



# PACK 355 NEW PARENT HANDBOOK

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## INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for choosing to invest in your child by becoming members of Cub Scout Pack 355. We are excited to have your family join us for lots of fun and adventure. In this package you're going to find useful information that it's going to help you go through the registration process.

You can start enjoying the pack activities while you work through your application. You have 30 days to complete your applications, get your training and background checks required, and pay for the appropriate fees.

Payment can be done by check made to "Cub Scouts Pack 355"

## INCLUDED YOU HAVE:

- **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 concerned with values. Besides providing a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical 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 – to build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness:

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 boys 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 understanding 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. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support to youth in the program.

### 5. **Participating in Activities**

Cub Scouts participate in a huge 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. It helps boys strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support the boys' growth and development.

### 7. **Wearing the Uniform**

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating membership in the group (everyone is dressed alike) and individual achievement (boys wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.

## ABOUT OUR PACK

By now you have met your Den Leader, some of the other parents, and the Cubmaster, but a pack also has some other very important people involved. Crucial to the success of a pack is its Pack Committee and its Chartered Partner who provides a liaison to the pack known as the Chartered Organization Representative.

### THE PACK COMMITTEE

The Pack Committee is made up of the committee chairman, the treasurer, the Chartered Organization Representative, and other adults from the community. (Most of these leaders are parents of the youth in the pack.)

The committee meets once a month or more often if needed and are led by a committee chairman. The committee recruit leadership, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train volunteer leadership, and helps to recognize our volunteers.

### THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

The Pack is operated by a Chartered Organization, ours is Atonement Lutheran Church. The Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the sponsor's and BSA's guidelines and policies.

They also select a chartered organization representative to be a liaison between our pack and our sponsor.

### THE DEN

The Pack is divided into small groups called dens, who meet weekly under the direction of adults called den leaders. The den leaders are trained parent volunteers who plan the meetings and guide the dens in completing their achievements and advancements. The dens allow the children to engage with fellow scouts of the same age and to complete activities that would otherwise be difficult in a larger group.

Den meetings are planned and run by the Den Leader with the help of an Assistant Den Leader and parents. The meetings may include the following: games, songs, crafts, practicing skills, and ceremonies for the next Pack meeting. Most meeting activities involve working on advancement requirements. Lion and Tiger parents are required to attend every meeting and event with their Scout. Depending on the size of their Den and the planned activities, extra hands are often needed. While some advancements may be worked on at Den meetings, it is the parent's' responsibility to assist their sons in completing their advancement requirements.

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2022

30 Fall Pack Kick-off — Mad Science

## SEPTEMBER 2022

6 Bring-a-Friend Cub Scout Carnival  
13 Den Meetings  
20 Den Meetings  
27 Committee Meeting

## OCTOBER 2022

4 Pack Meeting — **Rain Gutter Regatta**  
11 Den Meetings  
14-16 JOTA / JOTI (International Jamboree)  
18 Den Meetings — Costume Party  
21-23 Fall Campout — Indian Hills  
25 Committee Meeting

## NOVEMBER 2022

1 Pack Meeting  
4 - 6 Webelos Woods @ MSR  
8 Den Meetings  
15 Den Meetings  
22 Committee Meeting  
24 **Happy Thanksgiving**

## DECEMBER 2022

6 Pack Meeting  
13 Den Meetings — Xmas Cards  
17 Wreaths Across America — Glen Abbey  
20 Den Meetings — Xmas Caroling  
25 **Merry Christmas!**

## JANUARY 2023

1 New Year's Day Hike  
3 Pack Meeting  
6 - 8 Borrego Palm Canyon  
10 Den Meetings  
13 Rocket Build — Deering Banjos  
17 Den Meetings  
24 Committee Meeting  
28 Rocket Camp — Domelands Anza Borrego

## FEBRUARY 2023

4 Fire Station Visit  
7 Pack Meeting  
11 **Blue & Gold**  
14 Den Meetings  
21 Den Meetings  
26 Scout Sunday  
28 Committee Meeting

## MARCH 2023

7 Pack Meeting — **Pinewood Derby**  
7 Wear Scout Uniform to School  
14 Den Meetings — *Box Car Derby*  
10-12 Spring Campout — Camp Balboa  
21 Den Meetings  
28 Committee Meeting

## APRIL 2023

4 Pack Meeting  
11 Den Meetings  
16 iFly STEM / NOVA Event  
18 Den Meetings  
25 Committee Meeting

## MAY 2023

2 Pack Meeting  
6-7 Star of India Sleepover  
6 International Trash the Trash Day  
9 Den Meetings  
16 Den Meetings  
23 Committee Meeting

## JUNE 2023

6 Pack Meeting — Bridging  
TBD Flag Day — Parade

### Activities still in Planning

- Council Day Camps — Winter / Spring / Summer
- Navy Ship Tour (?) — TBD



# FAMILY TALENT SURVEY



Each adult family member is invited to fill out a separate sheet.

