Example Cub Scout Parent Guidebook
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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Cub Scouting, or welcome back to Cub Scouting for those returning Scouts and their families! The leadership of Cub Scout Pack 609 has put together this manual as a resource to the Scout and his adult partners. While it does not answer all the questions one might have with respect to Scouting, it does provide a lot of functional information, expectations, and points of reference for additional information.

Cub Scouting was founded in 1930 as a way to formally get younger boys involved in the Scouting movement. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, based Cub Scouting on one of the stories in Rudyard Kipling’s Jungle Book. It was called “Mowgli’s Brothers.” We know it as “The Story of Akela and Mowgli.” Throughout this document and throughout the Cub Scouting program, you will find references to this story. You will often hear the Term “Akela”, for example (pronounced ah-KAY-la), which means “good leader” and refers to any Pack leader or adult partner associated with the Scouting program.
2. THE PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting is a character-building organization that embraces the values of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility. It is expected that boys in Scouting will not only have fun and experience adventure but will also accept Scouting’s value system.

Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the 10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

- Character development
- Spiritual growth
- Good citizenship
- Sportsmanship and fitness
- Family understanding
- Respectful relationships
- Personal achievement
- Friendly service
- Fun and adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

3. IDEALS OF CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouts are required to memorize the following pledges and motto. Pack 609 seeks to make them real in our lives, and we hope that you will encourage your son as he strives to do so.

**Scout Oath (or Promise)**

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

**Scout Law**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

**Cub Scout Motto**

“Do your best”
4. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Like every effective organization, Cub Scout Packs have a structure. Understanding this structure and how it works will increase your Scout’s enjoyment of the program.

4.1 DENS

Boys like to belong to a group of peers. Groups of 8 to 10 boys meet weekly or biweekly together as a Den. Each den is led by a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader. A Boy Scout, known as a Den Chief, may also work with your son’s Den. The den is the place where boys learn new skills and develop interests in new things, while fulfilling requirements and achievements for their rank. They have fun in den meetings, during indoor and outdoor activities, and on field trips. As a part of a small group, they learn how to get along with others. They learn how to do their best, not just for themselves but also for the Den.

Dens are organized by age groups: 1st graders are Tiger Scouts, 2nd graders are Wolf Scouts, 3rd graders are Bear Scouts, 4th and 5th graders are Webelos Scouts.

Den meetings are conducted at the place and time of the Den Leader’s choosing. In Pack 609, Den meetings are held on Monday evenings at the South Shore United Methodist Church. By national policy, Tiger Scouts must be accompanied by an Akela at all Den and Pack activities and outings.

4.2 PACK

The Pack consists of the Dens and their families. The Pack serves as the parent organization to the dens and provides direction, program support, and maintenance of the budget. The Pack program is led by the Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster, supported by the Committee Chair and other volunteers on the Pack Committee.

Pack 609 meets monthly, typically on the first Monday of every month, and for special activities. Monthly Pack meetings are typically conducted in the cafeteria at Summerfield Crossings Elementary. Certain special activities, such as the Blue and Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby and Space
Derby are held at the South Shore United Methodist Church. At a Pack meeting you can expect to have even more fun. Songs are sung, skits are performed, and advancements are awarded. The Pack meeting also provides the Scouts an opportunity to display or demonstrate skills that they have learned or experiences they have had during the past month. A Scout’s entire family is encouraged to attend and participate in the Pack meetings. Scouts learn to feel comfortable presenting in front of a large audience; again, fun with a purpose. *(Note: Tiger Scouts must have an Akela present at all Pack-level events.)*

### 4.3 PACK COMMITTEE

The Pack Committee consists of representatives from each Den and other volunteer adults who are charged with managing the Pack, its finances, and its programs. All parents are encouraged to serve as volunteers on the committee and attend regular meetings.

Committee meetings occur monthly, typically on the 3rd Tuesday following a larger district-level leader meeting called Roundtable. Committee meetings are conducted by the Committee Chairperson, with status reports from all the Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leaders and functional positions such as the Treasurer, Outings Chair, and Advancement Chair.

### 4.4 CHARTER ORGANIZATION

Every Cub Scout Pack must have a sponsor. Pack 609’s sponsor is South Shore United Methodist Church. The SSUMC is a great sponsor, providing meeting space, financial assistance, and additional help.

