



See Where Scouting Takes You.

Pack 442 Parent Information Guide
Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting!



Welcome to Cub Scouts and Pack 442!

Welcome to Cub Scouting, part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). We are Pack 442 and we have approximately 50 Cub Scouts. Pack 442 consists of children from Lakeway Elementary and Serene Hills Elementary and Rough Hollow Elementary plus private schools. We welcome children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our Pack is sponsored by The Lakeway Church.

We are glad you chose to join our Pack and look forward to watching your young Scout grow and develop as an individual, as a family member, as a citizen and a leader in the community. Now let's have some fun!!!!

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Why Join Cub Scouting?

Your time is valuable. More than ever, today's families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your child to do together.

Make memories with your child that will last a lifetime.

Your child needs to belong to a group of children their own age. Through this sense of belonging, they build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, physical and mental fitness, and leadership development. The Boy Scouts of America have been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.



The **Scouting** program has **four** specific **objectives**, commonly referred to as the "**Aims of Scouting**". They are:

1. Character Development
2. Citizenship Training
3. Physical and Mental Fitness
4. Leadership Development

In addition to the "Aims of Scouting," are the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Our Motto is: "*Do Your Best*"

Scout Oath. On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the **Scout Law**; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

There are **12** principles a Boy **Scout** lives by which is actually considered the **Scout Law**. "A **Scout** is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. We all know that children don't join Cub Scouting just to get their character built. Children join Scouting because it is **FUN!**

How is Cub Scouting Organized?



<p>Dens A small group of Cub Scouts who are the same gender and in the same grade. The ideal size is 6 to 10 Cub Scouts.</p>	<p>Pack The pack is made up of all the dens. The make-up and size of the pack varies based on local interest and resources. Each pack is identified by a number. Our Pack number is 442.</p>	<p>Pack Committee Made up of parent leaders. The pack committee works to support den leaders and the cubmaster.</p>	<p>Chartered Organization This is the organization that partners with the Boy Scouts of America to deliver a Scouting program. They adopt Scouting to serve the youth in the community. Our Chartered Organization is Lakeway Church.</p>
<p>Den Leaders An adult, usually a parent, serves as a Den Leader. They carry out the activities related to adventures as they are presented in the Cub Scout's handbook and the Den Leader Guide</p>	<p>Cubmaster The leader of the pack meeting is the Cubmaster. In addition to serving as the master of ceremonies, the Cubmaster, Brent Walters provides support to Den Leaders.</p>	<p>Pack Committee Chair The top volunteer in the pack is the Pack Committee Chair. They are responsible for ensuring enough qualified adult volunteers are in place to provide the program. They lead the pack committee meetings. The Pack Committee Chair is Mara Schneider.</p>	<p>Chartered Organization Representative This person appoints the Pack Committee Chair and approves all adult leaders. They provide resources from the chartered organization. Our Representative is John Doggett.</p>

Dens

Each scout starts as a member of a Den but is a part of a much larger network of scouts that will support their growth and development throughout their scouting adventures. Members who join Cub Scouts are assigned to a Den based upon their grade in school which defines which rank they will work towards. They need not have earned the previous rank in order to earn the next. Each of the ranks in Cub Scouting has its own requirements that are age appropriate. As a Cub Scout advances through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging, to match the new skills and abilities they have learned.



First graders, and anyone beyond that grade who is new to Cub Scouting, completes the Bobcat Badge prior to working on their grade-specific badge of rank.

REQUIRED ADVENTURES FOR CUB SCOUT BADGES OF RANK

Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	Webelos 4 th grade and continues until the Scout joins a Troop	
Lion's Honor	Games Tigers Play	Call of the Wild	Baloo The Builder	Cast Iron Chef	Building a Better World
Animal Kingdom	My Tiger Jungle	Council Fire	Bear Claws	Duty to God and You	Duty to God in Action
Mountain Lion	Team Tiger	Duty to God Footsteps	Bear Necessities	First Responder	Outdoor Adventurer
King of the Jungle	Tiger Bites	Howling at the Moon	Fellowship and Duty to God	Stronger, Faster, Higher	Scouting Adventure
Fun on the Run	Tiger Circles: Duty to God	Paws on the Path	Fur, Feathers, and Ferns	Webelos Walkabout	Elective
	Tigers in the Wild	Running with the Pack	Paws for Action	Elective	
	Elective	Elective	Elective		

Den Meetings

The Den typically meets monthly and the schedule is set by the Den Leader. Den meeting activities are planned around the monthly requirement/theme and include games, handicrafts, hikes, volunteering and other outdoor fun. Each Den is led by a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader. Den Leaders are trained parent volunteers. A Parent needs to attend with their Scout for the Lion, Tiger and Wolf Rank. The Den Leader is your first point of contact for information and questions. Most of the information regarding the Den/Pack/Events etc....will come from your Den Leader.

