

## CUB SCOUT PACK 5 PARENT GUIDE/ 2011-12

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 5. Pack 5 was established in 1948. St. Anthony of Padua Church sponsors us. We belong to the Matinecock District in Suffolk County <http://www.sccbsa.org/>. Our Pack Website is [www.pack-5.org](http://www.pack-5.org) and is maintained by our Pack Website Manager, Kevin Armstrong. Our Cubmaster is Kevin Klein. Mark Gaudio is our Pack Treasurer. Chris Coronese is our Committee Chairperson. Our Religious Emblem Coordinator is Susan Whitcomb and Shelia Rutiagliano is our Popcorn Chairperson.

If you are new to Cub Scouting, you will discover that its purpose is to work with the parents and families in developing our children's character. We encourage sportsmanship and pride, and teach the boys the value of service to their Church and community. We try to teach the scouts how to do their best and provide fun and exciting activities for them. We are looking forward to a fun filled calendar of events, including the traditional Pinewood and Soapbox Derbies, and a pack overnight trip and day trip. This guide is written with the hope of explaining some things so that parents can better understand how Pack 5 operates.

### Parental Involvement

In registering your son in scouting, you must also make your own commitment of time and talent to make scouting work for all of us. Pack 5 cannot operate without your help. ALL parents are required to participate in *at least* one Pack night and event during the year. **There are several key positions that need filling each year.** You will be asked to become actively involved with your son's den - go through their Scout Handbook with them and work on achievements and electives at home. **To have a successful scouting program, we need your involvement.**

### Den Meetings

Most Dens have meetings twice a month after school or on the weekend. When the den meets will depend on the leader's availability. Your son's Den Leader will give you a calendar of their activities for the year. Please save the listing to refer to throughout the year. RSVPs are required for certain Scout activities. Please cooperate by responding in a timely fashion, so as not to preclude your son from any event. **All our Leaders are volunteers. Please help them run a successful program for the boys by assisting them in any way that you can.**

### Fundraising

We participate in the Council Popcorn Sale. **ALL** scouts should participate, as this is our only fundraiser of the year. The money raised goes back to the boys in the way of advancement, programs, and supplies for Pack events not covered by registration fees. Prizes and patches are available based on sales totals.

### Committee/Pack Night Planning Meetings

**All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings.** We typically meet once a month at 7:30 pm. We review the plans for the upcoming Pack events and Pack Nights, go over any problems or questions, and discuss finances and goals. If you want to know what is going on in the Pack, this is the place to find out, or to share your own ideas.

### Pack Nights

The meetings will begin at 7:15 p.m. promptly. We ask that boys arrive by 7:00 p.m. There may be a gathering activity at this time. We meet in the East Northport campus school gym (unless otherwise noted on the calendar). We try to end Pack meetings between 8:30pm and 8:45p.m. Pack Nights are about the scouts being recognized for their achievements and about the parents and their children having FUN together! We work hard to make Pack nights something that the boys and their families really look forward to.

Siblings are welcome only if under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. Cub Scout insurance only covers the scouts themselves and not siblings.

**Absolutely no drop offs**, if there is a special circumstances please communicate with the Cubmaster for approval as another parent will have to act as guardian for the evening. Parents are responsible for their boys behavior at pack night, a leader should not be expected to maintain the proper behavior of every boy in the den. It is impossible without your help.

### Dues and Registration

The registration fee is \$40 per year and is due in September at Registration. This amount covers Suffolk County Council's registration fee and insurance (\$15), Boys Life magazine (\$12). The balance goes toward the Christmas party, Pinewood Derby kits, T-shirt, advancement (emblems, patches, pins), and all other necessary Pack supplies. Dens also collect money for dues typically about \$3 per meeting. This amount is used for individual den activities. Special outings (Overnight, sporting events, etc) are extra and may be subsidized by the pack. Scouting is a wonderful experience. Financial circumstances should not be a reason to exclude your child from participation. Please see the Cubmaster or Committee Chair privately to discuss alternatives if necessary.

### Uniforms

The Cub Scout and Webelos uniform help build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the full uniform to all Den and Pack meetings and activities encourages good behavior and a neat appearance. **No blue jeans, please.** Be sure all emblems are on the uniform and properly placed. It is an ongoing tradition of Pack 5 to pass on the scout neckerchief at Graduation. **Neckerchiefs are the property of the Pack and, as such, must be returned.** Pack 5 prides itself on being properly uniformed, please come to events prepared. The pack t-shirt is the only Class B uniform. Hats are for outside activities and not necessary at pack night.

### Pack History

We try to document the Packs activities and the boys' growth throughout their years with us. Please forward any copies of photos or news items to Kevin Armstrong (our Pack Website Manager) throughout the year at [karmstrong@spbenefits.com](mailto:karmstrong@spbenefits.com) (please send them as jpg. Files 50k or 60k)

We are proud of Cub Scouting and what it offers to young people and their families. We thank you for being a part of our Pack and hope you and your son will enjoy your years with us.

Sincerely Yours in Scouting,

The Pack Committee