Write In Chartered Organization Information Here

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### 4.5 THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA)

There are several levels of organization between the Pack and the Boy Scouts of America. Several Packs from the local portion of Hillsborough county constitute the Timucua District. Several Districts spanning most of central west Florida comprise the Gulf Ridge Council. The Boy Scouts of America comprises all the Councils in the United States, and in turn BSA is part of the worldwide Scouting movement headquartered in Switzerland.
The District level leadership provides training to the Pack level leaders; planning for district-level events such as annual District campouts, and monthly Roundtable meetings where programmatic information is disseminated and ideas between leaders are exchanged. Roundtables are open to all Scouting parents and are typically held once a month at a location determined by the district.

4.6 LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY
At the Pack level, Cub Scouting is entirely a volunteer organization. At the time of this writing, the following positions are filled. While the list below may not be complete, these people deserve acknowledgment, and that’s why they are listed here. Current information can be found on your Pack’s online advancement or website.

Write In Pack Leadership Here

Cubmaster: ____________________________________________
Den Leader: __________________________________________
Committee Chair: ______________________________________
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DEN LEADERSHIP:
Webelos II Leader           Patrick Hedgecoth
Webelos II Assistant Leader
Webelos I Leader                    Tim McArthur
Webelos I Assistant Leader
Bear Leader                        Richard Sanchez
Bear Assistant Leader
Wolves Leader                       Steven Pelletier
Wolves Assistant Leader
Tiger Leader
Tiger Assistant Leader

5. FEES AND FUNDRAISING

5.1 REGISTRATION AND PACK DUES
The cost of dues is up to the Pack for the current program year. Dues are used to pay for Scout Awards and Supplies also to supplement costs of events like Pinewood Derby, Holiday Parties, Blue & Gold Banquet, etc. Depending on how your Pack handles dues, some Packs may allow you to cover this cost through fundraising money.

The yearly registration fees are due in December, this is due to re-charter. Each year the Scout Unit must pay registration for all active members and recharter with Council.

Boys Life is a scout magazine that is sent out by the BSA on a monthly basis to the Scouts home. The cost of the magazine is $12 per year and fees will be due along with registration payments.
Please read the section on Trails End Popcorn for a description of Pack-level show-and-sell events which are mandatory for all Scouts. The annual national registration fees associated with adult leaders are paid by the Pack. This is the Pack’s way of saying ‘thank you’ for volunteer service. However, if that adult leader does not maintain their leadership position for the remainder of the program year they will be asked to pay back the pro-rated amount ($2 per month) to cover the remainder of their fees.

5.2 FUND RAISING

Write In Your Packs Fundraising Goals

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5.2.1 TRAIL’S END® POPCORN

Trail’s End® Gourmet Popcorn is sold in the fall. Popcorn can be sold a number of ways. The first, most traditional method is by the Scout taking orders from friends, neighbors, and relatives, writing these orders down on a large sheet, and collecting money. Once the orders are collected, product is delivered to the Pack and distributed to the Scouts for further distribution to their buyers. A second method, particularly good for those out of town relatives, is inter-

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net ordering. Each Scout has a unique PIN number that enables an out of
town buyer to buy direct from Trail’s End®. The popcorn is shipped directly
to the buyer’s house. A third method is the ‘show and sell’. ALL Scouts are
still expected to participate in show and sell events. Show and sell events
are conducted at local venues like Publix, Wal-Mart, or Lowe’s. A table is
set up and several Scouts staff the table for 2 hour shifts. There are a mini-
mum of three show and sell weekends planned for the fall months. All these
sales methods count towards a Scout’s fundraising goal.

5.2.2 CAMP DISCOUNT CARDS
Camp discount cards are sold in the spring. The cards enable discounts for
products and services provided by vendors local to Hillsborough. There will
also be show-and-sell events planned for the cards. As with the popcorn
campaign, these cards can also be sold in person by a Scout and/or his
Akela to family, friends, and neighbors.

6. CUB SCOUTING PROGRAM
The Cub Scouting program is all about learning new things, having fun, and
being safe.

6.1 ADVANCEMENT
Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve Scouting’s aims—
character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Every-
thing a Cub Scout does to advance is designed to achieve these aims and
aid in his personal growth. Advancement is the process by which a boy
progresses from badge to badge, learning new skills as he goes. Each of
the ranks and awards in Cub Scouting has its own requirements. As a boy
advances through the ranks, requirements are progressively more challeng-
ing, matching the increased skills and abilities of a boy as he grows older.

