

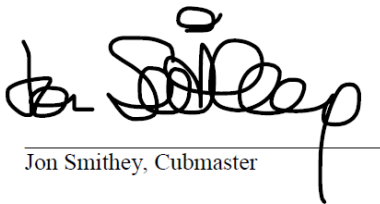
Dear Cub Scout Pack 134 Parent,

If you are new to Pack 134, welcome to our Pack! If you are a returning parent, welcome back for another year of scouting fun! We have put together the attached package of information to help answer many questions about Cub Scouting, in general, and Pack 134, in particular.

Please take the time to read through this information so you can be an informed parent. This will help your child make the most of their Cub Scouting experience. Let us know if there is any additional information you feel we should include at the outset of the new scouting year so we can provide a more comprehensive packet next year.

E-mail and telephone communication within the Pack is extremely important. We keep parents informed of activities and events using both forms of communication. It is extremely important that you provide an accurate address, phone number, and email address (if you have one) so we can keep you informed. At the end of this welcome packet you will find a talent survey and motor vehicle checklist that we also need completed and returned.

All of us look forward to a fun year ahead!



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Pack 134 has been around for a long time and has celebrated its 60th anniversary in July 2018. Pack 134 is part of the Redwood Empire Council of the Scouts BSA (<http://www.redwoodbsa.org/>). Our Pack is also part of the Pomo District (<http://pomoscouts.homestead.com/>).

We are part of the world brotherhood of Scouting that includes over 17 million members in more than 134 countries worldwide. As part of the worldwide Scouting movement, we share similar aims of character development, citizenship training, appreciation for the outdoors and physical fitness.

Pack Leadership – The Pack Committee

The Pack Committee “manages” the Pack. It is composed of adult volunteers other than Den leaders and the Cubmaster, although all adult volunteers work closely together.

Pack Leadership – Den Leaders

Webelos 2:

Webelos 1:

Bears:

Wolfs:

Tigers:

Lions:

What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouting is the program established by the Scouts BSA for kids in Grades One through Five. In Cub Scouting, children, families, and adult leaders work together to achieve these objectives:

- Influence a child’s character development and 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 a child’s ability to get along with others.
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do.
- Show them how to be helpful and do their best.
- Prepare him to be a Scout.

What are the ideals of Cub Scouting?

The Cub Scout ideals are expressed in the *Cub Scout Promise*, the *Cub Scout Law of the Pack*, and the *Cub Scout Motto*:

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.

The Cub Scout Law of the Pack:

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto:

Do Your Best.

Pack Vision

Build desirable qualities of character, train in the responsibilities of participating in citizenship, and develop personal fitness in scouts. Prepare scouts for the future by exposing them to a variety of life experiences through the pursuit of achievements in scouting. Develop a young adult that is a valuable contributor to society.

Pack Mission

Help scouts develop ethical decision making skills by using the purpose, method, and ideals of scouting as tools that provide opportunities to have fun, learn, and grow. Specifically to provide scouts a learning environment that allows them to develop skills, while having fun achieving rank, acquiring skills by completing achievements, and participating in activities such as service projects, hikes, derbies, Pack and Den meetings.

Pack Goals

1. Fill all leadership positions within the Pack.
2. Train all adult leaders.
3. Have all registered parents complete Youth Protection Training.
4. Participate in one or more of the following; Cub Scout Day Camp, Resident Camp, Family Camp, and Webelos den overnights.
5. Hold a minimum of 9 Pack Meetings a year.
6. Earn the National Summertime Pack Award by having a summer activity in June, July, and August where 50% of the scouts participate.
7. Recruit a new Tiger Cub Den during the year.
8. Conduct at least one service project per scouting year.
9. Have all scouts advance in rank during the scouting year.
10. Have all scouts subscribed to Boys Life.

11. Renew our Membership charter with more scouts than the previous year.
12. Participate in the Popcorn sale as a Pack and have all scouts sell at least one product.

The purposes of Cub Scouting

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsman and fitness
5. Family understanding
6. Respectful relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Scouts

The methods of Cub Scouting

1. The Ideals
 - The Cub Scout Promise
 - The Law of the Pack
 - The Cub Scout Motto
 - The Tiger Cub Motto
2. The Den
3. Advancement
4. Family Involvement
5. Activities

6. Home and Neighborhood Centered

7. The Uniform

HOW IS CUB SCOUTING ORGANIZED?

