



PACK 289

PARENT HANDBOOK

Revised: August 2025

My Pack Number is: 289

My Council is: Circle 10 Council

My District is: Iron Horse

My Cubmaster is: Justin Fischbeck

E-Mail: _____

My Pack Meeting is on:

Day: 1st Friday of the Month at 7:00 PM

Location: Prosper United Methodist Church - 1801 Lanier Way, Prosper, Texas 75078

My Den is: _____

My Den Leader is: _____

E-Mail: _____

My Den Meeting is on: _____

Day: _____

Location: _____



INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for choosing to invest in your child by becoming members of Cub Scout Pack 289. We are excited to have your family join us for lots of fun and adventure. In this packet, you will find useful information that will help you navigate your first year in Scouts.

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- **Youth Application and Adult Application** — Every youth, who is a Lion or Tiger, must have an Adult Partner included on their Youth Application. Any adult leader, or adult who has more than an occasional contact with youth, or 32 or more hours of contact with youth (not including family events, like Pack meetings) is required to be registered by BSA. Please let us know if you need or would like an Adult Application.
- **Required Training information** — Every Registered Adult, adult Lion Partner, and adult Tiger Partner must complete the Youth Protection Training (YPT) and CMG Connect training and background checks. This process will take you about a couple of hours each; however, the background checks could take *up to two weeks* in some instances, so please *don't delay!*
- **Fees Information** — this is what your registration fee will cover and what it does not include.
- **Calendar of Events** — Scouting is a year-round program. We understand you won't be able to attend every event, but at least you can plan ahead
- **Family Talent Survey** — Parental involvement and Volunteering is what's going to make this pack successful. How can you Volunteer?
- **Contact information** — you're not alone, we're all in this together! and there are plenty of resources to assist us as well
- **And so much more!**

BASICS OF CUB SCOUTING

Since its beginning, the Cub Scout program has been a fun and educational experience built on instilling core values in its participants. Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical and survival skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING:

The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America:

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 Boy Scouts

Every Cub Scouting activity should help fulfill one of these purposes. Not everything in Cub Scouting has to be serious – far from it! Silly songs, energetic games, and yummy snacks all have their place in the program.



THE METHODS OF CUB SCOUTING:

To accomplish its purposes and achieve the overall goals of building character, learning citizenship, and developing personal fitness, Cub Scouting uses seven methods:

1. Living the Ideals

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout motto, and Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in scouts and the leaders who guide them.

2. Belonging to a Den

The den—a group of children who are about the same age—is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best.

3. Using Advancement

Recognition is important to youth. The advancement plan provides fun for the scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn awards, and strengthens family relationships through advancement projects.

4. Involving Family and Home

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, his family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Adult family members provide essential leadership and support to youth in the program.

5. Participating in Activities

Cub Scouts participate in an array of activities including: games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

6. Serving Home and Neighborhood

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. This helps the participants strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support their growth and development.

7. Wearing the Uniform

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating membership in the group (everyone is dressed similarly) and individual achievement (participants wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a professional appearance and a

sense of belonging.

Structure of the Cub Scout Program

- Your scout is a member of a Pack that:
 - Is made up of one or more dens.
 - Meets once a month – all Cub Scout families participate.
- The pack meeting is led by a Cubmaster with full group participation.
 - The pack meeting is a climax of the month's Den meetings and activities.
 - Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and recognition that the scouts have earned that month.
- The Pack is run by the Pack Committee that is:
 - Is made up of volunteer parents who deliver the Cub Scout Program.
 - Meets once a month.
 - Is led by a Committee Chairperson.
- The Committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, keeps advancement records and shops for badges, maintains pack equipment, and helps train leaders and support Pack Den and Webelos leaders.
- The pack is sponsored by the Chartered Organization.
 - Chartered organizations include schools, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth development.
 - Chartered organizations approve of the Pack leaders, help to secure meeting places, and ensure the standards and aim of the program and being met.

The Program

All scouts join with their current grade – there is no need to “work his way up.” A child can join at any time. All Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat Rank as an introduction to Cub Scouts.

Your child's grade in school will determine his Den (Lions, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos) within your Pack.

- ❖ Lions (Kindergarten) – Scouts will work on the Lion requirements with their parents one on one to earn their Lion Badge.
- ❖ Tigers (First Grade) – They work on the Tiger Requirements and then earn their Bobcat Badge.
- ❖ Wolves (Second Grade) – They work on their Wolf Requirements to earn their Wolf Badge.
- ❖ Bears (Third Grade) – They work on their Bear Requirements to earn their Bear Badge.
- ❖ Webelos (Fourth Grade) – They work on their Webelos Requirements to earn their Webelos Badge.
- ❖ Arrow of Light (Fifth Grade) – They work on their Arrow of Light Requirements to earn their Arrow of Light. It is a transition program between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Basic Terms

- ❖ Pack – The whole group. Packs can be sponsored by a school, church, or other group and usually involves all grades. The Pack meets once per month as a group with their families. This is where awards earned that month are given out and entire families attend.
- ❖ Den – A group of 6-8 scouts of the same grade. Dens usually meet two times per month, except for the

week of the Pack meeting, to work on badges, crafts, etc.