Remember that badges are simply a means to an end—NOT an end in
themselves. Advancement is also not a competition among boys. Each
Scout is encouraged to advance steadily and purposefully, setting his own
goals with guidance from his family and leaders. Measurement for satisfy-
ing requirements is simply “do your best”, and that level is often different for
each boy. Finally, advancement is a boy-family experience giving
6.1.1 Ranks

Kindergartner Scouts, age 5, earn this rank before earning their Bobcat and becoming a Tiger.

The first rank that every boy earns, regardless of age is the Bobcat rank.

First grade boys are called Tiger Scouts and they work towards their Tiger rank.

Second grade boys are called Wolf Scouts and they work towards their Wolf rank.

Third grade boys are called Bear Scouts and they work towards their Bear rank.

Fourth grade boys are called Webelos Scouts and they work towards their Webelos rank. Webelos stands for - We Be Loyal Scouts

Fifth grade boys are also called Webelos Scouts and work to achieve Cub Scoutings highest award, the Arrow of Light.
6.2 UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA

Cub Scouts and Leaders in Pack 609 are required to have two uniforms, often referred to as the “Field Uniform” and “Activity Uniform” (formerly known as “Class A” and “Class B” respectively).

The Field Uniform is the official, or formal uniform. It consists of the official shirt, neckerchief, neckerchief slide and belt. The shirt is navy blue for Tigers, Wolves, and Bears; khaki for Webelos. The Pack also strongly encourages a Cub Scout hat, which not only completes the uniform but also protects the Scout from the Florida sun. Each rank has its own unique hat, neckerchief, and slide. For example: the Tiger Cub has an orange and blue neckerchief, a slide with the Tiger Scout logo on it, and a hat with the Tiger Scout rank emblem on it. A Wolf Scout has a yellow and blue neckerchief, a slide with a wolf on it, and a hat with a Wolf rank emblem on it, and so on.

Either the official BSA uniform shorts or pants complete the Field uniform. As an alternative, Pack 609 also permit non-BSA shorts or pants to be worn with the Field uniform, provided that they are navy blue (Tigers, Wolves, and Bears) or olive green (Webelos) and have belt loops. BSA socks are also an optional item. The Field Uniform should be worn to all Pack meetings, formal ceremonies and any time a Scout (or leader) is out in the community representing Scouting. Leaders will make it clear when the Field Uniform is appropriate.

Insignia consists of badges and awards displayed on the Field Uniform identifying Scout ranks, offices, tenure, activities, and special awards. The pictorial representation of the Scout uniform described in the previous paragraph describes the minimum set of insignia required on each Scout uniform. You may also refer to the BSA Official Insignia Guide available at the Scout Shop in Tampa. Insignia placement is not arbitrary and not the appropriate place to assert individuality. Pack leaders conduct periodic inspections of the Field Uniform.

The Activity Uniform simply consists of a custom T-shirt with the Pack insignia on the front and back. The Activity Uniform is worn to Den meetings, during camp-outs, and any other less formal or public events (or ones in which the Scout is likely to get very dirty!). Wearing our Pack’s bright and distinctive Activity Uniform makes a Scout instantly identifiable as one of our own in large group settings, such as District or Council campouts where hundreds of Scouts may be present.
6.2.1 WHERE TO BUY SCOUTING UNIFORMS AND SUPPLIES
There are many different ways to obtain the uniforms and other supplies you need for Scouting. The Council Scout Shop is in Tampa.

**Tampa Bay Scout Shop**
13228 N. Central Ave., Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 935-3030

Also check your local licensed distributors of Boy Scout merchandise (Woods and Waters Outdoors (Brandon); Nathan’s (Lakeland); Andy Thornal Expedition Outfitter (Winter Haven)

It is filled with everything you could ever need and is staffed by knowledgeable Scouters.

Patches and insignia are preferentially sewn on to the uniform. If you don’t like to sew, the Scout shop can put you in contact with someone who will sew the patches for a small fee (typically $1/patch). Commercial tailors and alterations vendors can also perform this work. Akelas are discouraged from using an iron-on adhesive material called patch magic. Patch magic is rated for 15 washings before it begins delaminating, leaving an ugly smear on the uniform that must be removed by dry cleaning or with solvents. Scouts get dirty. Plan on washing this uniform regularly.