Cub Scouting uses terms and phrases taken from stories in *The Jungle Book*, by Rudyard Kipling. The children themselves are called Cubs, the young adults and their leaders (Cub Scout leaders are called “Akela”) are organized into small units called Dens, and the Dens are part of a larger Pack. A Pack is chartered by an organization - Pack 134 is chartered by the Santa Rosa Kiwanis Club. The Pack belongs to the Pomo District one of 6 districts in the Redwood Empire Council, headquartered in Santa Rosa.

Some additional information on Cub Scouting can be found at the BSA National Website www.scouting.org and at our council website at www.redwoodbsa.org.

Pack 134 serves the west side of Santa Rosa and specifically the Piner Olivet School District and surrounding areas.

Dens are organized by Grade, with age-appropriate programs and activities for each grade:

First Grade	Tiger
Second Grade	Wolf
Third Grade	Bear
Fourth and	Webeles
Fifth Grade	Arrow of Light

Each Den is a group of at least one, but no more than twelve, children in the same grade. Each Den is led by an adult called the Den Leader (usually but not always a den parent), who in turn is assisted by other den parents. Dens meet at times and places that each den decides. Den meetings usually take place about 2-3 times per month. Dens can meet at someone’s home, at a school, or at some other location and time determined by the den leaders and parents. Den meetings last about an hour, den parents usually rotate bringing snacks/drinks to the meeting, and the children work on various program activities, play games, and have fun.

Once a month, Pack 134 has a meeting of all the dens in the Pack. These Pack Meetings are not just for the kids, but for the parents and siblings as well. The monthly Pack Meeting usually takes place on the third Thursday of each month, starting 7 PM at Jack London School. The Pack Meeting last about an hour, and usually involves activities, games and fun, like the den meetings, but may also include songs and skits, ceremonies, and recognition awards for individual Cubs. The Pack 134’s Pack Meeting is led by the Cubmaster.

Once a month, the leaders of Pack 134 will meet as a Pack Committee. The meeting of the Pack Committee is not restricted just to the leaders, but is open to any parents in the Pack. The basic purpose of the Pack Committee is to support the den and pack leaders. The meeting times of the Pack Committee are the first Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Best Western Inn at 870 Hopper Ave.

PACK REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for the scout year is \$75 per Scout. This fee helps pay for each Cub Scout's awards, recognition items (pins, patches, etc.), National B.S.A. registration, insurance, (sometimes *Boy's Life* magazine), activity kits (Pinewood Derby), Blue and Gold banquet ticket subsidy for Cub Scouts, and a variety of miscellaneous costs that are associated with Pack activities.

FUND-RAISING – TRAIL'S END POPCORN

Our Pack budget is supplemented by the annual popcorn sale. The Scouts BSA conducts this sale nationwide through the Trail's End Company of Indiana. Our Pack participates in this sale with proceeds going to our Pack, District and Council. Over 70% of the money raised through popcorn sales goes back into Scouting.

The Pack needs the support of all of our Cub Scouts and their parents to make this fundraiser a financial success. The many varieties and reasonable prices of the popcorn, plus the good quality of the products offered, make it an easy sale to make. The kick-off is September. In addition to the usual "take-order" popcorn sale, our Pack will be participating in a "show and sell" popcorn sale. More information will be made available by our chairperson. We need every family's support to make the sale a success.

DEN DUES

Each Den leader will be collecting nominal Den dues to help support the cost of Den projects and activities throughout the year. Your Cub Scout's Den leader will clarify the exact amount, how and when it is to be paid.

SCOUT UNIFORMS: WHAT YOUR CUB SCOUT SHOULD WEAR

Proper Scout uniforms for children in Pack 134 are as follows:

TIGER, WOLF AND BEAR SCOUTS

Tiger or Cub Scout cap

Blue Cub Scout shirt

Official Cub Scout neckerchief (orange for Tigers, gold for Wolves, blue for Bears)

Cub Scout neckerchief slide or homemade slide

Blue Cub Scout belt and Cub Scout buckle

Blue pants or shorts (Jeans are Ok)

Optional official blue scout pants or shorts

WEBELOS SCOUTS

Webelos Scouts have 2 uniform options:

Option One

Blue Cub Scout shirt++

Webelos cap

Blue Cub Scout belt and Webelos belt buckle**

Plaid Webelos neckerchief and Webelos neckerchief slide or homemade slide

Blue or black pants or shorts (Jeans are Ok)

Optional official blue scout pants or shorts

Option Two

Tan (khaki) Scout shirt with blue shoulder loops++

Webelos cap

Blue Cub Scout belt with Webelos buckle**

Plaid Webelos neckerchief and Webelos neckerchief slide or homemade slide

Blue, green, or black pants or shorts (Jeans are Ok)

Optional official olive green Scout pants

++ Short sleeve shirts are recommended because the children can wear them year-round.

