

CUB SCOUT PACK 46

WESTCHASE, FL

PARENT AND SCOUT WELCOME
PACKAGE

FALL, 2024



#ADVENTUREON



WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS!

Cub Scouting is part of Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America), available to boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade, or 5 to 10 years of age and their families.

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IS TO PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE ETHICAL AND MORAL CHOICES OVER THEIR LIFETIMES BY INSTILLING IN THEM THE VALUES OF THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW.

SCOUT OATH

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, REVERENT.



CUBMASTER WELCOME

Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering Cub Scout Pack 46 for your child(ren). We are excited to offer a program that makes a positive impact in our community, and develops our youth into their very best future selves. This year is sure to be an exciting one with many awesome events for Scouts and their families to enjoy. Cub Scouting is a family-based program and we welcome your entire family to join in our adventures!

Scouting America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" Scouting has over a million youth members and 500,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States. Since its inception in 1910 as the Boy Scouts of America, more than 130 million young men and women have participated in Scouting's youth programs. I'm a proud Eagle Scout, father of scouts, and volunteer leader of Pack 46.

In Pack 46, we know boys and girls do not join scouts to get their character built; they join because it is fun! As parents, we want our children to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable and caring individuals; the same values Scouting aims to achieve. Pack 46 weaves lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth. Scouting teaches family values and we are proud to have such an involved group of families in our Pack.

We meet as a Pack one Tuesday a month at Westchase Elementary from 6:30-7:30pm for fun, fellowship and learning. Dens (grade-level groups of scouts) meet an additional 1-2 times a month based on availability of families in the Den. In addition to meetings, we have several outings planned including campouts, activity days, community service projects, and perhaps our most popular event of the year...the Pinewood Derby. I truly hope you'll join our adventure!

Nick Digirolamo
Cubmaster



A SCOUT'S JOURNEY

The **Cub Scout Pack** is made up of several dens for each grade level: Lions(K), Tigers(1st), Wolves(2nd), Bears(3rd), Webelos(4th), and Arrow of Light(5th).

The pack is led by the volunteer Cub Master during monthly pack meetings where Scouts have fun, fellowship, and are awarded badges, beltloops, and pins that are earned during the month. The Pack also plans campouts, community service, and other fun outings.

Dens are led by volunteer Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders, with Den Meetings typically held 1-2 times a month.





















































RANK ADVANCEMENT

2024-2025 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

Cub Scouts earn adventures that are specific to their grade and rank. A number of adventures must be completed to earn the badge of rank for each grade level. Adventures may be earned in any order. Completion of adventures is how the aims of character, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness are developed.

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 nd Grade	 BEAR 3 rd Grade	 WEBELOS 4 th Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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PACK CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Pack Meeting/New Family Info Night	Westchase Elementary
Thursday, August 29, 2024	Parent Orientation	Zoom (8:30pm)
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	Parent Orientation	Zoom (8:30pm)
Saturday, September 7, 2024	Threshers Scout Spectacular	BayCare Ballpark, Clearwater
Saturday, September 7, 2024	Cub NOVA Academy	Camp Soule (Clearwater)
Saturday, Sept. 14-Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024	BALOO (Adult Leader Training)	Sand Hill (Brooksville)
Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Pack Meeting	Westchase Elementary
Saturday, September 28, 2024	Ft. Brooke Cub Fest	Camp Brorien (Odessa)
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Pack Meeting	Westchase Elementary
Friday, October 18 - Sunday, October 20, 2024	Spook-O-Ree Camping Trip	Camp Brorien (Odessa)
Saturday, November 9, 2024	Veterans Day Parade	Town & Country
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	Pack Meeting	Westchase Elementary
Friday, Nov. 22 - Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024	Campsgiving (AOLs only)	Camp Brorien (Odessa)
Sunday, November 24, 2024	Westchase Food Drive Service Project	Westchase Elementary
Saturday, December 14, 2024	Westchase Santa Parade	Westchase
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Pack 46 Winter Wonderland	Westchase Elementary
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	Pack Meeting	Westchase Elementary
Friday, January 24 - Sunday January 26, 2025	Snooze at the Zoo (Weekend 1)	Samford Zoo
Friday, January 31 - Sunday February 2, 2025	Snooze at the Zoo (Weekend 2)	Samford Zoo
Saturday, February 1, 2025	University of Scouting (Adult Training)	St. Leo University
Friday, February 21 - Sunday, February 23, 2025	Pack Camping Trip (& AOL Crossover)	Camp Soule (Clearwater)
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Pinewood Derby Workshop	Stoddard Residence
Tuesday, March 25, 2025	Pack Meeting (Derby Prep)	Westchase Elementary
Saturday, March 29, 2025	Pinewood Derby Race Day	Westchase Elementary
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Pack Meeting	Westchase Elementary
Friday April 11 - Sunday April 13, 2024	Splash-O-Ree Camping Trip	Camp Soule (Clearwater)
Sunday, May 18, 2025	Advancement Ceremony	Camp Soule (Clearwater)

Dens (by grade-level) will schedule additional activities each month. Summer activities are TBD.