- ❖ Den Leader - The primary leader of your son's den. Program ideas are easily available from the Boy Scouts of America to make this the best "job" in Scouting. Den Meetings are usually set for the convenience of the Den Leader. Other parent participation is necessary for a quality program. Enjoy your involvement!
- ❖ Cubmaster – The Cubmaster leads the Pack and the Pack meetings. He or she works closely with the Committee Chair as a primary source of information for the group and will be able to answer most of your questions.
- ❖ Committee Chair – The Committee Chair runs the Pack through holding Committee meetings, planning the yearly program, and being the liaison to the chartered organization by cultivating a good relationship.
- ❖ Council – You and your child are joining the Circle Ten Council Chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. A council is a geographic area, divided into districts that provide services to local Packs.
- ❖ District – A district is a subdivision of the council and helps deliver service to Packs. Pack 289 is part of the Iron Horse district of the Circle Ten Council. You will find several district volunteers working with your Pack's leadership as well as a District Executive, who is a full-time professional Scouter.

CODE OF CONDUCT

"Character Counts" is an important scouting principle. The intent is to provide an arena demonstrating good examples of behavior, discipline, and teamwork all within a context of fun and learning. At all events and meetings, it is expected that Scouts respect their leaders, guest speakers, and other Scouts by listening, following directions, and assisting when asked.

Den and Pack leaders may at times need to verbally remind Scouts of proper behavior. Any disciplinary actions beyond that will involve the parent or guardian of the child. Recurring issues should be brought to the attention of the Cubmaster as necessary.

Dens are encouraged to discuss behavior with their Scouts. Scouts should establish rules for their den. The following is Pack 289's "Code of Conduct."

Pack 289 Cub Scout Code of Conduct

1. I will follow the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Promise to 'do my best.'
2. I will be kind and respectful to others.
3. I will keep my hands and feet to myself.
4. I will listen when others are talking and not be disruptive.
5. I will follow instructions and wait my turn.
6. I will respect the property of others.
7. I will be honest and tell the truth.
8. I will always try to be on time.
9. I will wear my Cub Scout uniform with pride.
10. I will not throw any item at others unless it is part of an organized activity.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Your child's success and learning within the Cub Scouting program is directly proportional to your involvement in their program. The local Scout program is solely run by volunteers and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. We ask that each Scout has an adult volunteer for at least one opportunity throughout the year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMITTEE POSITIONS (ONE YEAR COMMITMENT)	
CUBMASTER — Leader of the pack. Everything that the Cubmaster does is aimed at helping the individual scout.	ASSISTANT CUBMASTER — Assist the Cubmaster as needed. Be ready to fill in for the Cubmaster, if necessary.
CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER — Cub scout den leaders work directly with Cub Scouts and their guardians to execute the Cub Scouting program in the den.	PACK COMMITTEE CHAIR — The pack committee chair leads the pack committee and thus is responsible for the administration, oversight, and support of the pack program.
TREASURER — The treasurer ensures accurate financial records are kept, collects dues, and maintains balances of scouts individual funding accounts.	SECRETARY — The secretary ensures proper records are kept within the pack.
NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR — This position organizes our recruiting and is the welcoming face that helps new families get acquainted with Scouting.	ADVANCEMENT CHAIR — The advancement chair makes sure advancements are recorded in Scoutbook and prepares awards for Pack meetings.
WEBMASTER — This position helps keep the pack informed using our website and Scoutbook to communicate with everyone.	PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR — This person maintains the pack's social media pages and publishes the monthly pack newsletter.
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CHAIR — This position helps the scouts develop a love for the outdoors by organizing and leading monthly hikes and other outdoor activities like the fishing derby.	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR — This position maintains the pack's connection to the community by arranging scout nights and community service projects, as well as head the committee.
FUNDRAISING CHAIR — The fundraising chair coordinates the pack fundraisers throughout the year.	POPCORN KERNEL — This position organizes our annual fundraiser, selling popcorn.
FAMILY CAMPING COORDINATOR — This position leads the planning for our camping trip and leads the Campout Committee.	PINEWOOD DERBY COMMITTEE CHAIR — This person organizes our annual Pinewood Derby and leads the committee.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET CHAIR — This person organizes our annual Blue and Gold Banquet and heads the committee.	SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR — This person organizes our special events, such as NASA or Lexington trips.
RELIGIOUS EMBLEM COORDINATOR — This person works with Den Leaders to make resources for religious patches and awards available and keeps the pack informed of Reverent Scout events.	VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR — Maintains a list of all pack volunteers and ensures all volunteers have completed the required trainings.
QUARTERMASTER — The quartermaster maintains asset inventory list of all pack equipment, ensures storage location, and conducts an annual asset inventory.	SPECIAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN — This person is responsible for tracking and submitting the necessary paperwork for special pack awards, such as, The Summertime Activity Award.