** Please note the Cub Scout belt loops that your child will be earning will not fit on the green Scout belt.

The Pack will provide the Handbook, Neckerchief, Neckerchief Slide, and cap.

If your child is growing out of their blue Cub Scout uniform, you may wish to consider purchasing the tan & olive green uniform for use as a Webelos Scout and which also will be worn when your child transitions into Scouts after their Webelos II year. Webelos scouts bridging to Scouts are encouraged to purchase the olive green Scout pants because they will be required to wear them in Scouts.

All Scout uniforms should have the appropriate current rank achievements, activity segments and other specific designations. See your Cub Scout's handbook for correct placement. *No patches should be sewn or placed on the back of uniform shirts.* Instead, temporary patch holders may be worn on the right pocket flap or a special patch vest or jacket may be worn.

SCOUTS SUPPLIES – WHERE TO BUY THEM

Cub and Scout uniforms, adult leader uniforms, uniform segments and a variety of scouting materials may be purchased at:

The Redwood Empire Council Scout Shop

2240 Professional Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 546-8137

National Supply, B.S.A.

1-800-323-0732 – call for a free catalog or to place orders or go online at -

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

PACK MEETINGS

Pack meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose room at Jack London Elementary. 2707 Francisco Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Pack meetings start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. Please check the [Pack Calendar](#) for other pack meeting dates. The pack meeting is for all Cub Scouts of every rank. It is a program that culminates the monthly theme on which the dens have been working.

Each Den will be assigned responsibilities for helping with specific aspects of the Pack meeting throughout the year. Your child's den will notify you when it is your den's turn to participate. Responsibilities may include, for example, setting up, cleaning up, skits, cheers and pre-meeting activities.

BECOMING A DEN LEADER AND FORMING A DEN

Many willing kids each year are unable to join Cub Scouting because an adult doesn't volunteer to be a den leader. Having a den leader for a den of Pack 134 is absolutely critical, so let's talk about what's involved.

The Duties: A den leader meets weekly for about one hour with a den of Cub Scouts. A den can have anywhere from a minimum of one to a maximum of twelve kids. The den meeting is held at a meeting place selected by the den leader. The time, place and frequency of den meetings are at the convenience of the den leader.

Support and Training: Pack 134 is committed to providing den leaders with the necessary training and support to carry out their duties. In addition to support from current leaders and online Fast Start Leader Training, there are district-wide Cub Scout training opportunities that we strongly encourage den leaders to attend. Check out the Pomo District Website at www.redwoodbsa.org or details.

It's Fun for the Leader, Too! This is absolutely the best part of being a den leader. You'll find that the den meeting time passes quickly, and that, if you let yourself, you'll end up having as much fun as the kids!

The Excuses (NOT!):

I Don't Have the Time - Time is, of course, scarce for everyone. However, Pack 134 believes in den leaders working as a team in the Pack, to share the load. The Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster and other den leaders will be there to help when you need it, and you'll find help among the other den parents. In addition, Pack 134 has a very close relationship with Scout Troop 134, and the troop will provide assistance and expertise as needed.

I Don't Know How - Unless you were a Cub Scout or Scout, or have some other Scouting experience, it is entirely likely that you don't know anything about how Scouting works. Don't let this bother you. In addition to the support and training listed above, Scouting itself, and our District and Council, have all kinds of resources to help you succeed. All you need to bring to the table is a little time and a positive "I can do this" attitude.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: THE KEY TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

One of the most critical elements of a successful Scouting experience is offering support and active parent involvement. You can make a huge difference in your child's Scouting experience when you:

GUIDE YOUR CUB SCOUT: Help them to understand and accomplish the achievements required for each rank. Show interest in and appreciation for their accomplishments and the new things they are learning.

BE SURE YOUR CUB SCOUT GETS TO EACH DEN AND PACK MEETING ON TIME: Teach your child to call their Den leader if they will be absent or late for Den meetings or cannot attend the Pack meeting.

SUPPORT YOUR DEN LEADER: Take the initiative to ask how you can help during the year.

