

# **PACK 38**

# **PARENT'S GUIDE**

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**P R E F A C E**

Thank you for your interest in BSA Pack 38. We are proud to be one of the best Packs in an area of many fine Packs.

The purpose of this pamphlet is to advise the parents of the scouts and potential scouts of Pack 38 of the policies and practices of the Pack.

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Questions, suggestions and comments about this Parent’s Guide should be referred to the Cubmaster or the Pack Committee Chairman.

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## **PREFACE –QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

- Cub Scout Promise: “I, your name, 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 Law of the Pack: “The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Sub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill.”
- Cub Scout Motto: “Do Your Best.”
- The Cub Scout program is family oriented. Active participation by youth and adults is critical to the success of the program. Many activities are to be completed by the boy and his family.
- Cub Scouts offers programs on athletics, academics and outdoor activities.
- The Cub Scout Ranks are tied to grade level, Tigers are first grade, Wolf is second grade, Bears are third Grade, Webelos 1 are fourth grade and Webelos 2 are fifth grade.
- The Pack meets once a month (see calendar). Dens meet more frequently (see Den Leader for schedule for your Den).
- Parental involvement directly with their son AND as volunteers on Pack activities is important. Without parents stepping up to volunteer the Pack will be less successful.
- Near the end of January of every year annual dues are collected. The dues pay for BSA registration, Boy’s Life magazine, Insurance and General Pack funds.
- The Pack has two major fundraisers each year, Popcorn Sales and Scout Fair. Fundraising is key to keeping the annual Pack dues low and assists the Pack in paying for Adult volunteer registration and general activities.
- Boys and Registered Adult volunteers are expected to be in full uniform at Scout events. See Uniform guide near the end of this booklet for details.
- Boys will need Rank specific Advancement books to complete each year. The Cub Scout program provides an opportunity for each boy to “Do his Best.”
- Transportation is on a family level in Pack 38.

## **I CUB SCOUT PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **What is Cub Scout advancement and rank?**

Cub Scouting includes a plan of advancement for each boy that emphasizes learning by doing. The boy works on requirements based on his school grade or age. First grade boys begin by earning the Tiger Cub Badge. They then earn the Bobcat Badge. Boys who join in second grade or above earn the Bobcat badge first. Sometimes advancement requirements are started in den meetings, and then completed at home with the help of family members. Other requirements are completed with the family. Adult involvement is a vital part of advancement! After Bobcat, the ranks are Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. As a 5th grader (or at age 10) a Cub Scout may earn Cub Scouting's highest award – the Arrow of Light Award. After receiving this award, he is eligible to become a Boy Scout, or he may join a troop at age 11 (or when he completes the 5th grade).

### **What outdoor activities are offered?**

Adventuresome outdoor programs are encouraged for Cub Scouts. These include pack and den field trips, picnics, outings, day camping, backyard camping, and pack family camping. Because Cub Scouting is home-centered, family camping is emphasized.

Webelos Scouts are encouraged to go on overnight experiences and to conduct occasional joint outdoor activities with a Boy Scout troop. The council offers Cub Scout day camps and resident camping experiences for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. The study of nature is encouraged by advancement requirements. Cub Scouts are encouraged to become involved in nature conservation and they may earn an optional conservation award.

### **How does Cub Scouting support sports?**

Physical fitness is encouraged by many advancement requirements. Cub Scouts are also encouraged to participate in the Cub Scout sports program, which offers more than 20 different sports. By learning a new sport a scout earns a sports belt loops, further participation earns a sports pin. The dens and pack organize games and activities, such as the Pinewood Derby, in which sportsmanship is emphasized.

### **How does Cub Scouting support academics?**

Academic and career skills are encouraged by many advancement requirements. Cub Scouts are also encouraged to participate in the Cub Scout academic program, which offers over 15 academic subjects. Belt loops and pins can be earned, as in the sports program. Reading and writing programs are sponsored by Boy's Life magazine. The den and pack organize activities that involve understanding scientific principles, nature study, and computers.