Pack \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome to our Cub Scout pack.** Cub Scouting is for adult family members as well as youth. We have a fine group of families who have indicated a willingness to help. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that the best possible program can be developed for your child. We hope that you will enjoy being part of our pack's team and want you to know that whatever you can do to help will be appreciated.

1. My interests/pastimes include:  Social Media  Music  Sports (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health & Fitness  STEM  Travel  Other Parent Groups (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Activities  Gardening  Cooking  Crafts  Video Games  DIY Projects  Writing  Art  
 Other Volunteer Work (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. A topic I would enjoy teaching youth is: \_\_\_\_\_

3. My job, business, or profession might be of interest to Cub Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I have training or experience that might be helpful.  
 First Aid or Safety-Related Training or Credentials (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teaching, Coaching, or Mentoring (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previous Scouting Experience (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I am willing to help my child and the pack by providing behind-the-scene support such as:  
 posting on social media  helping to welcome other new parents  making contacts for trips and activities  
 providing transportation  serving as a pack committee member  being part of a New Member Coordinator team

6. I would be willing to help my child and the pack by assisting to present the program, perhaps serving as:  
 an occasional presenter  part of a team helping a Cub Scout den  Den Leader or Assistant  Cubmaster or Assistant

7. I can help in these areas (please check applicable boxes for all ranks):

### General Activities

- Carpentry
- Swimming/watercraft safety
- Games
- Nature
- Sports
- Outdoor activities
- Crafts
- Music/songs
- Citizenship/flag etiquette
- Bookkeeping

- Computer skills
- Drawing/art
- Radio/electricity
- Dramatics/skits
- Cooking/banquets
- Sewing
- Transportation
- Hiking
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Program Resources

- I have a van  SUV  or truck
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have camping gear that others could use.
- I have access to a cottage, camping property or boat.
- I can help Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout skills.
- I can give other help. \_\_\_\_\_

### Tiger Activity Areas

- Nutrition/health
- Magic
- Biking
- Astronomy
- First aid

### Wolf Activity Areas

- Knots
- Sign language
- Coin collecting
- Physics
- Math/codes
- Collections
- Disabilities awareness
- Dinosaurs
- Compass use
- Health
- Gardening
- Civil service/military

### Bear Activity Areas

- Pocketknives/wood carving
- Camping
- Computers/technology
- Citizenship/flag etiquette
- Fishing
- American Indian culture
- Animal care
- Forensics
- Physics
- Marbles
- Robotics
- General science

### Webelos Activity Areas

- Outdoor cooking
- First aid
- Camping
- General science
- Disabilities awareness
- Survival skills
- Geocaching
- Geology
- Engineering
- Home repair
- Game design
- Wildlife
- Plant life
- Moviemaking

Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) H- \_\_\_\_\_ C- \_\_\_\_\_ B- \_\_\_\_\_

[The best way to reach me is via  email  text  cell phone

home phone  business phone.]

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CUBMASTER** — Everything that the Cubmaster does is aimed at helping the individual boy.

**CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER** — Cub Scout den leaders work directly with Cub Scouts and their parents/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.

**SECRETARY** — The secretary ensures proper records are kept within the pack.

**TREASURER** — The treasurer ensures the pack's finances are sound.

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIR** — The advancement chair helps boys move through the ranks of Cub Scouting and transition into a Boy Scout troop. Helps make sure advancements are recorded in Scoutbook and awarded.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR** — This position keeps pack activities visible to the public, as well as to the families of the pack.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CHAIR** — This position helps the boys develop a love for the outdoors.

**MEMBERSHIP AND REREGISTRATION CHAIR** — This position is essential to the health of the pack.

**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS) CHAIR** — Some councils rely heavily on units to raise Friends of Scouting (FOS) funds.