HELP YOUR PACK - In order to successfully carry out the wide variety of activities throughout the year, we need help from *EVERY* Pack family. **WE REQUIRE THAT AN ADULT FROM EACH FAMILY WHO IS NOT ALREADY SERVING IN THE ROLE OF A DEN LEADER OR OTHER PACK LEADERSHIP ROLE**

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH AT LEAST ONE DEN OR PACK ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR. If you can help with more than one activity, that would be great! If you would like to volunteer for a specific activity such as camping, day outings, popcorn fundraiser, advancement, secretary or many other opportunities, contact the Committee Chair,

- * Blue and Gold
- * Pack Family Camp-outs (2) and Summer Picnic
- * Webelos Activities and Outing
- * Pack Hikes, Outings and Service Projects
- * Derbies (Pinewood and possibly Space, and Rain gutter)
- * Popcorn

CUB SCOUT RANKS – A BRIEF OVERVIEW

For those who are new to Scouting as well as those who need a quick refresher, the different levels of the Cub Scout experience are:

- **Tiger Cubs** – First grade Cub Scouts - A less structured, beginning introduction to Cub Scouting. All activities are with an adult partner.
- **Bobcats** – All new Cub Scouts after Tiger Cubs must achieve this rank first.
- **Wolf** - Second grade Cub Scouts.
- **Bear** - Third grade Cub Scouts.
- **Webelos I** – Fourth grade Cub Scouts.
- **Webelos II** – Fifth grade Cub Scouts.

There are Scout Handbooks for each rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos). The handbooks contain information about the various achievements and activities for each rank. Each Cub Scout will be provided their own handbook. Each parent is encouraged to familiarize themselves with the handbook. Remember that you must review the first section in each Cub Scout rank's handbook that deals with Youth Protection.

SAFE SCOUTING

As part of the Scouts BSA, we adhere to the official Guide to Safe Scouting regulations that provide direction in maintaining a safe Scouting experience for a broad range of scouting activities. The guideline that has the most noticeable impact on the Cub Scout level is that of **TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP**. Youth protection guidelines require that all group activities involving Cub Scouts maintain the presence of at least two adult leaders. Please be prepared to say "YES" when your Cub Scout's Den leader asks your assistance in helping to serve as a second leader. We at Pack 134 would also like for adults to attend the Youth Protection Training held at 23 Lake Street, Irvine, CA 92604-4579. It is held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Everyone should plan on arriving 15 minutes early to sign in and get a seat.

YOUTH PROTECTION

The Scouts BSA has adopted strict policies, known as the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, to provide safety and security of its youth members. These policies are primarily for the

protection of our youth members; however, many of them also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse

In the front of each Grade Level Handbook is a tear-out pamphlet entitled “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse - A Parent’s Guide.” The reading of this tear-out pamphlet is a required part of your child’s advancement in the Cub Scouting program.

CAMPING WITH PACK 134

Camping and other outdoor experiences are an important part of a quality Scouting program. These experiences help Cub Scouts develop an appreciation of the outdoors while developing the Scout craft skills required of each rank.

All Pack camping requires parental supervision because Cub Scouting is a family-centered program. We conduct two to three camp-outs per year and will be announced at Pack and Den meetings in plenty of time for families to plan. All family members are invited to attend.

OTHER FUN CUB SCOUT THINGS

There are so many fun things available for Cub Scouts, it's hard to list them all. Also, the Cub Scouting program is designed so that Cubs at each Grade Level can do activities suitable for that age. Den activities include crafts, telling jokes and stories, learning about our country, and playing games (ESPECIALLY playing games!). Here are some activities at the Pack level that all Cub Scouts seem to enjoy:

Pinewood Derby: From a rectangular piece of pine, Cubs work with parents to shape, sand, paint and decorate a race car. The Pack gathers in March for the Pinewood Derby, where all Cubs race their cars on a special track owned by the Pack. Winners get to race at the Pomo District Pinewood Derby at Scout-O -Rama in April.

The Blue and Gold Banquet: All the families in the Pack gather for Scouting's annual birthday party (usually in February) and celebration of Scouting. The Blue and Gold Banquet usually features good food and fellowship, topped off with skits by the Scouts themselves.

Cub Scout Twilight Camp, Family Camp and Resident Camp: During the summer months, our District and Council put on a fabulous Camping experience for Cub Scouts, right here in Santa Rosa and at our Council’s Camp – Camp Masonite Navarro. At Twilight Camp, Cub Scouts can do extended activities, including activities such as BB-gun shooting and Archery that can’t be done at den meetings. Family Camp and Resident Camp are great opportunities to share a camping experience with your child and/or family in a setting that is especially designed and programmed with advancement and fun in mind.

The Cub Scout Religious Emblem program offers a partnership between the child’s family, the family’s religious leaders, and Scouting, to explore age-appropriate faith issues. Scouting is strictly non-sectarian, so each faith partnering with Scouting has developed a curriculum and workbooks for its own Religious Emblem Award. Cub Scouts who complete their faith’s Religious Emblem program receive a Religious Emblem medal. As with the academic and sports loops, the choice of working on the Religious Emblem Award is completely optional with the Cub Scout.