Pack

All Dens meet monthly as a Pack - All Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend. Pack meetings have fun programs, games, skits, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the Scouts have earned that month.

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. The Cubmaster (aka 'Akela') is an adult volunteer who serves as master of ceremonies at all Pack activities. The Cubmaster will have an Assistant Cubmaster (aka 'Baloo') to help at these functions.



Pack Activities

In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors certain special projects. These include community projects (e.g., a Christmas Drive for the needy, Scouting for Food to help fill the local food bank), outdoor activities (e.g., family campouts twice a year, etc.), fund raising activities, and fun competitions (e.g., Pinewood Derby, RainGutter Regatta).

The Pack Committee (group of parent volunteers)

Much like other community organizations you or your child are a part of, the Pack is organized and ran by a group of dedicated volunteers. The pack committee supports the den leaders and Cubmaster of the pack so they can focus on working directly with the youth in the pack. Most of these leaders are parents of Scouts in the pack. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.

- The committee meets once a month.
- The committee plans pack meetings around the monthly theme/project/event.
- The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and has fun!
- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

Scouting Beyond the Pack

Bee Cave District

<http://www.beecavedistrict.org/>

To provide more localized support to scouting, councils create districts that group together Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, and Venturing Crews in a geographic area. Districts have a volunteer District Committee that provides support to units in the areas of membership, finance, and program. In addition, our Unit Commissioner is a volunteer who works directly with the Cubmaster, Committee Chair, and Committee to guide and support our Pack. Some of the support Bee Cave District offers our Pack are:



Monthly Roundtable – The Bee Cave District Roundtable takes place on the second Thursday of every month and is held at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm, but come early to share in our monthly cracker barrel. Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 7127 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746 near the intersection with Barton Creek Boulevard.

Monthly Newsletter – Get important updates, Scout activities, and updated news about Scouting delivered to you every month. Go to: [Bee Cave District August Newsletter](#)

Events – the District hosts different events that are open to Cub Scouts, such as camporees, overnights, Rocket Day and District Pinewood Derby and more.

Capital Area Council

<http://www.bsacac.org/>

Here you can find out anything and everything you want to know regarding Boy Scouts of America. The Council oversees our Bee Cave District. The Capital Area Council provides links to training for new leaders and parents. All new leaders will be required to take a Youth Protection Training in order to work directly with the Scouts. In order to take a training you'll need to set up an account on www.myscouting.org.

Each month around the 15th, we send an e-newsletter that contains news, event sign-ups, training sign-ups, and other information pertaining only to those in Cub Scouting. To get it, all you need to do is opt into the e-newsletter's mailing list. You can do this by clicking the button below and filling in the short form on the landing page (if you would rather copy a URL into a new browser window, please visit <https://lp.constantcontact.com/su/jRenj2Q/CubNewsletter>).

[CLICK HERE to get the opt-in form for the e-newsletter](#)

Pack Calendar

Our Pack has a number of great activities planned throughout the year for our Cub Scouts.

This is just an overview, therefore, please refer to the Pack Calendar for details on dates and times. We may add additional activities as the program year gets underway. Those additional activities are usually put on by the Bee Cave District.

September

- Pack Meeting
- Spirit Night – CraigO's

October

- Houston Space Center Overnight
- District Rocket Day
- Pack Meeting

November

- Fall Campout
- Pack Meeting – Rain Gutter Regatta

December

- Brown Santa
- Pack Meeting – Gift Exchange and Food Drive

January

- Pack Meeting – Pinewood Derby

February

- Pack Committee Meeting
- Texas State Aquarium Overnight
- Pack Meeting – Blue and Gold Banquet with AOL ceremony

March

- Pack Meeting – Bike Rodeo

April

- Soap Box Derby
- Spring Campout with Crossover

Pack 442 will also have activities planned for the Summer as a way to keep the kids focused on Scouts while school is not in session. The summer calendar is put together and distributed in April. If your child attends one event per month June, July and August they will receive a Summertime Pin Award.

Pack Dues

When compared to the cost of sports and many other activities, there is no doubt that Scouting delivers great value to its members! In addition to the Pack dues, there are one-time uniform costs.

The Pack 442 dues of \$225 for new Scouts and \$175.00 for returning Scouts.

Pack cost per Scout

Registration Fee paid to Council is \$72.00 (Paid to Council \$72.00 existing members and \$97.00 for new members, Boy's Life Magazine \$12.00, Insurance \$1.00)

Advancement (loops, pins)	\$15.00
Neckerchief*	\$10.00
Slide*	\$6.00
Patches	\$5.00
Class B T-shirt	\$10.00
Pinewood Derby car kit	\$4.00
Rocket	\$5.00
Raingutter Regatta kit	\$5.00
Events (B&G Banquet, Last Pack Meeting Entertainment)	\$15.00
Camping cost per scout (campsite fees)	\$15.00

*The neckerchief and slide for the next Rank are given to each boy at Crossover in April. We do offer financial and uniform assistance.