### **How does Cub Scouting support religion?**

Pack 38 welcomes families of all religious affiliations. Although Pack 38 does not provide religious training, Scouting activities and rank requirements aim to promote respect for religion and God. Cub Scouts are encouraged to seek religious training at their place of worship and/or in the home. Cub Scouts can earn an optional Religious Emblem that is sponsored and administered through various religious institutions (Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Islamic, Buddhist, and others). We will assist each of the boys in their religious program desires by providing a source for the materials and helping to find the appropriate religious leader.

## **II PACK PROGRAM AND MEETINGS**

Regular Pack meetings are held on the first Monday of every month from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. All Cub Scouts are expected to attend. When a holiday falls on the first Monday of a month the Pack meeting is pushed back to the following week. The Pack does not normally have Pack meetings in June, July or August; however, we do schedule fun day events in those months.

Pack 38 has two major family camp outs per year. Other day long or special events are planned every year so be sure to review the Pack 38 Calendar. We also go to summer day camp, usually the second week of June.

The Cubmaster's Handbook states "if it's not fun, it's not Scouting". Pack 38 scouts have fun while they are learning and building character. Cub Scout advancement is family oriented, thus, many advancements are worked on in the family setting. We emphasize the scouting basics.

Our Cub Scout pack, like most others, is made up of several dens (small groups of boys who meet bi-weekly). The pack itself meets once a month, usually at Walker Station Elementary School, on the first Monday (this can vary depending on our activities and the school's calendar). All families (including brothers and sisters) are encouraged to attend the pack meeting. Grandparents and other guests are always welcome.

Each den is led by one or more parent(s) who serve as den leader(s). Other parents help in the den as assistant den leaders, activity leaders and chaperones. All parents are encouraged to help in their son's den and in the pack. You will find your family's experience of Scouting is greatly enhanced when you make it a truly family activity.

All scouts are expected to memorize and live by "The Cub Scout Promise" and "The Cub Scout Law". All of our scouts are expected to respect others and themselves and to behave and project a good scout image at all times. SCOUTS WHO DO NOT BEHAVE WILL BE SENT HOME, regardless of where we are, including campouts and summer camp. If the parents are not already at the Pack event, they will be called to pick up their scout.

Whenever possible a Scout should attend all meetings, and attend them in full uniform. Only official shirts and neckerchiefs are required. Pack 38's policy is that official BSA pants/shorts are not required for pack activities, but uniformed scouts should always present themselves in a manner appropriate to the dignity represented by the uniform.

As with everything in life, there are circumstances that are beyond the scout's control and which will conflict with pack activities. However, the leadership of Pack 38 believes that scouting is a worthy endeavor whose goals are best served by a consistent commitment on behalf of the scout and his parents. This may require negotiating with leaders of other events and activities to ensure that he can participate in the scouting program.

The Pack Committee meetings are normally held on the Sunday immediately following the Pack meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at a place to be determined. All Committee Members, a representative from EVERY Den, and others are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you have any issue you wish the Committee to consider, please contact the Committee Chairman or any member of the committee.

### III PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Scouting has three aims: Character Development, Citizenship Training, and Mental and Physical Fitness. In Cub Scouting we carry out these aims through these methods:

- ❖ The ideals of Scouting
- ❖ The den
- ❖ Advancement
- ❖ Family involvement
- ❖ Activities
- ❖ A home and neighborhood centered focus
- ❖ The uniform

The Cub Scouting program is designed to include parents. The purpose is to increase communication in your family, and to give your Scout the valuable experience of spending one-on-one time with you. As parents you are Akela (Ah-kay-la) - the good leader, and share this responsibility with his den leader. As your son progresses from Tiger Cub to Boy Scout, your involvement in his Scouting career evolves just as he does.

As Tiger Cubs, parents attend **all** meetings with their Scout, and participate in all activities. You sign the requirements in his handbook. You and the Tiger Cub Den leader plan one month's meetings and outings. You and your Tiger Cub host the meetings (not necessarily in your home) and direct the meetings you have planned - with the assistance of the den leader.

The parents of Scouts in Wolf and Bear dens are also primarily responsible for assuring that their sons complete the requirements for their rank, and sign the requirements in the Scouts' handbooks. Parents are encouraged to attend den meetings and to assist den leaders with activities, chaperoning field trips and arranging special events.