PACK 134 PARENT'S CHECK LIST FOR THE CUB SCOUT YEAR

Read the entire Welcome Packet – Be an informed parent.

Uniform check – Are all current ranks sewn on? Does my child have all of the parts of their uniform? Does the uniform still fit properly?

Calendar check – Put pack activity schedule on your family calendar.

Pack meeting rotation responsibilities – Check the responsibilities for your den throughout the year. Put them on your family calendar.

Ask your scout's den Leader how you can be of help during the year ahead.

Volunteer to help assist with at least one pack activity.

WHAT IS CUB SCOUTS?

The Cub Scout program emphasizes caring, nurturing relationships between children and their parents, adult leaders and friends. Cub Scouts is “fun with a purpose.” The nine purposes of Cub Scouting are listed below followed by the methods we use to implement these purposes.

1. To influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth.
2. To help children develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
3. To encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
4. To improve understanding within the family.
5. To strengthen the ability of children to get along with other kids and respect other people.
6. To foster a sense of personal achievement by helping children develop new interests and skills.
7. To show children how to be helpful and do one's best.
8. To provide fun and exciting new things for children to do.
9. To prepare kids to become Scouts.

The seven methods used to implement the purposes of Cub Scouting are:

1. Home and neighborhood centered.
2. Parent involvement.
3. Advancement plan.
4. The Den.
5. The ideals of Cub Scouting.
6. The uniform.
7. Activities.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO – “DO YOUR BEST”

E-mailAddress: _____

Motor Vehicle Checklist

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Driver's License No.: _____ Renewal Date: _____

Telephone: (____) - _____

Insurance Company: _____

Amount of liability coverage:

Each Person:\$ _____

Each Accident:\$ _____

Property Damage:\$ _____

Other drivers of same vehicle:

Names: _____

Driver's License Numbers: _____

Make of vehicle: _____

Model year: _____

Color: _____ Auto license No.: _____

of Seat Belts: _____

Basic Safety Check:

1. Seat belt for every passenger? _____

2. Tire tread OK? _____

Spare? _____

Jack? _____

3. Brakes OK? _____

4. Windshield wipers operate? _____

Fluid in reservoir? _____

5. Current inspection sticker? _____

6. Headlights operating? _____

Turn signals operating? _____

7. Rearview mirrors? _____

8. Exhaust system OK? _____

Additional Safety Check:

1. Flares for emergencies? _____

2. Fire extinguisher? _____

3. Flashlight? _____

4. Tow chain or rope? _____

5. First-aid kit? _____

PACK 134 PARENT AND FAMILY TALENT SURVEY SHEET

Each parent or adult family member should fill out a separate sheet.

Date _____

Welcome to the Cub Scout family of our pack. As explained to you, Cub Scouting is for parents as well as kids. We have a fine group of families who have indicated a willingness to help, according to their abilities. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that the best possible program can be developed for your children and their friends.

Den leaders are always busy with den activities. Our pack leaders and committee members know you have some talent that will help in the operation of our pack. Although your help may not be on a full-time basis, whatever you can do will be appreciated.

In creating this survey, your pack committee wants to uncover ways you can enjoy giving assistance. Please answer the following as completely as possible.

1. My hobbies are: _____
2. I can play and/or teach these sports: _____
3. My job, business, or profession would be of interest to Cub Scouts: _____
4. I am willing to help my child and the pack as: Pack Committee Member, Cub Scout Den Leader or Assistant, Assistant Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader or Assistant, Cubmaster.
5. My Scouting experience: Cub Scout _____ Scout _____ Girl Scout _____
Explorer _____ Venturer _____ Rank attained _____
Adult leader _____
6. I can help in these areas:

General Activities Special Program Assistance

- Carpentry Typing I have a station wagon or van or truck a boat
- Swimming Drawing/art I have a workshop.
- Games Radio/electricity I have family camping gear.
- Nature Dramatics/skits I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- Sports Cooking/banquets I have access to a cottage or camping property
- Outdoor activities Sewing
- Crafts Transportation I can help Webelos Scouts with Scout skills.
- Music/songs Other _____ I can, or know others who can, help with our Cub
- Bookkeeping _____ Scout Sports and Academics program.
- I can give other help. _____

Webelos Activity Areas

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquanaut | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Readyman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artist | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete | <input type="checkbox"/> Forester | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Showman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicator | <input type="checkbox"/> Handyman | <input type="checkbox"/> Sportsman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman | <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoorsman | |

Name _____ Home phone _____

Street address _____ Business phone _____

City _____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____

Your cooperation and help are appreciated.