Family Agreement

Now that you have made the decision to join Cub Scouts, please bear in mind the ultimate goal here: **Ensuring the Values of Tomorrow**. This is not a lighthearted task and definitely not one that can be done by simply dropping your son off for an hour of 'babysitting' by your Den Leader each week. *Our Pack is a very family oriented organization* and as such, we ask that the family participate with the Scout as much as possible on this journey.

All of the pack leadership is voluntary. No one is paid for their services, except by the smiles of Happy Cub Scouts. The strength of our pack, the good program enjoyed by you and your son, is directly related to the support you are able to provide to the pack. We have volunteer job that require weekly, monthly , quarterly and "from time to time" service. Every family is expected to have a mininum of one adult leader to help lead our pack.

If you are looking for an activity that you can drop your child off for and never have to be involved with, then Scouting is ***not*** for you. Joining Scouts is a commitment not only to the Pack, but the Den and your family as well. One of the very first things that your boy will learn is the Cub Scout Promise:

I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack

This is not something that can be done on a part time basis. We are not teaching our Scouts that promises are made to be broken, but to be kept and honored. We believe that if a child starts something, then it should be seen through to the end (of the school year at the very least). This will be an important lesson that will shape your child's future decision making abilities as well as setting a pattern of dedication that will enforce those decisions with determination for the rest of his life.

To make this experience a success for both the family and the Den, then it is necessary to create a system of ground rules for the Pack, Dens, boys and their families to follow. These are detailed in our Pack 828 Bylaws. Your Den Leader can provide a complete copy of these bylaws for your review upon request.

Here are a few excerpts to cover some of the most common issues:

What would cause someone to be considered inactive?

A boy and his family may be considered INACTIVE by action of the Pack Committee, for one (1) of the following reasons:

1. The Den Leader deems it necessary to have a boy declared "inactive" to maintain discipline in the Den by misbehavior or inappropriate words or actions on part of the boy or the family members.
2. Three (3) consecutive Den Meeting absences, and a reasonable explanation is not offered.
3. A total of Six (6) Den Meeting absences (approx. 20%) without approval of the Den Leader.
4. Obvious lack of interest on the part of the Scout and/or Parents or a conflict with another extra curricular activity (i.e.. sports).
5. Family absence at two (2) consecutive Pack Meetings (approx. 20%). Family attendance at monthly Pack Meetings is an integral part of the Cub Scout experience. Failure to have family representation indicates a lack of interest on the part of the Scout and/or the Parents.
6. Failure to pay Dues or turn in money-raising opportunity monies in a timely fashion.

Money-raising opportunities

In order to raise money the Pack may conduct money-raising opportunties. The Treasurer, Cubmaster, and Committee Chairperson are responsible for finances. To that end, they place the following guidelines to govern money-raising opportunties and the use of money generated by the money-raising opportunties into effect.

Participation in money-raising opportunties is not mandatory, but is highly recommended to all Scouts in the Pack.

PARENTS PART IN SCOUTING

Parents must understand, before their son joins Pack 828, that Cub Scouting is a program for them to participate in with their son. The program is family-based and will not succeed without participation on the part of both the Scout and his Parents. If our Pack is to be successful, each family must share in the administration of the Cub Scout program. Cub Scouts is not daycare for children to be dropped off at each week by their parents.

General Requirements

By signing up their son into Pack 828, Parents agree to do their best to:

- Bring their son to every possible Pack/Den meeting and other Scout activities
- Help when needed by the Pack or Den
- Have the family represented by at least one (1) Parent at every Pack Meeting.
- Bring the entire family to Pack Meetings, when possible (responsibility of control of Cub Scout's siblings resides with the Parents).

- Actively participate in Den and Pack activities, to include money-raising opportunties.

- Assist at the Pack Meetings by showing the proper courtesy to our Scouts by maintaining quiet.
- Help the Pack achieve the goals set each year.
- Assist Den Leader(s) when called upon.
- Before leaving the area for vacation or leave of absence, send notice to their son's Den Leader stating the dates he will be absent from the area.
- See that the Scout has the opportunity to earn his Den Dues and that he meets this obligation regularly.
- Remind the Scout to bring all necessary items to Meetings, to include his Cub Scout book and uniform.
- If the family is to move out of the area, notify the Cubmaster and Den Leader in advance in order to get transfer of registration and verification of rank advancement for presentation to the new Unit Leader at the new location.
- At the very beginning of all Cub Scout handbooks, there is a forward pertaining to Youth Protection. All parents are required to read and be familiar with the contents.
- Parent or adult chaperones of Scouts are required to remain at all activities if the Scout has ADHD, or other physical or behavorial disabilities.
- These are just some of the highlights of the Pack 828 Bylaws. We ask each boy, and his parent or guardian, to sign below.

We understand these basic rules, promise to do our best to abide by them, and understand that a failure to do so will result in our boy's/my status being deemed 'inactive'. We also promise to do our best, to do our duty, to God and our country, to help other people and to obey the Law of the pack!

Printed Names: _____
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Parent / Guardian Cub Scout

Signed: _____
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Parent / Guardian Cub Scout

Date: _____

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