COMMITTEES (CALLED INTO SERVICE WHENEVER THE ACTIVITY IS IN SESSION)	
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE — Aids the Outdoor Activity Chair in whatever they may need.	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE — Works together with the chair to maintain a scout presence in our community.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE — Assist the chair in organizing and running fundraisers throughout the year.	FAMILY CAMPING COMMITTEE — Works with the Family Camping Chair to organize and run the family campouts twice a year.
PINEWOOD DERBY COMMITTEE — Works with the chair to set up and run the derby once a year.	BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET COMMITTEE — Organizes and runs the Blue and Gold Banquet. Typically made up of the parents of scouts graduating into Boy Scouts.

REQUIRED VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for everyone—parents, leaders, and youth members. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and the wonderful year-round adventure your Scout is about to experience. Log onto my.scouting.org, create a “My Scouting” account and get started.

YOUTH PROTECTION

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies, and provides parents and leaders with numerous online and print resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers.

New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before submitting an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time the application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.

We encourage all parents to take the BSA's Youth Protection training.

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 Parent's Guide in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx.

YOUTH

Cost: • New Scout — \$250 /year

- \$165 due to pack in September
- \$85 paid directly online to BSA America at registration

Included in Fees:

- Registration of the Scout in the BSA
 - Pack and Circle Ten Council Registration
 - BSA & Council activity insurance
- Advancements: Patches, pins, belt loops, awards, & other wards earned.
 - Pack Activity Materials: Scout Camping, Pinewood Derby, Fishing Derby, and more.

Not Included in Fees: • Official Cub Scout Uniform

- Patches for Unit identification
- Cub Scout Camp(s) Registration
- Activity Fees charged by a venue, BSA event, or other related service provider when outside of a regularly scheduled Pack or Den meeting.

ADULT

Cost:	• \$65 / Year per adult volunteer (BSA)
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Included in Fees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of the Scout leader in the BSA • Circle Ten Council Registration • BSA & Council activity insurance • Cub Scout Youth Protection Training • Position Specific Training (Adult Leaders) — Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online Learning ○ Digital Planning Resources & Examples ○ Leader Guide for Rank
Not Included in Fees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Cub Scout Uniform & Patches for Unit identification • Pack T-Shirt • Fees Charged for Training events or Live Scan • Activity Fees charged by a venue, BSA event, or other related service provider when outside of a regularly scheduled Pack or Den meeting.

UNIFORMS



Scout Shop — <https://www.myscoutshop.org/>

5600 US Hwy 75, Fairview, TX 75069

Phone: (972) 359-9992

STAY CONNECTED

Communication is key to keeping parents informed. We have a few tools to make this happen:

- **WhatsApp** Group Chat — You will receive an invite when you provide your

Phone # • **Pack Email** — kelseydbarnes@Gmail.com

- **Facebook** — <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CfKCVjQDR/>

- **Scoutbook** — <https://scoutbook.scouting.org> | We encourage Den Leaders to utilize this for

- planning. • **Website** — <https://www.pack289.com/>

REQUIRED FORMS

BSA MEDICAL FORMS, PARTS A AND B

BSA requires that, for any and all Scouting activities, including in-person and virtual events, all participants must complete Part A and Part B (both pages). 'All participants' includes parents, guardians, siblings, youth, staff, and unit leaders, including those participating in Pack 355. A copy of each participant's medical insurance card is to be attached to their forms.

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- Current Fillable Forms:
https://www.pack289.com/files/ugd/fef7f0_aa7e1ba3aa074bb3aa1a8d24737eb93a.pdf
- Please bring a completed Med Form to all Overnight Activities

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Pack 289

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Pack Meetings @ 7:00pm
Committee Meetings @ 8:00pm

Pack Hike @ 3:00pm
Camping Event

Special Events
Pack Dues Due

Events

Date	Description
8/2/2025	Star Party Adventure
8/8/2025	Meet the Teacher Night
8/22/2025	New Parent Meeting - 6pm
8/23/2025	Mequite Rodeo Night
9/20/2025	Bike Rodeo
10/4/2025	District Cub Fun Day @ Meyer's Park
10/18/2025	Community Service Day and Camp Olympics
12/6/2025	Winterfest @ Camp Wisdom
12/13/2025	Wreaths Across America
1/10/2026	Derby Build Day
1/16/2026	USS Lexington High Adventure
1/25/2026	Derby Build Day
2/7/2026	Pinewood Derby
2/21/2026	Souperbowl Food Drive
2/21/2026	Blue and Gold Banquet
4/18/2026	Earth Day Community Service
4/24/2026	Spring Family Campout
7/11/2026	Fishing Derby

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For current event info please
see scoutbook and subscribe
to our packs calendar.