**WEBMASTER** — This position helps keep the pack informed using our website and Scoutbook to communicate with everyone.

**POPCORN KERNEL** — This position organizes our annual fundraiser, selling popcorn.

**NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR** — This position organizes our recruiting with the Membership Chair, and is the welcoming face that helps new families get acquainted with Scouting.

**FALL FAMILY CAMPING COORDINATOR** — This position leads the planning for our fall camping trip.

**SPRING FAMILY CAMPING COORDINATOR** — This position leads the planning for our spring camping trip.

**PINEWOOD DERBY COMMITTEE CHAIR** — This person organizes our annual Pinewood Derby, including recruiting a committee!

**BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET COMMITTEE CHAIR** — This person organizes our annual Blue and Gold Banquet, including recruiting a committee!



## 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](https://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.

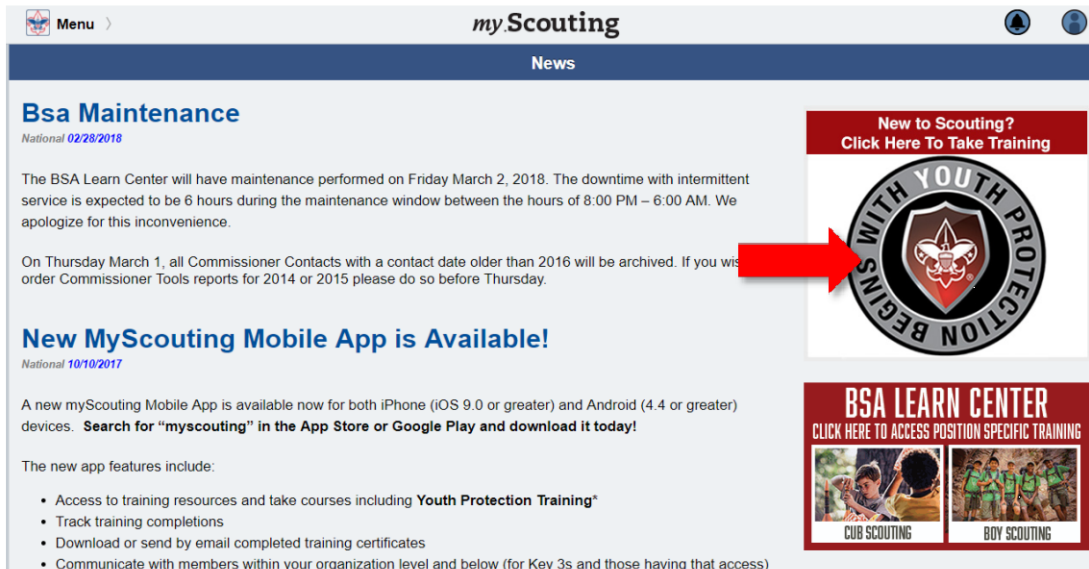
**We encourage all parents to take the BSA’s Youth Protection training.**

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](https://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx).

## HOW TO GUIDE FOR TAKING YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

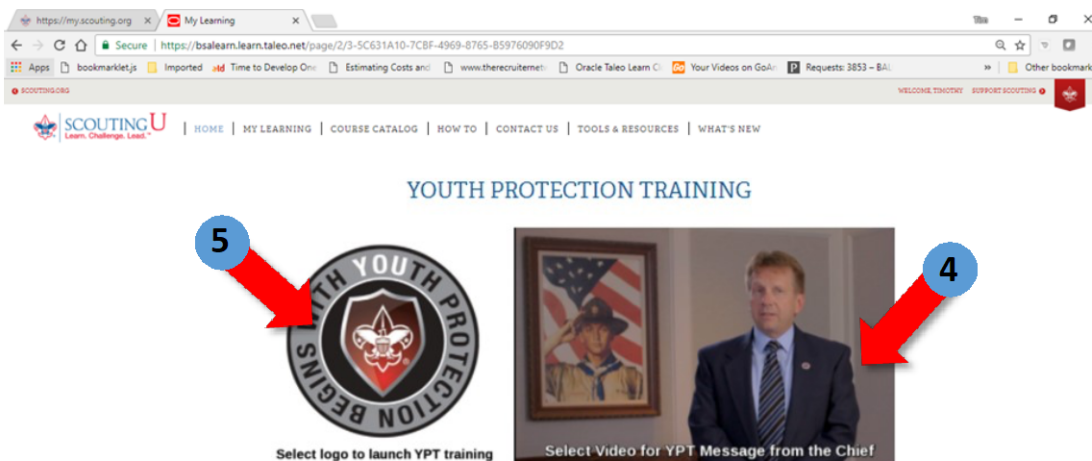
(Recommended Browsers are Google Chrome for the PC or Safari for the MAC).