For information on this please contact Cubmaster, Matt Kelly, mattshawnkelly@gmail.com

How do I track what my Cub Scout is working on?

We are currently switching to Scoutbook.

Scoutbook is a unit-management web application that is a one-stop shop for parents and unit leaders to record and manage the Cub Scouts Scouting experience. It provides a way to track advancements, unit activities through a calendar as well to message the leaders in your Unit.



My Involvement as a Parent

Every Pack needs to have dedicated Adult volunteers to plan and run a great Pack program. Volunteers make sure that our Cub Scouts can enjoy and learn in the program.

In order to ensure we have enough volunteers; each family will help run a Pack Event.

Below is the breakdown by Rank and the Event you will be responsible for. Please note, you are in no way limited to just helping with one event. Help and good talent is always needed. Your Den leader will serve as the Chair for the event. You'll be required to attend a planning meeting and then help run the event. There will be plenty of guidance so don't feel overwhelmed.

- Lion Den – Rain Gutter Regatta
- Tiger Den – Fall Campout
- Wolf Den – Bike Rodeo
- Bear Den – Soap Box Derby
- Web I – Spring Campout
- Arrow of Light – Pinewood Derby

Leadership Positions

Since the Pack is made up of parent volunteers, as child age out of the program, so do their parents. Therefore, we are always in succession planning mode. These are all very manageable positions that fit into almost anyone's schedule. If interested, please sign up NOW so we can get you trained.

DEN LEADER(S) and ASST DEN LEADER(S)- Leads the den at den meetings and monthly pack meeting. They are encouraged to attend the monthly Committee Meetings.

SECRETARY – Take minutes of the Pack meeting and record key items such as things needing follow-up or items for the history of the pack. Maintain an inventory of pack property. Handle correspondence for the pack.

TREASURER - Keeps all records for the pack. Including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings, pack committee meetings.

NEW MEMBER CO-ORDINATORS – Responsible for recruiting campaigns and for year-round recruitment, growth and retention for the Pack. Ensures a smooth transition of new Scouts into the unit and orientation for new parents.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR - Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

GENERAL – Do you have a special skill or talent? Check with your Den Leader or Cubmaster to see all the different ways you can help. The more help, the easier it is!

Learning About My Role - As a new parent, you may be wondering how you learn about your role and what is expected of you. Don't Worry – there are lots of opportunities for training where you can get the basics and advanced training.

Youth Protection Training (online at www.My.Scouting.org) – Every parent needs to complete Youth Protection Training if you have not yet done so.

Position Training (online at www.My.Scouting.org) – whatever role you have, the basic trainings are available online on a self-paced e-learning. These trainings give you the introduction to your role to help orientate you.

Pack Communication



We know how important it is to get information out to the Pack in a timely manner so here are the ways we communicate. Email is our primary form of communication. Most of the information you receive will come from your Den Leader. Den Leaders are your direct contact for what is going on with the Pack. Our Communications Chair, on a monthly basis will email a newsletter to remind everyone of upcoming events and/or items that require action. Our website listed below is where you can access forms. You can also find out what's going on by checking out our Facebook page.

Website: www.Lakewaycubscouts.org

Follow us on Facebook: Lakeway Cub Scouts Pack 442

Uniform and Books



Look Sharp in your Uniform! The Cub Scout uniform identifies the organization within our community. We want our scouts to wear it properly and proudly. Our Pack has two approved uniforms for each member of the pack: 1.) the Cub Scout Uniform (sometimes called a “Class A”) used during Pack and Den meetings or whenever a scout is representing our Pack and 2.) Our Pack T-Shirt (sometimes called a “Class B”) uniform used during Pack and Den outings, such as hiking and camping (where the Cub Scouts are likely to get dirty).

You can purchase the Cub Scout Uniform (Class A) from the Scout Shop or online at: (<http://www.bsacac.org/shop>). The staff in the Scout Store can help you pick out the right items and below is a list by rank. The address is 12500 North IH I-35 Austin, TX 78753.



Note that Webelos may choose to continue to wear the Blue Cub Scout uniform or buy the Tan/Olive Boy Scout uniform. This choice is helpful for growing scouts or scouts with younger brothers. The Tan/Olive Boy Scout uniform is required when bridging to Scouts BSA.

NEW MEMBER CHECKLIST FOR THE BEST SCOUTING EXPERIENCE!