The parents of Webelos Scouts become the support system for the Webelos den leader. As Webelos Scouts work on individual activity badges, parents serve as resources to help the den leader teach the skills the Scout learns in order to earn the badge. For

instance, a parent who has construction experience would be the activity badge counselor for the Craftsman badge.

In addition to assisting with den activities, parents have a great role to play in the success of the pack. You will see other parents serving on the pack committee, as den leaders, and on committees for special events and activities. None of these functions would be a success without the participation of parents, who after all, are the “owners” of the pack. Your sons’ successful Scouting experience is directly tied to the participation of parents in the life of the pack.

While not every parent feels he or she is patient enough to be a den leader or organized enough to be the Treasurer, there is a role for every parent in pack activities. Your son will appreciate the fact that you care enough about him and his Scouting experience to become involved in a committee, or pack position.

This year you will be asked to sign up for committees that will be responsible for:

- ✓ Pack Outings (there may be a single committee to arrange these, or one committee for each outing)
- ✓ Fundraising - three committees, for popcorn sales, wreath sales and the spring fundraiser
- ✓ Blue and Gold Banquet - Scouting’s annual birthday party in February
- ✓ Pinewood Derby
- ✓ Cake Auction - our parent/Scout cake bake and auction
- ✓ Summertime Program - responsible for coordinating Day Camp, Fun with Son, the pack campout and other summer Pack activities.

We are confident that all parents want to make a contribution to the pack, so that they can demonstrate to their Scouts the importance of being part of their community.

There are many resources available to help you with your committee activities, including training, available from the pack and from the council.

You want your son to get as much out of Scouting as is possible. A healthy pack is one which offers Scouts many opportunities. **Parents are the key to a successful pack.**

Note: Parents may be comforted to know that the BSA takes scout safety very seriously. All registered adult leaders undergo a criminal background check.

#### **IV REGISTRATION AND DUES**

The Pack policy on registration fees and dues is as follows:

- 1) Scouts will pay their own registration, insurance, and other fees
- 2) Scouts dues will be paid in advance for the entire scouting year (12 months). If a scout transfers to another Pack or decides to leave the Pack, he will receive a refund of one-twelfth of the Pack dues, *Pack portion only*, for each full month remaining beginning

with the first month after a scout transfers or the Cubmaster is informed by the scout he is leaving the Pack (e.g. If you tell the Cubmaster in July you are leaving the Pack you will get your August through February of the next year dues refunded to you.

3) One parent from each family is requested to be registered on the Pack Committee and Actively participate.

These monies are due at the end of January of each year to coincide with the annual Recharter process. No scout can be registered with the Pack or participate in any pack activity until all fees are paid in full. If these fees cause financial hardship on your family, please consult the Cubmaster.

Summary of estimated fees (subject to change) due in January of each year:

Scouts:

- BSA registration, insurance, Boy's Life	\$21.80
- Pack dues	\$18.20
- TOTAL	\$40.00

The total fee for a second scout in a family is \$29.20, broken out as follows: \$11.00 for BSA/Insurance and \$18.20 for pack dues. The fees for a second Boy's Life magazine are dropped presuming only one subscription per household is needed.

When new Scouts who are already registered with BSA join the Pack, they pay \$1 to transfer their BSA registration to the Pack and a prorated portion of the Pack dues. This applies to Webelos that are bridging and Scouts that are transferring from another Pack.

Registered Adults: fees for BSA registration, insurance, Scouting magazine are paid by the Pack.

Pack dues provide a portion of the Pack budget that pays for Pack equipment, advancement badges, adult volunteer registration and other expenses. Scouts pay camping costs when they attend a campout.

## **V SCOUT UNIFORM AND HANDBOOK**

Pack 38 is a partial uniform Pack. The official Cub Scout uniform is an important and key aspect of Pack 38 and its activities. The uniform is part of the thrill of being a scout. It shows you belong. It also helps build team spirit in your patrol and your Pack. FACT: A fully uniformed scout behaves better.