You can purchase items online at http://www.scoutstuff.org. Occasionaly, used uniforms can be purchased at online auction sites such as Ebay for exceptionally good deals.

Pack 609 does have a small collection of used uniforms available for “BORROW” until you are able to purchase their very own uniform. Please get in contact with you Committee Chair to see if we have something available in your scouts size.

6.3 POLICIES OF CUB SCOUTING
The Boy Scouts of America operates under congressional charter. Generally, Cub Scouting is flexible. There are many different ways of managing a Pack to fit the needs of its members. But although the program is flexible, the policies are not. While there are many policies associated with Cub Scouting, several of the most commonly encountered are described below.

6.3.1 YOUTH PROTECTION
The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for all its programs. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

The adult application requests background information that is evaluated by the unit committee or the chartered organization before accepting
Two-Deep Leadership

Respect Of Privacy
Separate Accommodations
No Secret Organizations
Constructive Discipline
Junior Leader Training And Supervision
Unit Responsibilities

No One-On-One Contact

Cameras, Imaging, And Digital Devices
Proper Preparation For High-Adventure Activities
Appropriate Attire
Hazing Prohibited
Member Responsibilities

6.3.2 TRIPS AND OUTINGS

In keeping with the policy of youth protection, trips and outings may never be led by one adult. Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, are required for all trips and outings. This is known as the policy of "two-deep leadership". Trips to anywhere other than normal meeting locations require proper documentation to be filed with BSA. Unit leaders will typically ensure that this appropriate paperwork is approved.

6.3.3 DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO USE

The BSA prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the BSA and at any activity involving the participation of youth members. Scouts or Akelas found possessing alcohol or controlled substances may be asked to leave the Scouting event. This Pack respects the choice that some adults make to use tobacco products. However, it is BSA policy that all Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-
free basis, with smoking areas for adults located away from all participants. As a general rule, Scouts should not be able to observe Akelas smoking. This includes electronic cigarettes and vaping machines.

Adult leaders in Pack 609 are not permitted under any circumstances to administer prescription medication to any Scout, except for their own son. If a Scout requires medication at any camping trip or outing, his parent will need to be the one to provide it to him.

### 6.3.4 RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

In its Charter and Bylaws, the BSA maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. No matter what the religious faith of a member might be, this fundamental need of good citizenship must be kept before the member. Although the BSA recognizes the religious element in the training of a member, it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude towards that religious training. The BSA does not define what constitutes a belief in God or the practice of religion. The BSA does not require membership in a religious organization or association in order to join Scouting. The BSA respects the convictions of those who exercise their constitutional freedom to practice religion as individuals without formal membership in religious organizations. Scouts are required to abide by the Declaration of Religious Principles for as long as they are a member of BSA.

### 6.4 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Keeping Scouts safe is the number one concern of the Pack Leadership. It is important that any medical condition that may put a Scout’s health at risk during Cub Scout activities be clearly identified on the application for membership, on the annual physical form, and to the Den Leader. Leaders are trained to provide safety information for such activities as sun exposure, hiking, bicycling, skating, and camping. A document titled “Guide to Safe Scouting” outlines formal BSA policy on a variety of subjects and activities. A couple of specific safety concerns are discussed below.

#### 6.4.1 KNIFE SAFETY

Only Cub Scouts of the Bear rank (third grade) or older may possess a pocketknife at specific, sanctioned Cub Scout outdoor activities - provided that the Scout has earned his “Whittlin’ Chip” card. Much like a driver’s license, the Whittlin’ Chip card indicates that a Scout has received training and safety instruction, and demonstrated proficiency and a clear understanding of the proper uses and prohibited uses of knives. The card must be retained by the Scout at all times while he is in posses-
sion of a knife at a Scouting event and must be surrendered, along with his knife, upon demand to any registered leader for violating any of the knife safety policies. Repeated offenses may result in the loss of knife privileges at Scouting functions. Cub Scouts are not permitted to possess boot or sheath knives.

Pack 609 asks that Cub Scouts regardless of whether or not they have earned their “Whittlin Chip” card, refrain from bringing pocket knives on any outings or camping events unless instructed by their Den Leader or Cub Master.