1. Go to <http://my.scouting.org>
2. Enter your login name and password.
3. On the opening page of my.scouting.org, click on the Youth Protection logo.



4. On the home page of the BSA Learn Center view the welcome video from Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh.

5. Select the Youth Protection logo to launch the training.





# Cub Scout Pack 355

Family Scouting

## 2022 - 2023 Membership Form

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the first name (and last if different from above) and grade for ALL of your Cub Scouts.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_      2. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_      4. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number of each item you are requesting at tally the total due below.

| Fee  | # Ordered | Price Each | Amount Due |
|--|-----------|------------|------------|
| Youth Membership Fee + Pack Dues                     |           | \$225      |            |
| Popcorn Incentive                                    |           | - \$105    |            |
| Pre-paid Registration Fees (2023)                    |           | - \$       |            |
| T-shirt Size(s): 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ |           |            |            |
| Scouts' Life Magazine Subscription                   |           | \$15       |            |
| New Youth Registration Fee                           |           | \$25       |            |
| Additional Pack 355 T-Shirt                          |           | \$20       |            |
| Cub Scout Hat  |           | \$15       |            |
| Other:   |           | \$         |            |
| Adult Volunteer Membership                           | # Ordered | Price Each | Amount Due |
| BSA Adult Membership Fee + SDIC Council Fee          |           | \$60       |            |
| Name(s):   | —         | —          | —          |
| Other:   |           | \$         |            |
| <b>Total</b>   |           |            |            |

\$125 per Youth down / \$45 per Adult, Balance due in 90 days.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to: "Cub Scout Pack 355")     Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_     Cash — Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH

- Cost:**
- **New Scout — \$225/year**
    - \$125 down, balance in 90 days
- Included in Fees:**
- Registration of the Scout in the BSA
  - San Diego-Imperial Council Registration
  - BSA & Council activity insurance
  - Cub Scout Handbook for rank @ crossover
  - Rank Neckerchief @ crossover
  - Pack 355 Neckerchief slide
  - Pack 355 T-shirt
  - Advancements: Patches, pins, belt loops, awards, & other wards earned.
  - Pack Activity Materials: Christmas Cards, Pinewood Derby, Rain-Gutter Regatta, 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.
- Optional Items:**
- Scout's Life Magazine Subscription — \$15/scout
  - Cub Scout Hat — \$15/each
  - Additional Pack T-Shirts — \$20/each