Visit www.pack46.com to see calendar updates and event details.

	Included in Pack Dues
	Additional Costs Apply



THE COST OF SCOUTING

Fall 2024 Pack Dues <i>paid directly to Pack 46</i>	\$125	Pack Dues stays in the Pack and includes the Spook-O-Ree Campout (Fall), February Crossover Campout (Spring), Pack Meetings, Den Meetings, a Pack T-shirt (one per year), Pinewood Derby Car Kit (Spring), Community Events, Pack equipment, and administrative expenses
Spring 2025 Pack Dues <i>paid directly to Pack 46</i>	\$125	
National Scouting & Council Registration Fees <i>paid directly to National online</i>	\$118	\$85 goes directly to Scouting America for support of program development, online training/resources, liability insurance, etc. \$33 goes to the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council to support council camps, leader training, and youth programs
Total Annual Cost	\$363	<i>A family may participate in the Fall fundraiser and offset some or ALL of the cost of Spring dues</i>

Sibling Discounts: \$10 Fall, \$10 Spring

Pack 46 is committed to providing a Scouting experience for every kid. If you'd like information on needs-based financial assistance, contact the Committee Chair or Cubmaster, or inquire at pack46.com/scholarship-form.

ADDITIONAL COSTS TO EXPECT

Scout Uniform, Den-level handbook, personal camping equipment, optional activities not included in dues

Optional Campouts include the Zoo Overnight in January, Splash-O-Ree in April, and Den-Level outings

UNIFORMS

Lion - Kindergarten



Tiger - First Grade



Wolf - Second Grade



Bear - Third Grade



Webelos and Arrow of Light



4th Grade Webelos

Blue Cub Scout Uniform

Webelos Hat

Webelos Neckerchief



5th Grade Arrow of Light

Scouts BSA Uniform
Tan Shirt
Green Bottoms

There will not be an Arrow of Light Hat or Neckerchief.

WHERE TO BUY

ScoutShop.org (official retailer of the BSA)

Council Scout Shop
13228 North Central Ave
Tampa, FL 33612
(813) 935-3030

PATCH PLACEMENT

(LIONS THROUGH WEBELOS)



- World Crest with optional ring
- Council Strip (Greater Tampa Bay Area)
- Pack Number (46)
- Rank badges, in order of rank earned



Arrow of Light Scouts wear the tan Scouts BSA uniform and only display the Webelos Rank Badge if it was earned in 4th grade



Pack 46 does not require a neckerchief for AOL Scouts

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pack 46 relies heavily on the involvement of parents to succeed. The most important contribution parents can make is to work with their children on their Cub Scouting adventures as they work toward their badge of rank. The Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities; some of them you do together at home. Den meetings are designed for Cub Scouts to complete adventures that are required for them to earn their badge of rank. When you have completed a requirement at home, make sure your den leader is informed so that they can properly record it and your child can be recognized for their achievements.

Your role as a parent is the secret to a successful Cub Scouting program! Pack 46 operates through 100% volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. We ask that every parent sign up to volunteer for at least one activity and/or committee during the Scouting year. In doing so, you will contribute to the success of the Pack and be a positive influence in the lives of your children and their friends.

Please visit Pack46.com/volunteer to select an area to contribute in, or you may reach out to the Cub Master or Committee Chair if you are interested in helping.



YOUTH PROTECTION

Scouting America and Pack 46 take the safety of youth participants very seriously. All registered leaders are required to complete Scouting America Youth Protection Training, and EVERY adult must adhere to strict standards. While not required for non-registered adults, Pack 46 recommends that all parents complete youth protection training.

Some important guidelines to be aware of include:

- Parents or guardians of Lions and Tigers must be present with their children during all Cub Scout activities. Parents or guardians of all other Cub Scouts are encouraged at every activity.
- Two adults must always be present when leading youth (no 1on1 youth-adult contact is allowed except by parents and their own children).
- No child may enter any tent other than that of their own family.
- Bathroom facilities differ by venue, and there should be no cohabitation between male/female & youth/adults other than direct family members.
- While visitors are encouraged at many events, all adults staying overnight on a campout must be a legal parent/guardian of a scout, or a Registered Scouting Leader.