6.4.2 FIREARM AND ARCHERY SAFETY
Shooting sports are not an approved part of Cub Scouting except at day camp, resident camp, council-managed camping programs, or at District or Council activities where there are appropriate facilities, safety equipment and BSA-trained range masters. Shooting sports are not permitted at Den or Pack activities. At camp, boys often have an opportunity to take part in a BB gun safety and marksmanship program under the direction of a trained and certified BB gun range master. Cub Scouts are not permitted to use or have in their possession any other type of hand gun or firearm, or weapon of any kind at Scouting functions.

Scouts may participate in Archery skills and marksmanship training at approved District/Council events, with the same restrictions as outlined for BB guns above.

7. PACK COMMUNICATION
Most Packs take full advantage of the efficiencies of the modern electronic age to reduce the communication burden among Pack members. The predominant forms of communication between all levels of the Pack involve a computer and access to the internet. If you do not possess a computer and access to the internet, please inform your Den Leader so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Occasionally there is need for faster communication of information. In these rare instances, a telephone tree and a simple chain of command will be implemented. The Committee Chair calls the Cubmaster, the Cubmaster (or Assistant Cubmaster) calls each Den Leader, and each Den Leader is responsible for calling all the Scouts’ Akelas in his or her Den. Information flows back up the chain in the reverse order.
7.1 ONLINE ADVANCEMENT
Packs utilize a number of different tools for Online Advancement. The most used site is Scoutbook.com, which is owned by the Boy Scouts of America. The Pack will send you an invitation to setup yours and your Scouts accounts, which will be linked together.

Within Scoutbook is a Pack personnel directory, Den and Pack calendars, and the ability to email unit leaders. There are individual profiles for you Scouts that allow you to track their Advancement, requirements need and awards earned.

Scoutbook is automatically synced with the BSA Internet Advancement making it easy to maintain your Scouts records. However it is advised to always keep a hard copy of advancement records, there is a convenient place in the back of every rank book.

7.2 EMAIL
Email is the most common way that information will be communicated to a Scout and his Akela. Email may come via Scoutbook or directly from a leader. It is important that Akelas notify their Den Leader of any change in email account and plan on checking for new email notices at least once per week. Checking email more frequently for late breaking updates is recommended in the final few days before major events.

7.3 PACK WEB SITE
The Pack may have a website, or a blog that is a supplement to Scoutbook. It could also be a closed Facebook group. Communicate with your Pack to find out the best way to gain information quickly.

7.4 GREATER TAMPA BAY AREA COUNCIL
The Council web site is the following:

https://tampabayscouting.org/

This site includes District and Council-level calendars, an on-line method of paying for District and Council events, online training for adult leaders.

8. VOLUNTEERING AND AKELA PARTICIPATION
As explained at orientation, Cub Scouting is for parents as well as scouts and our Pack is a 100% volunteer organization. Everyone has some talent
that he or she can share, and everyone is expected to help out at the Pack and/or Den level. Sometimes that help is as simple as sitting and performing an activity with your Scout at a den meeting. An Akela who sits in the back of the room and chats or makes cell phone calls is distracting, and he or she sends the wrong message to nearby Scouts. Den leaders always need help with their activities. Pack leaders can always use a hand conducting Pack meetings. When some big event, like a campout, comes up, ask the identified committee leader how you can help. Pack 609 has a fine group of families who have already indicated a willingness to help, according to their abilities. They often put in many hours to make the Scouting program rewarding for your Scout. Not everybody can commit this much time, but everybody can commit a few hours spread out over the entire program year. Please make sure you have filled out a talent survey, which is a good way for the Pack to ask you for help even if you are unsure where you might be useful. If you did not do so at orientation, contact any Pack leader for a copy of this survey.

9. EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

9.1 SPOOK-O-REE
The Spook-O-Ree campout is a themed event typically conducted in October at one of the local boy scout camps: Camp Brorein in Odessa or Flaming Arrow in Winter Haven for example. The event may last from Friday evening through Sunday morning with the Pack moving from activity to activity throughout each day. Cub Scout camping is easy and lots of fun. Limited camping gear is available for loan from the Pack for first time campers. Pack leaders will make available a written list of recommended gear prior to the campout. There is a nominal program fee per person that primarily pays for park rental. The Pack cooks and eats all meals together and we do charge a $10 per person food/supply fee for every camping event.