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Short Sleeve Shirt (buy it large for a growing Scout)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hat – Rank appropriate
<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: (Left Shoulder) Capital Area Council, (Right Shoulder) Den # under flag (Above Left Pocket) World Scout Crest Emblem Webelos: Blue Shoulder loops and Webelos Colors for Pins	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shorts / Pants / or pair of “Switchbacks” which is a combination of pants that convert to shorts or vice versa. (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief (Lion/Tiger / Wolf / Bear/Webelos)	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief Slide (Lion/Tiger / Wolf / Bear/Webelos)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Belt Blue (Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear) (to hold belt loops!)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Handbook (Lion/ Tiger / Wolf / Bear/ Webelos)	

The Pack Number Patch will be provided by the Pack 442. Also, each new Scout will receive our Class B T-shirt.

Sewing Uniform Patches

Cub Scout uniforms seem to have lots of patches! Kids love earning and displaying their rank advancement and showing off what activities they have done. Patches can be sewn on, either by you or by the Scout Shop, or can be glued on using Badge Magic

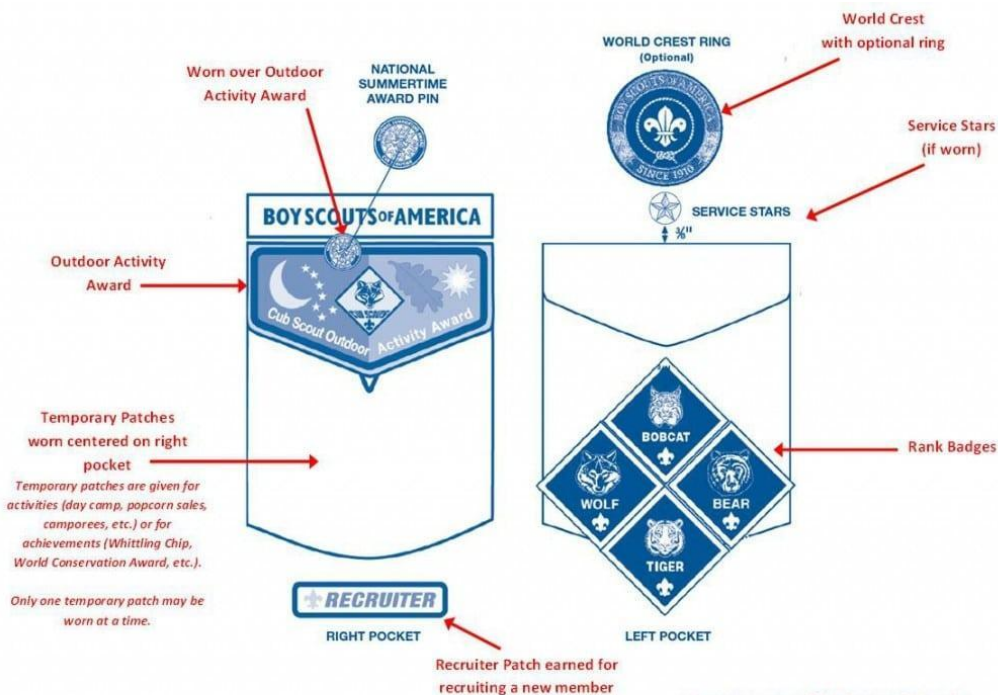
(<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2015/08/sponsored-spend-less-time-sewing-and-more-time-scouting/>)

Just be aware that Badge Magic can leave behind a residue if you remove / re-use the uniform with another Scout.



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Key Information for my Scout

My Pack is: Lakeway Pack 442

Website Address: www.Lakewaycubscouts.org

My Pack Meets at: Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall, 2203 Lakeway Blvd.

My Pack meetings are on: Our monthly Pack meetings are listed on our website Event Calendar. Meetings are usually the 3rd Monday of the month. However, some Pack meetings fall on a weekend: RainGutter Regatta, Pinewood Derby and Blue and Gold Banquet.

Pack 442 Cubmaster is: Matt Kelly 214-538-8386 mattshawnkelly@gmail.com

Pack 442 Committee Chair is: Amanda Owens 318-541-5729 amandaowens77@gmail.com

My Den Leader is: _____

My Assistant Den Leader is: _____

My Den Meets on: _____

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Required Forms to be turned in:

- Pack 442 Enrollment Form
- BSA Youth Application
- BSA Adult Application for Leader positions (Youth Protection Training Required)
- Camping: BSA Health Form Part A and B (must be filled out for every family member who camps with the Pack).
- Camping Guidelines – signature of acknowledgement

Website: www.Lakewaycubscouts.org
Follow us on Facebook: Lakeway Cub Scouts Pack 442

Pack 442 Leadership Contact Information 2022-2023

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Amy Talaber	Arrow of Light Den Leader (Den 2)	Amytalaber@gmail.com	512.217.4264
Matt Kelly	Cubmaster	mattshawnkelly@gmail.com	214.538.8386
Aaron Mills	Tiger Assistant Den Leader		
Amanda Myers	Communications Chair	swatymyers@gmail.com	773.510.7906
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