All scouts are required to obtain a uniform shirt within a reasonable time after joining the Pack (1-2 months). This uniform is worn at all meetings and at special events, including to and from camping trips. The Pack also has a uniform "T" shirt for those times when the official uniform shirt is not needed. Members of the Pack Leadership will wear the uniform prescribed for the scouts. Members of the Pack Committee are encouraged to wear the uniform also.

These items comprise the Pack uniform requirements:

### **Official Uniforms**

- \* Official BSA Cub Scout uniform shirt (Blue for Tigers/Wolf/Bears and khaki with blue epaulets for Webelos), Sam Houston Area Council shoulder patch, Pack numerals "38", Den number patch and World Crest patch. Short sleeve shirts are the most popular, and can be worn all year. (Patches are worn as shown on the inside cover of the Cub Scout Handbook.)

- \* Cub scout belt. Web belts are the cheapest, but there are many official leather belts available.

- \* Distinctive Pack neckerchief (given to the Scout by the Pack at Graduation. If lost a new one may be purchased from the Advancement Chairman).

- \* Neckerchief slide.
  - Many good neckerchief slides are available, but beware: the BSA metal slide is heavy and tends to get lost during games, etc.
  - Hand-carved neckerchief slides often become scout "treasures".

- \* Scout cap (optional) (type determined by the patrol and approved by the Cubmaster). NO NON-SCOUTING CAPS ALLOWED.

### **Pack T-shirt**

- \* Official BSA T-shirt (or our "Pack 38 " T-shirt, a scout camp T-shirt, a generic BSA T-shirt may be worn). Wearing the "Pack 38" T-shirt allows identification of Pack 38 Cub Scouts while not wearing the Official Uniform shirt. Pack 38 T-shirts are available from the Cubmaster or Committee Chairman.

The Scout Shop in Stafford, TX maintains most official BSA items. They also have BSA catalogs for most items in the regional warehouses.

New members of Pack 38 must purchase the current official Cub Scout Handbook for the Rank year they are working on. Each rank, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos, has their own specific advancement books. The drug/alcohol abuse section in the front is must reading for both parents and scouts. The handbook is an indispensable, age-specific, guide to the scouting program.

## **VI TRANSPORTATION**

The Pack 38 Transportation Policy falls into three categories:

**Pack Meeting Transportation** - Each scout's parent is responsible to provide transportation for their scout to and from meetings on a timely basis. It is necessary for scouts to arrive no later than 6:55 P.M. -sharp and to be picked up no later than 8:15 P.M. We encourage parents to stay and actively participate in Pack meetings or arrive no later than 8:10 P.M.

Any scout not picked up on time necessitates an adult leader either remaining outside the school after it is closed until the parent arrives or taking the scout to his residence from which the scout must then call his parents for pick-up. As parents would not want to have to wait unnecessarily for their sons to finish a scouting activity, so also the adult leaders expect parents to be prompt in picking up their sons.

Scout leaders are dedicated people with their own families and responsibilities. They are voluntarily providing scouts with the best boy leadership program available today. Mutual respect and consideration are crucial to ensure that everyone has fun.

**Den Meeting Transportation** - Consult with your Den Leader.

**Campout/Activity Transportation** – Pack 38 campouts are Family oriented, thus entire family participation is encouraged. Thus, transportation by family unit and in family vehicles is strongly encouraged. The Official Tour Permit process can accommodate “shuttle” type transportation, however, personal insurance information and verification is required to travel in this manner.

All drivers are expected to scrupulously observe speed limits and other traffic laws. Also, as in all situations, drivers are asked to exercise extra caution when it comes to safety issues. Scouts are never permitted to ride in the rear of pickup trucks or in hitched trailers. While we hope that there is never a traffic accident, we must point out that Boy Scout insurance will not reimburse drivers involved in an accident if any traffic infractions are a cause or contribute to the accident.

It is Pack policy that any member of the Cubmaster Corps, Pack Committee or parent that violates state or local speed limits while transporting scouts will not be allowed to drive for at least one year after notification. Reinstatement of driving privileges will be at the discretion of the Pack Committee.