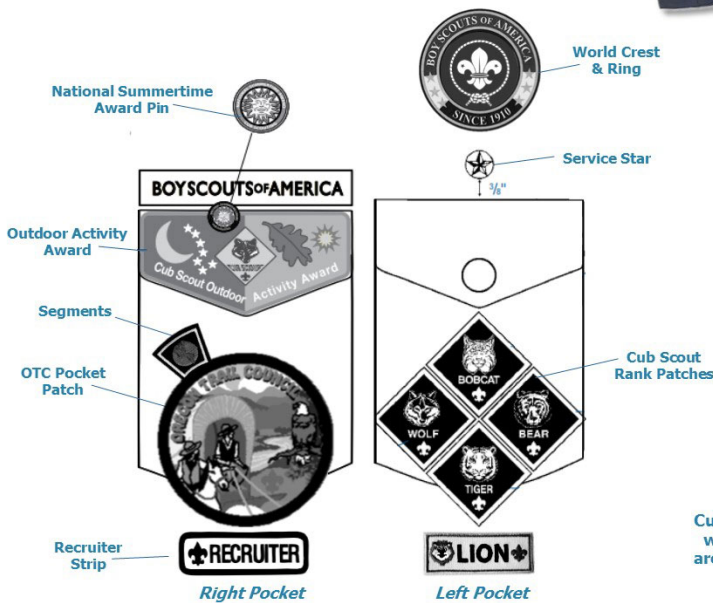
## ADULT

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Cost:</b></p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$60 / Year per adult volunteer (BSA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50% down, balance in 90 days</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>\$41 / per adult volunteer (LiveScan — Background Check)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Required for all Adults Leaders</li> <li>○ Lifetime certification (Not a yearly fee)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Included in Fees:</b></p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration of the Scout in the BSA</li> <li>• San Diego-Imperial Council Registration</li> <li>• BSA &amp; Council activity insurance</li> <li>• Cub Scout Youth Protection Training</li> <li>• Position Specific Training (Adult Leaders) — Online           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Online Learning</li> <li>○ Digital Planning Resources &amp; Examples</li> <li>○ Leader Guide for Rank</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scouting magazine subscription</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Not Included in Fees:</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official Cub Scout Uniform &amp; Patches for Unit identification</li> <li>• Pack T-Shirt</li> <li>• Fees Charged for Training events or Live Scan</li> <li>• Activity Fees charged by a venue, BSA event, or other related service provider when outside of a regularly scheduled Pack or Den meeting.</li> </ul>   |

# UNIFORMS



**Cub Scouts**



Cub Scout belt loop awards are to be worn on the blue belt. Shown here are all the required belt loops for the tiger, wolf, and bear ranks.

Scout Shop — <https://www.sdicbsa.org/ScoutShop/>

**San Diego Scout Shop, 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103**

Phone: 619.294.3806 | Fax: 619.294.3011

## 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** — [pack355.ca@gmail.com](mailto:pack355.ca@gmail.com)
- **Instagram** — @cubscoutpack355
- **Scoutbook** — <https://scoutbook.scouting.org> | We encourage Den Leaders to utilize this for planning.
- **Website** — <http://pack355.com> | Pack website with resources and detailed position descriptions.

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

**San Diego-Imperial Council** — sdicbsa.org — (619) 298-6121  
1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103

## PACK 355

**Pack 355 Communications** — pack355.ca@gmail.com

**Cubmaster:** Tyler Kollar — tyler.kollar@hotmail.com — (831) 236-3671

**Committee Chair:** Chuck Dowe — chuck@ctdwebdesigns.com — (619) 846-0363

**Charter Org Rep:** Shenoah Riess — Atonement.SV@gmail.com — (619) 670-7174

## Foothills District

**Council Commissioner:** Trevor Bender — Trevor.Bender@cox.net

**Foothills Zone Commissioner:** Andy Martin — atwomar@aol.com

**Round Table:** Monthly leadership awareness meeting of the district for adult volunteers. Often with program presentations and opportunities to network with volunteers in other units. Great place for asking questions, find out what is going on in the District and getting feedback on ideas for your unit.

— 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month —

More information can be found here:

<https://www.sdicbsa.org/Training/Roundtables/RoundtableForumSchedules.php>

## AWARDS CUB SCOUTS EARN AS INDIVIDUALS

Most all things done in Cub Scouts are accomplished with the Den or parents, there are a few awards that can be earned individually. More information can be found at [www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/other-youth-awards/](http://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/other-youth-awards/)



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

It is important that proper behavior and respect be demonstrated by every Scout at all times. Behavior is synonymous with the term “discipline.” While this term often carries a negative connotation, the Scouting program strives to develop positive discipline in our youth. The term discipline has the idea of “training” or “a system of rules governing conduct.” Rather than enumerate on every type of expected behavior, there are a few guiding principles that will help our Scouts.

- Scouts are expected to act like Scouts. The rest of the world has a concept of how Scouts should act and your child should have that concept as well.
- A Scout’s conduct should not discredit themselves, the Den, the Pack, or the Boy Scouts of America.
- Fighting or bullying of any kind is not tolerated. — There is a ZERO tolerance policy.
- Scouts are expected to demonstrate respect towards all leaders, adults, and guests.
- A Scout “Does Their Best” in all aspects of life, including behavior.

Please take a few moments to discuss these principles with your child and ensure he/she understands them. If a Scout’s behavior becomes an issue for the leader in charge, the Committee Chairman will be notified and a Parent/Leader conference will be scheduled to discuss the situation and possible action.

### PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Your child’s success and learning within the Cub Scouting program is directly proportional to your involvement in their program. Please be willing to participate in activities & help Den Leaders.

## 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://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)
- Please bring a completed Med Form to all Overnight Activities