

Sample Topics for Cub Scout Pack Policies

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The Scouting program is rich in opportunity for both the enjoyment and the development of the members of Pack xxxx. To make full use of this program requires the active participation of Scouts (youth) and Scouters (adults) alike. The following statement of the policies of our Pack is intended to clarify some of the major requirements for its successful operation.

Program

Pack xxxx is more than just an after-school activity. It is expected that all of our Scouts will Do Their Best to: 1) live up to the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code; and 2) participate in the Scouting program offered by the Pack.

Parental Involvement

While the nature of the Cub Scout program relies on leadership by the registered adult leaders, supervision and guidance by parents (or guardians) is essential. In addition, there is a variety of behind-the-scenes jobs that can be performed only by adults. It is expected that all parents will participate in some manner. Regular attendance at meetings and provision of transportation to or from Pack outings is not too much to expect from all parents.

Meetings

<Include information such as the following:>

Regular monthly meetings of the Pack will be held once a month on <give day of week, times, and location>. Any exceptions will be announced. It is expected that parents (or a guardian) will accompany their son to the Pack Meeting. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their son at the meeting. Parents are expected to set a good example for their sons and participate in the meeting. Parents must accompany their children to the restrooms. No child can be left unattended in the hallway.

<Include similar information on den meetings.>

Attendance

Scouts are to attend Pack and Den meetings and activities on a regular basis. Tiger Scouts must be accompanied by an adult partner/parent/guardian at all times.

Uniforms

The proper use of the Scout uniform is an important part of the program of Pack xxxx. All Scouts should have a complete uniform as soon as possible after joining the Pack, and should make a strong effort to keep the uniform neat, with correct placement of badges and insignia.

Uniforms are to be worn at all Pack meetings and activities such as parades. Uniforms and equipment should be marked with the Scout's name.

A complete uniform consists of: official BSA shirt and trousers (or shorts); neckerchief; cap; shoes, boots or sneakers, properly laced; and Cub Scout Handbook.

The handbook is an extremely important item for the Scout, for it contains invaluable information necessary for his participation in the program as well as his personal record of progress.

Finances

<Provide guidance such as the following:>

Pack activities and the awards program are financed from the pack treasury; the funds in the treasury are raised by our fundraisers during the year. All Cub Scouts are expected to participate in these fundraisers, since this is the only source of expense money that the pack has.

<If dues are collected, provide information such as the following:>

Dues of \$xx. per month are payable at Pack meetings. This money should be earned by the Scout, to give him a sense of his contribution to the program. Dues payments help the Pak defray the cost of badges, awards, Boys' Life, insurance and other operating expenses.

<Explain how pack finances are managed and reported.>

Advancement

The responsibility for advancement within the Cub Scout program primarily rests with each individual Scout's family. The requirements for advancement are clearly defined in the Cub Scout Handbook. Assistance in the completion of these requirements is available from the Scout's Den Leader.

Activities

Scouts attending a Pack outing must be accompanied by a parent (or guardian). This is a means for protection of the Scout, not an abdication of responsibility by the Pack leadership.

Transportation of the Pack to and from outings is the shared responsibility of all parents.

Behavior

Scouts are expected to treat each other with respect. Hitting, inappropriate touching, or aggressive physical contact is expressly forbidden, as is name calling, or bullying in any form (verbal, electronic, physical). Any behavior that results in hurting of another Scout is grounds for immediate dismissal from the pack. Scouts are expected to include all members of their den in any activity or meeting – no one is to be left out for any reason.

Any behavioral problems with a youth member will result in: 1) a verbal warning to the offending Scout from a leader for the first offense; 2) a verbal reprimand from the Cubmaster for the second offense; and 3) suspension from the Pack after the third offense. Suspension indicates a serious problem and will require the Scout's parent or guardian to come to the Pack (even if we are on a distant outing) and take him home. Readmission will only be granted after a conference between the Scout, his parents or guardian, and the Pack Committee Chair.

Neither the consumption of alcoholic beverages nor the use of illegal drugs will be permitted at ANY Cub Scout function.