## **VII ADVANCEMENT**

Pack 38 encourages advancement in all scouts. Our program is designed to offer the scouts a chance to excel, however, all ranks, awards, and especially the Arrow of Light must be earned by each scout. We offer opportunities and a program that supports the trail to Arrow of Light. Cub Scout advancement relies on family involvement. Most advancement is begun in Den/Pack Meetings or at Special Events; however, it is completed many times with the family and approved by the family. After completion of advancement please be sure to present your boy's book to the Den Leader to provide final approval and to record in the Den/Pack records.

We recognize that there are many and diverse commitments pulling at a scout's time. However, for scouts to advance, he is expected to participate in meetings, campouts, and other activities. This is part of showing "scout spirit."

There are many electives, loops and pins. A scout can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers and all are encouraged to participate in advancement that represent new skills to them. The Den Leader must approve all advancement by signing the scout's book.

With their badges of rank and other advancements/awards, scouts will also receive official BSA cards attesting to completion of requirements. We cannot urge too strongly that the scout must keep these cards in a safe place — a folder, envelope, scrapbook, etc.

Pack 38 believes in "Instant Recognition" of accomplishments. Thus, recognition of Advancement should first occur at the Den meetings. At Pack meetings special recognition of Rank Advancements and possibly other significant advancements will be recognized.

Lastly, since every adult example is a potential learning opportunity for our boys, we encourage our pack leadership to also pursue BSA-sponsored awards that are earned through training, tenure, and performance. Training expenses for Registered Adults are reimbursable by the Pack with proper receipts and expense reports (see Treasurer).

## **VIII FUND RAISERS**

For the past several years, Pack 38 has participated in two fundraising events to support normal Pack operations. In the fall we sell Popcorn and in the spring we sell Scout Fair Tickets (Coupons). The monies earned supplement the annual fees and dues of Adult volunteers and fund normal Pack operations. Replacement of major items is met by the annual fundraiser. ALL SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNDRAISER. The fundraisers assist in keeping annual Pack dues as low as possible.

## **IX PACK COMMITTEE**

Scouting at the Pack level is truly "a family affair". BSA provides support for a scouting program (e.g., training, summer camps, program guides, books, and administrative support). But at the Pack level, they do not provide a single warm body. The Pack Committee is made up of parents of the scouts (or former scouts) in the Pack. Pack 38 asks one parent (mother or father) from each scout family to be registered on the Pack Committee or as an Adult Leader volunteer. Every family is expected to contribute to the success of your Pack. "Many hands make light work." We strongly encourage each family to have a parent join at least one monthly outing and one Pack meeting during the scouting year.

For over three quarters of a century, the Boy Scouts of America has worked to develop the character, citizenship, and personal fitness of America's youth. We realize the future of our society is vested in each successive generation and the values they inherit.

Today, as we look toward the 21st century, society is challenged by those who would prey upon America's youth - either by altering their minds with illegal substances or through physically or sexually assaulting their bodies. These scourges - drug abuse and child abuse - must be eliminated.

One of the points of the BSA's five-point strategy to prevent child abuse is the education of scouting volunteers, parents, and scouts themselves to aid in the detection and prevention of child abuse. BSA asks all leaders and volunteers take BSA youth protection training (YPT).

The needs and opportunities within the Pack are many and varied. Experience has shown the greatest need within the Pack is in "Support", those positions require several hours per month or less. Here is a listing and a description of some of the adult positions in the Pack.

### **DEN LEADERSHIP**

Each Den needs a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader and an active set of parents/guardians. Leaders **MUST** be trained at official BSA training, New Leaders Essentials (NLE) and Cub Scout Specific Leader Training (depending on your position and Rank level). The Pack Training coordinator will provide information and dates as they come up.

### **PACK COMMITTEE**

There are many varied tasks on the committee. Some duties involve few man-hours each month but are year-round, while other duties involve a more focused action over a one or two month span. To have an effective Pack Committee we request that one parent/guardian be active on the committee. While the Adult Pack Leadership (Cubmaster, Den Leaders, etc.) participates with the committee, a strong committee is supposed to be comprised of non-leaders. A simple majority of the committee members present is required for a motion to be passed.