SCOUTING'S BARRIERS TO ABUSE

ADULT LEADERSHIP



- **Find a buddy:** Always maintain 2-deep leadership on all outings, including meetings and any trips
- **Three or more:** One-on-one contact between youth and adults is prohibited, including electronic communication
- **Be the teacher:** Utilize constructive discipline
- **Be a guide:** Youth leadership monitored by adults



RESPECT

- **Respect the privacy of everyone:** Adults, youth and leaders
 - **Respect your peers:** No secret organizations allowed
- **Being mean isn't cool:** Bullying and hazing are prohibited



UNIT PROTOCOL



- **Keep calm and camp on:** Always have separate housing and restroom accommodations for adults and youth
- **Stay classy:** Maintain appropriate attire
- **Stay safe:** Always enforce Youth Protection policies and always use the buddy system



TECHNOLOGY

- **Use technology for good:** Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging and digital devices is prohibited
- **Get updated:** Know and understand social media guidelines



FAQ'S

How often are meetings? Pack meetings (all grades together) meet once a month at Westchase Elementary for awards and exciting activities. Dens (grade-specific groups) meet an additional 1-2 times per month to work on Adventures (fun & educational lessons on a wide range of skill sets).

How does my child earn awards? Scouts will work with their den to earn adventure awards every month. Scouts can also work on adventures at home. Pack 46 recognizes scouts at monthly pack meetings for awards earned. Your scout will likely earn AT LEAST one award each month in Cub Scouts.

Can siblings participate in campouts and activities? Yes! Cub Scouts is a family program so siblings and parents are welcome to attend meetings and activities. Everything we do is designed with the entire family in mind!

How often do you camp? We organize one Pack campout in the Fall and one in the Spring which are both covered in Pack dues. Our first campout is Spook-O-Ree, a Halloween-themed campout in October at Camp Brorein in Odessa! We also offer additional campouts throughout the year organized by Den Leaders or the Greater Tampa Bay Area Scout Council.

We're not really a "camping family." Well then you'll love our campouts! We design every campout as if everyone is a first-time camper, and the entire family is invited! Campouts are typically nearby, action-packed with age-appropriate activities, and you don't have to worry about cooking since the Pack 46 cook crew prepares the BEST food anywhere in the woods!

Does my child need a scout uniform? Not for the open house, but if you decide to join, every scout in Pack 46 is encouraged to wear the Scout uniform! Uniforms can be purchased at the local Scout store or on scoutshop.org. Your Den Leader will guide you on what to purchase.

My kids are in too many activities. What is the time commitment? Scouting is a program for all kids no matter their interests or hobbies. That's why scouts have become presidents, professional athletes, rocket scientists, CEOs, conservationists, and so many other difference makers as adults! We are a pack full of busy families so our activities are flexible, attendance is never mandatory, and adventure award requirements can be made up on your own time if meetings are missed.

Since when can girls join Cub Scouts? Since 2018. Well, sisters of boys have been participating in Cub Scouts for 100 years, but in 2018 they finally made it official that girls could sign up and earn awards just like the boys. We are co-ed Pack and our girls thrive on the adventure of Scouting!

What kind of service will my child participate in? Pack 46 emphasizes community service and you'll see our scouts serving throughout the community including at the Westchase Food Drive, Westchase Santa Parade, the American Legion, and anywhere else we can be helpful.

Who are the leaders? Pack 46 is led by a dedicated group of volunteer parents and leaders who are passionate about Scouting's impact in the lives of kids. Registered volunteer leaders are background-checked & trained to deliver the Scouting program, however all parents are encouraged to help in some way throughout the year.

How much does it cost? Pack 46 keeps costs as low as possible for scout families. First you'll pay a National Scouting fee of \$118 for a year's membership in the program, then you'll pay Pack 46 dues of \$125 per semester (Fall & Spring) which covers most activities. Additional costs to expect are a uniform and optional outings. We believe scouting is for every youth regardless of financial ability, so scholarships and fundraisers are available to offset the costs. More information on costs can be found at www.pack46.com/join

What if my child is too old for Cub Scouts? Scouting America's program for middle and high schoolers is called Scouts BSA where adventure is taken to a whole new level. There are three local Westchase troops for Scouts BSA: Troop 46 (boys), Troop 6419 (girls), and Troop 246 (boys). More information on Troops can be found at www.beascout.org

USEFUL LINKS

Pack 46 Website
(Pack46.com)



Pack events, updated calendar, register for Scouting, pay your dues, and more.

Join the Pack 46 Facebook Group!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scoutpack46/>

Greater Tampa Bay Area Council
Website (tampabayscouting.org)



Tampa Bay Area Scouting ongoings, leadership, events, and more.

Scoutshop.org



National online store for scouting uniforms, supplies, and more.