

# Information for New Cub Scouts

Welcome to Pack 318! We're sure you'll find Scouting to be fun and rewarding. We hope this guide will also help make it easy.

**Required Forms:** *(included in this packet)*

- 1) Cub Scout Application
- 2) Class 1 Personal Health History *(on the back of the Cub Scout Application)*
- 3) Emergency Consent for Minors *(please make it valid for at least one year)*
- 4) Pack 318 Parental Photo Consent
- 5) Driver and Vehicle Information
- 6) Parents skill and resource survey

**Den Arrangement:**

Our pack is organized by Dens. Each Den has 5 to 10 boys of similar grade level. Dens are led by at least 1 adult parent volunteer. Dens are a great way for boys to make and stay in touch with friends that may last well into high school. Boys may join at any grade.

For boys that will be starting First Grade in September, we have a Tiger Den contact person who will act as Den Leader during the summer. Since there are no den specific activities during the summer, this person will facilitate communications with the new families.

**Scout Supplies:**

There are some basic supplies which you must purchase for your new cub scout. These are usually purchased at the Scout Shop, 970 West Julian Street. Warn your new cub before you take him to the scout shop that you are not going to buy everything that has a Cub Scout logo on it. It is possible to get out of the shop having spent less than \$50 if you set expectations up front.

<b>Tiger Cub (first grade)</b>	<b>Cub Scout (2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)</b>	<b>Webelos (4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> grade)</b>
Tiger Cub Handbook	Wolf / Bear Handbook	Webelos Handbook
Blue uniform shirt	Blue uniform shirt	Khaki uniform shirt
Tiger Cub cap	Wolf / Bear cap	Webelos cap
Tiger Cub neckerchief	Wolf / Bear neckerchief	Webelos neckerchief
Tiger Cub neckerchief slide	Cub Scout neckerchief slide	Webelos neckerchief slide
World Crest emblem	Den numerals	Den patch
Council shoulder patch	World Crest emblem	World Crest emblem
[Pack numbers will be provided]	Council shoulder patch	Council shoulder patch
		Blue shoulder loops
		Webelos colors
<b>OPTIONAL</b>	<b>OPTIONAL</b>	<b>OPTIONAL</b>
Tiger Cub web belt with buckle	Cub Scout web belt with buckle	Blue web belt with Webelos buckle

## Fees:

The registration fee for a new cub scout is \$60.00. This is payable when you turn in your Cub Scout Application. If you have elected to receive "Boy's Life" (*the monthly Boy Scout Magazine*) then please add \$12.00 for a total of \$72.00. Next year the registration fee for returning scouts will be \$50. Please make your check out to: "**Pack 318, BSA**".

Your Den Leader may occasionally ask for "Den Dues". These are small contributions to offset the cost of craft materials.

## "Semi-Optional" Forms:

Our pack is insured through the Santa Clara County Council of Boy Scouts of America. In order to be covered by this insurance, a list of all drivers and vehicles used for each special event or camping trip must be included with the Tour Permit that the pack files before every event. *This is true even if you only drive your own family members to the pack event.*

Please help us maintain our event insurance by filling out the **Pack 318 Driver and Vehicle Information Form**.

Are you a Red Cross trainer? Do you play a musical instrument? Do you have a hobby that you could share or demonstrate for the scouts? Please fill out our **Parents Skill & Resource Survey** to help us identify the people who can help us give our boys a very special, interesting and broad program.

## Pack 318 Information:

We try hard to make information available on our pack web site. Please take a look at [www.pack318.com](http://www.pack318.com).

You can send e-mail to the Cubmaster at [Cubmaster@pack318.com](mailto:Cubmaster@pack318.com), and you can reach the Committee Chair at [Chairman@pack318.com](mailto:Chairman@pack318.com).

When we receive your Cub Scout Application, your e-mail will be added to our Pack318 yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CubPack318/> and it's group e-mail list. We send activity announcements and occasional notices of last minute changes.

If you do not have email access, or do not check your email on a regular basis, we can accommodate you with calls from your den leader.

## Scholarships:

We do not want financial hardships to stand in the way of any boy joining our pack. If you need help paying your registration fee, or getting a uniform and book, please tell the Cubmaster or Committee Chair.

### **Pack Meetings:**

Our pack meetings generally fall on the last Thursday of each month, September – June. Gathering time and raffle begin at 6:45, and the meeting opens at 7:00 pm. We try very hard to end all pack meetings by 8:00. The December pack meeting is generally mid month. Pack meetings are usually held at Bagby Elementary School.

### **Volunteering:**

Pack 318 has many uniformed leaders. These parent volunteers have been registered and screened by Boy Scouts of America. They have also taken training courses, including Youth Protection, offered by our local council.

Not all our volunteers wear uniforms. We ask all our parents to volunteer at least once during the year. We are a busy pack, and there are lots of ways you can support the boys: Help run a meeting, help run or coordinate a special event, do shopping for food or supplies, open your garage for construction projects, invite the den to meet in your home, etc.

The Committee Chair and the Cubmaster want to make sure you have the tools, training, and information you need to be successful and have fun as a volunteer helper or volunteer leader. Also, please talk to one of these three people if you are willing to fill one of the openings we have for uniformed leaders. We'll be happy to help you get going.

### **Siblings and extended family:**

Your whole family is always invited to Pack 318 functions! Make sure to invite friends and extended family to pack meetings when your son has earned an award.

We always try to include younger siblings (boys and girls) in our activities where possible. They can play cub games, work on the crafts, attend special events, and also work on achievements and advancement. We even have a parents and siblings race during our Pinewood Derby event!

### **ONE FINAL WORD:**

Your son *will* make good friends in Pack 318. I'm positive this will be true. But he can also "jump start" the process by inviting a friend to join along with him! In fact, if he does invite a friend who joins the pack, then your son will earn a "recruiter badge" which he can wear on his uniform for the remainder of his time in cub scouting!

***Welcome to Pack 318!***