Some of the committee positions are listed below.

**Committee Chairman** - Runs the Pack Committee. (This is a "people position". Must have good organizational skills and be good with people.)

**Activities Chairman/Member** - Provides advance planning and support for monthly campouts and activities. (This committee makes lots of phone calls and does the "leg work" required for a successful activity.)

**Assistant Committee Chairman** - Assists the Committee Chairman as required.

**Fund Raising Chairman** - This requires coordinating the annual Popcorn and Scout Fair Fund Raiser events and to assist in any additional fundraisers that may be instituted.

**Den Members at Large** – Each Den MUST have a member attend committee meetings to provide ideas and oversight.

**Outdoor Chairman/Member** - The Chairman secures permits for campsites and files local tour permits. Members backup the Outdoor Chairman and also provide manpower support to the Cubmaster Corps. (Attend campouts, day activities, summer camp, high adventure camp, etc., when needed.)

**Publicity Chairman** - This requires preparing and handling news releases for major Pack events (Eagle Court of Honor, etc.). This position is not used very often.

**Registration/Advancement Chairman** - Maintains all Pack advancement rewards. The person in this position should attend at least the first part of each meeting to handle on-going activities.

**Secretary** - Attends the monthly committee meeting and takes minutes in bullet form (very easy).

**Treasurer** - Maintains the Pack bank account and coordinates Pack registration fees with Council.

**Special Events Positions** – Responsible for major Pack events such as:

**Pinewood Derby Chairman**  
**Blue and Gold Banquet Chairman**

We have planned a varied and exciting program for the scouts of Pack 38. To make any program successful, however, we need parental support and involvement. Included in this packet is a Pack Resource Survey that indicates all the different areas in which families can assist our scouting program. Please read this form carefully and select those areas where you would like to help. This form may be turned in to the Cubmaster. The success of our program depends upon your support.

## **ADULT PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

The few rules of parent conduct during pack activities including campouts are structured to support the scout-led concept:

First: Observe the “Rule of Two”:

No adult is to be alone at any time with a scout and the Rule of Two is to be observed at all times. Basically, this rule requires that a minimum of two adults be present when any single scout is in a car, in the campground, or in any scout activity. When engaged in one-on-one counseling of scouts or when conducting a conference and it is not appropriate for another adult to be present, the adult leader should ensure that they are under the continuous observation of another adult from the other end of a room, down the hall, etc. This rule does not apply to adults and their own child; however, if another un-related child is present the rule must be followed.

Second: Let the boys have fun –safe fun, but fun nonetheless!

## **X PERSONAL CAMPING GEAR**

Pack 38 does not maintain any Pack camping equipment. Each family is responsible for their own equipment and supplies. You may coordinate purchases with your Den (strongly encourage so you do not end up with eight stoves and no utensils) to avoid duplication. Suggested equipment for families consists of a sleeping bag, foam sleep pad/ self-inflating sleep pad, canteen/water bottle, and personal vittle kit (plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork and spoon). Please ask members of the Pack if there are any questions about what to buy, before you buy it. We only do extended weekend camping twice, maybe three times, a year –so be prudent in your expenditures –this is not high adventure camping.

Attached is a list of recommended items each scout should have in his bag or pack for overnight stays or campouts.

## **XI MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

### **GENERAL**

This section deals with policies pertaining to all pack activities:

- The “Rule of Two” must always be followed.
- No Smoking.
- No sheath knives, switch blades, or knives with blades over 4 inches in length.
- No firearms are permitted.
- No alcohol.
- No hazing.
- No profanity.
- No radios - Scouts are not to bring any radios, portable video games, or other electronic equipment, etc. on any Pack activity. For longer trips in vehicles they may be brought along –however –they **MUST** stay in the vehicles once arriving at the activity.
- No saws or axes are to be used outside an ax yard. Axes are to be used with the "Contact Method" only.
- What goes in the fire – stays in the fire!
- Sleeping arrangements:
  1. Boys may sleep in tents together with no adults.
  2. Un-related boys may **NOT** sleep in tents with adults (Rule of Two)
  3. Non-married, opposite sex persons sleeping overnight **MUST** sleep in their own tents or in tents with same sex persons.
- Have fun!
- Privacy Policy:

For communications purposes, we collect phone numbers and e-mail addresses from our families. This information is gathered from the application you have filled out for your son. We will not publish this information unless you authorize us to do so. If phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses come into your possession as a leader or parent in this pack, we ask that you respect the privacy of the families. This information is to be used only for communication regarding

Scouting. Please do not use any pack information for commercial purposes. Thank you.

