use their facilities.

Raingutter Regatta

The Raingutter Regatta is a boat race. Each scout will have the opportunity to race his boat by blowing on the mast to make it flow down the gutter. This event is usually held in late August or early September. The boats may be purchased at the scout shop. Rules can be found on the Pack website

Popcorn Show and Sell

Popcorn selling is an important fund raiser for Scouting. We are scheduled to setup outside the Wal-Mart on Rutherford Blvd for three weekends to sell popcorn. This is in addition to the popcorn selling that each scout is expected to do.

MTSU Football Scout Saturday

MTSU normally has a Scout Saturday Football Game. In years past, the boys have been allowed on the field to make tunnel for the players to run through. Discounted tickets are available for the game.

Cub and Family

This is district wide gathering of Cub Scout Packs which occurs in the Spring (April) and Fall (October). This event is normally held at Camp Boxwell. You can come for the day on Saturday or you can camp out overnight. Registration is required through your Den.

Fall Harvest Party

This is a fall activity and campout (optional). This is normally held on a Saturday afternoon in late October

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

One day (normally Saturday morning in December) the Pack will setup outside the Kroger on HWY 231 to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Please wear your Class B uniform shirt.

Salvation Army Stockings

Each year the Pack collects personal hygiene items and activity books to assemble into stockings for less fortunate senior citizens. You can be saving items all year long and bring them to the October and November Pack meetings. When you travel, please save your extra hotel soaps and shampoos for the stockings.

Barfield Elementary Angel Tree

Barfield Elementary prepares a list of children at the school that are less fortunate. The Pack takes a couple of the Angels and the boys donate gifts for the Angel at the November Pack meeting.

Murfreesboro Christmas Parade

Pack 197 participates in the Murfreesboro Christmas parade. We will build a float (normally late November or early December) and all boys dress in their Class A uniforms to walk in the parade. Each boy is asked to bring at least one bag of individually wrapped candy to pass out along the parade route.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is a wooden car race. Each scout will build the car with the help of their parents. This event is normally held in January. The car must be built from an Official BSA kit and must be new each year.

The winners at the Pack level have earned the opportunity to race their car again at the District Pinewood Derby normally held at the Spring Cub and Family.

Scouting for Food

The scouts spend the day collecting food for a food bank.

Blue and Gold Banquet

The Blue and Gold Banquet is held in February each year. This banquet marks the "Birthday of Scouting". This is a formal event for the Pack in that there will be a special meal followed by a special Awards Ceremony. It is at this banquet that the scouts receive their Rank Badge (if they have completed the necessary requirements). This event is for the entire family, including parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.

We helped the Pack GO Award Event

This is an award trip for participating in Pack service projects and fundraising. Please see the website for specific requirements. The only way to go on this trip is by participating in the required events. The scout must be in good standing with the Pack to attend the event.

Rank Advancement Picnic

This is the end of the year celebration. This event is normally held on a Saturday in mid May. In years past we have had a Picnic and inflatables. The entire family is invited to attend. This is the last opportunity for a boy to earn an award in his current rank. This is the graduation to the next rank.

Flag Placement at Stones River Battlefield

This event takes place on the Saturday morning before Memorial Day. The boys must wear their Class A uniforms. The boys will place flags at the graves at the Stones River Battlefield.

Cub Scout Day Camp

This is a wonderful opportunity for the boys to earn awards and learn new skills. This is a week long day camp held at Barfield Park in early June (normally the first full week of June). Registration through the council is required and normally starts in early March.

Resident Camp

This is a three day overnight camp at Boxwell. There are camps designed for Webelos and younger boys (Wolf and Bear). The parent will participate with the boy.

Registration through the council is required and normally starts in early March.

Other Summer Activities

The Pack will have activities each month throughout the summer. We try to find events that are little to no cost. Please check the Pack website for a list of activities.

Other Information

The Cub Scout Promise

I 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”

Boxwell Scout Reservation/Gaylord Cub World

Cub and Family weekends are normally held at Camp Boxwell.

Gaylord Cub World at Boxwell Scout Reservation introduces boys of all ages to hiking, exploring and the importance of conserving our natural resources.

Boxwell Reservation

(615) 383-9724

1260 Creighton Lane

Lebanon, TN 37087

Located on State Hwy 109 about five miles south of Gallatin

Online Resources

Pack 197 Website – www.BarfieldPack197.com

National Boy Scouts of America Council – www.scouting.org

Middle TN Council – www.mtcbsa.org

Trail of Tears District – www.totscouting.org

Boys Life Magazine – www.boyslife.org

Scouting Magazine – Leaders – www.scoutingmagazine.org

Camp Boxwell - <http://www.mtcbsa.org/Youth/scout/camping/boxwell.html>

Health Forms - <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

Official Training Website

Youth Protection Information

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Youth Protection and Leader Training

<https://myscouting.scouting.org>

Other Useful Websites

www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply/

www.boyscouttrail.com

www.scouters.com

www.usscouts.org

www.insanescouter.com

www.scoutingthenet.com

www.praypub.org (God and Me / God and Country)

<http://www.madsenco.com/scouting.shtml> (advancement tracker)

<http://trax.boy-scouts.net/cubtrax.htm> (advancement tracker)

www.sageventure.com/history/cub (history)