

## **CUB SCOUT PACK 828 of Sugar Land Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### ***Where does Pack 828 meet?***

Our Pack meets at Austin Parkway Elementary, 4th Monday of every month, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

### ***How Can I Join Pack 828?***

In late August or early September we provide information about how to join Pack 828 to boys entering 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Austin Parkway Elementary on Scouting Rally Night; however, a boy can join our pack anytime during the year. This year recruiting night will be held on **August 28th at Austim Parkway Elementary Cafeteria at 7:00pm**. You can join now and start with the fun summer activities beginning in June!

### ***What Does It Cost to Join?***

The membership fee for new Cub Scouts is \$40.00 (from Sept. through Feb. of the following year) payable when you register. This breaks down as: \$5.10 National Dues, \$29.50 Pack Dues, and \$5.40 Boy's Life Magazine. Approximately \$80.00 will then be collected at the end of January next year, for the annual re-charter fees and dues. From there on out you will be on the annual cycle for registration fees and dues. In addition, each den collects dues (depends on the den) to cover the cost of den activities.

### ***Are there any fund drives?***

To keep costs down, our Cub Scouts participate in the annual Popcorn sales in the Fall. Out of these funds, the Pack pays for:

- Registration fees and insurance for Scouts and adult leaders
- Subscriptions to *Scouting* magazine for each registered adult leader
- Graduation ceremony, including neckerchiefs for Wolves, Bears, and Webelos who continue on to their next rank
- Advancement patches, pins, belt loop and other awards for Scouts
- Adult volunteer recognition awards
- Most summer events (Swimming Party with pizza)
- Blue & Gold Banquet miscellaneous: Decorations, Awards
- Pinewood Derby: Kits, Awards (including trophies)
- Required janitorial costs for Pack meetings
- Training Costs for Leaders
- Campouts miscellaneous

### ***What is a Pack?***

A pack is a group of Cub Scouts, adult leaders and parents who belong to the same Cub Scout unit (e.g., Pack 828 of the Tomahawk District, Sam Houston Council). A pack generally draws its membership primarily from an elementary school or church that is associated with the pack's Chartered Organization. Each pack is made up of Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos dens.

### ***What is a Chartered Organization?***

A Chartered Organization is the sponsoring organization for a Cub Scout pack, usually a church, homeowners' association, school, or other community group. The primary responsibilities of the Chartered Organization are to select the leadership of the pack and provide a meeting place. Each year, the pack must renew its Charter with its local council. The Chartered Organization must approve the rechartering application in order for the Charter to be renewed. At this time our charter organization is in the process of changing. Pack 828 is chartered by STAR TV and Appliance.

### ***What is a Den?***

A den is a small group of boys (ideally 6-8) of the same grade level. Each den meets two or three nights per month to work on achievements and other activities. The den is led by adult Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders, who are responsible for planning and conducting each den meeting.

### ***What is Pack Meeting Like?***

Each pack meeting is planned around a monthly theme, such as "Computers", "All Aboard", or "Indians of the Southwest", etc. Most pack meetings include songs, skits, games, advancements, adult recognition, the Cubmaster's message and other activities. All Cub Scouts and at least one parent are expected to attend. Other family members are welcome.