9.2 SCOUTING FOR FOOD
Scouting for food occurs in February. The Scouts move through local neighborhoods in groups distributing plastic bags on a first weekend and then collecting the bags filled with food on a second weekend. The District coordinates this effort and assigns particular subdivisions to each Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop. The collected food is brought to a central collection point in the immediate community area, and forwarded on to local shelters. Each year our District collected many tons of food for this worthy cause.
9.3 CAMPOUTS
Packs will have campouts throughout the year, some packs camp every month, others may only camp a few times a year. The Pack Committee will determine how many campouts the Pack will have, make sure you talk to your committee about campouts and activities.

9.4 PINEWOOD DERBY
Next to camping, the Pinewood Derby is one of the events that defines Cub Scouting for boys. The event is typically held in January. Two of our previous Cubmaster built the pack a wooden track to use for the event and we are grateful to have it. We would love to purchase a new Aluminum track with built in timer to use in the near future and will be dedicating some fundraising dollars/events towards earning the funds for the track.

There will be a kickoff meeting about six weeks ahead of the event. Rules and regulations for the building of the race cars and the conduct of the race will be clearly outlined at the kickoff event; there’s usually a movie shown, and probably some Scout popcorn to eat. Each boy receives a pinewood derby kit consisting of a block of wood, wheels, and axles. While Akelas usually get involved (Cubs are not supposed to use power tools), this is a chance for the boys to craft a winning racer. A workshop is typically held several weeks before the race to share skills, tips and tricks for building a great car. Akelas and siblings are encouraged to build their own cars to race in a fun run on the same day as the derby.

9.5 BACK TO BROWN-SEA
Back to Brown-Sea is a weekend campout just for Webelos and their families typically conducted in January at a local park in Hillsborough county. The event lasts from Friday evening through Sunday morning. The Webelos practice the patrol method which helps them to prepare for Boy Scouts. They spend half the day learning or brushing up on their Scout skills, and then are put to the test in an afternoon competition with other Packs. Akelas are welcome to observe, but they can not coach the Scouts. Unlike other events, there are no activities for other family members.
9.6 BLUE & GOLD BANQUET & CROSS-OVER
Conducted in February, the Blue and Gold Banquet celebrates the anniversary of Cub Scouting. It is a themed evening at SSUMC including dinner. Following dinner (or later in the year depending on timing), the Pack typically conducts a ceremony at which the second year Webelos Scouts ‘cross over’ into Boy Scouts. This is a moving ceremony that traditionally includes a visit from Native American-garbed representatives of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout elite camping and service organization; brief speeches; and each boy physically ‘walking over’ a small bridge from leaders of the Pack to awaiting leaders of a Boy’s chosen Boy Scout Troop.

9.7 SPACE DERBY AND RAIN GUTTER REGATTA
Space Derby is conducted in April. We will have a lock in at the church, race space ships that the boys have built and stare at the stars. Space ships will be handed out 4-6 weeks in advance and wards will be handed out for placement and participation. This will be our pack’s first year having Space Derby and we are looking forward to it.

Rain Gutter Regatta is held in May/June where the boys will race boats that they have built against other scouts in their den/pack. Boat kits will be handed out 4-6 weeks in advance and awards will be handed out for placement and participation.

9.8 PACK SUMMERTIME EVENTS
While there are no traditional Pack meetings during the summer months, several fun, structured events are scheduled to bring the Pack together and keep Scouting going. There are typically three or more events planned for the months of June-August. Some of these events are organized by the Pack. Some events are organized by others but we attend them as a Pack. If a Scout attends any three events, he qualifies for a special award pin. Although the program varies, past events have included fishing at a local park, BBQ, Lock in at the church and a camp out at the Florida Aquarium.

10. PACK EQUIPMENT USAGE
Over time, our Pack has come to own a considerable amount of equipment, predominantly camping related equipment. Pack equipment should not be used for non-Pack purposes without the consent of the Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chair. All pack camp equipment is stored in the pack trailer and brought to all camping events. All scouts, parents and leaders are responsible to keeping pack equipment in good condition. Coolers and drink jugs should be clean and dry to prevent mold. Please report any defects upon return. Normal wear and tear is understandable, but care should be taken to avoid excessive damage due to misuse.