

## **Pack 378 Welcomes You!**

Pack 378 has been a part of this community for over twenty-nine years. Many hundreds of young boys have benefited from belonging to this Pack.

Cub Scouting offers a safe, fun, and rewarding way for young boys to come together and learn through a wide array of activities. It is organized in a way that allows parents, and often, brothers and sisters, to take part in the learning and fun. You have a direct link with the activities your boy will encounter. You will see first-hand the development of his mental and physical skills that will be so important as he matures into a young man. The family values he will be exposed to are yours and other like-minded parents within our Pack.

### **PACK MEETINGS:**

Our Pack will generally meet as a complete unit once a month. Normally expect this to be the Wednesday prior to the last Wednesday of each month. This is a family get-together, open to moms, dads, brothers, sisters, grandpa, grandma, and so on. Have your son invite a buddy, maybe he will want to join also! The Pack Meeting gives us a chance to hand out awards, show off what each Den has accomplished for the month, sing songs, perform skits, get to know other Dens and parents. During the school year, we usually meet in the Fees or Rover cafeteria.

The Cub Master will organize most Pack Meetings. He will attempt to assign responsibilities on a rotational basis, or by a specific strength of an individual or group.

A major part of most Pack Meetings is the recognition of accomplishments over the previous month. Individual awards are handed out to the Boys in the form of Badges, Pins, Loops, Patches, and Certificates. Award information must be passed on to the Advancement Chairperson in a timely fashion by the Den Leaders, so these awards can be presented.

### **DEN MEETINGS:**

Dens should expect to have meetings every week, except for Pack Meeting week. Wednesday is the designated day to meet in the Fees or Rover Cafeteria from about 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The substance of each Den meeting revolves around the Cub Scout handbook. Each Den works on achievements outlined in their appropriate grade level book. Sometimes a Den will prefer to have an outing to accomplish a goal. An outing may be instead of, or in addition to a regular Den meeting. Clearances for this by the Cub Master and all parents of that Den are required.

Den Leaders are responsible for organizing individual Den meetings. The workload of the meetings should be rotated among parents of each Den. It is imperative a Den meeting has at least two parents in attendance at all times. This is for the safety of both the children and parents. The Den Leaders should be prepared to keep the Cub Master up-to-date on the progress of their Den, and plans for the near future. This can be accomplished with a simple, short e-mail or phone call.

### **FUND RAISERS:**

Because we have been so successful with our limited amount of fund-raisers, our dues are minimal. We usually have three major fund-raisers spread throughout the year. If necessary, we may ask for an additional "pop" of funds from each Scout to help offset our costs on a Den by Den basis.

### **ADULT PLANNING MEETINGS:**

Currently, our Pack has instituted planning meetings through e-mail and telephone. This will be the default method. We will also schedule an occasional meeting at the Cub Master's house to help facilitate planning. The introduction of our web page, [pack378.com](http://pack378.com), will help keep everyone informed on a timely basis. Please visit often, as we will attempt to keep it up-to-date.

### **ADULT TRAINING**

Boy Scouts of America has many fine training programs in place. These usually occur throughout the year at no or low cost to the Pack, and are close to our area. These training programs teach leaders to be proficient in a variety of skills, and help insure that the safety and protection standards for our Boys are upheld.