On occasion, pictures of your Scout may be taken at pack or den meetings or activities as ways of preserving memories for our Scouts and their families. We will not use these pictures in promotional material about the pack, or on the pack's web site without parental permission. No Scouts will be identified by their full name in pack promotional material or on the web site.

### **NEW SCOUT BUYER'S GUIDE**

- **The Scout Shop (Stafford, TX)** – Good Official BSA selection, no sales, often quite crowded (avoid lunchtimes like The Plague!). Has only a partial inventory of “Official” BSA equipment, but can special order items out of the scout catalogs for you. Only place around with a full complement of scout Uniforms, books and insignia.  
Location: 10435 Greenbough Dr., Suite #125 Stafford, TX 77477-9035.  
Phone: (281) 207-2340  
Hours: Monday-Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM, Saturday: 10 AM - 3 PM, Closed Sunday
- **Sam Houston Area Council Headquarters and Scout Shop (Galleria Area)**– Bigger selection than Stafford shop.  
Location: 2225 North Loop West (I-610 east of 290 at TC Jester), Houston, TX 77008  
Phone: (713) 865-5190  
Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – 6 PM, Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM, Closed Sunday

## Recommended Items for Camping

This list summarizes the minimum equipment necessary for a typical weekend "car-camping" campout from mid-October to mid-March. Packing should be in a medium size duffel bag with clothing separated in small stuff-sacks (or larger clear Ziploc bags, but never a black trash bag). Your Scout should check off each item as he packs it.

### Sleeping Gear:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A sleeping bag, less than 3 lbs or rated to about 35-40 degrees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A foam pad/or self-inflating sleep pad i.e. "Thermarest"
- \_\_\_\_\_ A small pillow.

Do not bring large or heavyweight sleeping bags or pillows; if your son's sleeping bag is too light, add an additional light blanket for warmth.

### Eating Gear:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A medium sized bowl, preferably plastic, with name plainly marked.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A knife, fork and spoon kit (trashy kitchen-ware will do).
- \_\_\_\_\_ A medium sized plastic cup, with name marked plainly.

Do not bring cheap plastic or breakable glass/porcelain items, expensive silverware or anything overly heavy. Don't send "everyday" Tableware you cannot afford to lose.

### Clothing and Equipment:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Class A uniform (worn at departure and on return)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 pair underwear
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 pair socks
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pair gym shorts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 T-Shirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pair long pants (2 pair if don't have a Scout Uniform yet)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 sweatshirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 long-sleeve shirt or sweater
- \_\_\_\_\_ A belt
- \_\_\_\_\_ A medium wt. wind/rain resistant jacket
- \_\_\_\_\_ A hat (Baseball Cap OK)
- \_\_\_\_\_ An extra pair of sneakers or boots
- \_\_\_\_\_ A small towel
- \_\_\_\_\_ A "dirty clothes" bag, preferably cloth
- \_\_\_\_\_ A poncho or rainproof rain-coat, poncho preferred.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A pack-cover
- \_\_\_\_\_ A small/medium sized flashlight (2 C-cell or smaller) with fresh batteries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A one quart canteen
- \_\_\_\_\_ A toothbrush
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sun-Block
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insect Repellent

Don't bother packing cleaning gear other than a toothbrush - it won't get used.

**Note:** Most parents of new Scouts outfit their sons with enough clothing to last a week, instead of two nights. Do not pack more than the above, which is already more than he'll need. If the expected weather appears to be unusually warmer or colder than normal, make appropriate deletions and substitutions; call the Cubmaster if you have any questions. Make sure everything has his name and "Pack 38" clearly marked on it. Pack nothing you cannot afford to lose.