



Holy Cross Cub Scout Pack 515

2010 Parent Orientation Guide

Welcome to the fun and
excitement of Cub Scouting!

Where character counts and
the adventure begins...

About Pack 515

I would like to thank you for considering Holy Cross Cub Scout Pack 515 as your choice for your son(s). Our Pack was founded by Sal Porta in 1973 and has been proudly serving families ever since. We are chartered by Holy Cross Episcopal Church which provides us with a meeting place, a Scout House in which to store our supplies, and the moral support needed to run a successful Scouting program.

We are a successful Pack because our way of Scouting attracts not only boys but families as well. Boys today have limited interaction with other boys due to excessive television, computers, and video games. As a parent, you want your son(s) to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these goals in mind for him. Since 1973 we have been weaving 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. We know boys do not join Scouts to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun!

We meet as a Pack on the second Tuesday of each month (minus holiday and summer break) for fun, fellowship, and awards. Our current meeting spot, Garden Grove Elementary School, is located at the four-way stop sign on Cypress Gardens Road.

What is Cub Scouting?

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, as incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of moral strength and character, to develop fitness and to train in the responsibilities of active citizenship.

Since 1930, the younger boys have had the opportunity to be Cub Scouts (1st-5th grade) in a year round home centered program that helps strengthen the family. Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's program phases. The other phases include Boy Scouting (6th-12th grade) and Venturing.



Purposes of Scouting

Cub Scout Packs serve boys who are in first through fifth grade (or roughly 7-10 years old). Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

The Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting:

- ▶ Character Development
- ▶ Spiritual Growth
- ▶ Good Sportsmanship
- ▶ Sportsmanship
- ▶ Family Understanding
- ▶ Respectful Relationships
- ▶ Personal Achievement
- ▶ Friendly Service
- ▶ Fun and Adventure
- ▶ Preparation for Boy Scouts

The Cub Scout Pack

The Pack is a group made up of several Dens: Tiger Cub, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos scout dens. Most packs have a den for each grade level. The Pack is led by the Cubmaster during Pack meetings. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities where Cub Scouts play games, sing songs, act skits, and award boys with badges and pins that have been earned during the month. The Pack meets on the second Tuesday of each month (minus holiday and summer break) at Garden Grove Elementary School on Cypress Gardens Road. All dens and families are expected to attend these meetings.

Packs are sponsored by chartered organizations which:

- ▶ Include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- ▶ Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the organization and Scouting guidelines and policies.
- ▶ Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between the Cub Scout Pack and its chartered organization).

The pack is run by the Pack Committee which:

- ▶ Selects leadership
- ▶ Finds meeting places
- ▶ Performs record keeping
- ▶ Manages pack finances
- ▶ Orders badges
- ▶ Maintains pack equipment
- ▶ Helps train leaders
- ▶ Recognizes leaders

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Your 2010-2011 Pack Committee is responsible for the "behind the scenes" operations for Pack 515. The Pack is only as successful as the leadership that runs it. All Pack leaders are unpaid volunteers and they can always use more help. Please consider donating your time to help fill one of the following leadership positions: Chair, Co-Chair, Sub-Committee Member, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader, and on and on. If you can help, we have a spot.

- ▶ Committee Chair - Vicki Howell
- ▶ Cubmaster - David S. Hays
- ▶ Treasurer - Don Sarasin
- ▶ Secretary - Ryan Houmard/Joanne Porta
- ▶ Achievement/Awards Chair - Kristan L. Hays
- ▶ Fundraising Chair -
- ▶ Blue & Gold Banquet Chair -
- ▶ Derby Chair -
- ▶ Camping Chair - Alyson Hooker
- ▶ Boy Scout Troop 515 Liaison - Jim Campbell, Scout Master Troop 515
- ▶ Chartered Organization Rep - Hal Cory
- ▶ Unit Commissioner - Sal Porta



Pack 515 Den Leaders

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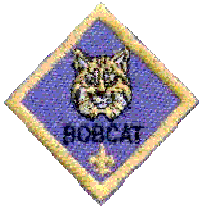
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TIGERS

DEN LEADER OPEN

ASSISTANT DEN LEADER OPEN

The Cub Scout Dens



Bobcat Den:

The bobcat rank is for all boys who join Cub Scouting and is the first badge to be earned. To earn the Bobcat badge; the Cub Scout must learn the Cub Scout promise, motto, salute, hand-shake, Law of the Pack, and the meaning of "Webelos".



Tiger Cub Den (1st Grade):

The Tiger Cub program is for boys who are in 1st grade and/or are 6 years of age. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, must complete 15 requirements to earn his Tiger badge and move to the next level. You and your Tiger are members of a den which usually consists of 6-10 boys. Dens usually meet once a week at a location chosen by the Leader and will attend several "Go See It" trips during the scout year.



Wolf Den (2nd Grade):

The Wolf program is for boys who have completed 1st grade and/or are 7 years of age. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass 12 achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. Each boy is a member of a den lead by a den leader and assistant den leader(s). Den meetings are generally held weekly at a time and location chosen by the Leader. Each den participates in a monthly pack meeting. After a Cub Scout earns his Wolf badge, he works on electives to earn Arrow Points until he is old enough to advance to the next level.



Bear Den (3rd Grade):

The Bear program is for boys who have completed 2nd grade and/or are 8 years old. To earn the Bear badge, a boy must pass 12 out of 24 achievements. Each boy is a member of a den lead by a den leader and assistant den leader(s). Den meetings are generally held weekly at a time and location chosen by the Leader. Each den participates in a monthly pack meeting. After a Cub Scout earns his Bear badge, he works on electives to earn Arrow Points until he is old enough to advance to the next level.



Webelos I and II Dens (4th and 5th Grade):

Webelos, which stands for *WE'll BE LOyal Scouts*, is a program for boys who have completed 3rd grade and/or for boys who are 9-10 years old. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from Cub Scout Pack to Boy Scout Troop.

As a Webelos Scout completes the requirements found in the Webelos Scout book, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements. This leads to the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light Award. Webelos wear the Khaki Boy Scout uniform.



Pack 515 Camping

Camping is the activity the boys look forward to the most during the year. Pack 515 offers several different camping experiences. Below is a general description of each outing.

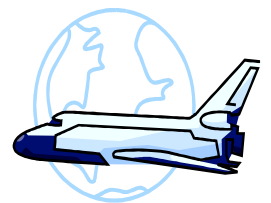


Cub-o-Ree: A three day two night camping experience at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation (BSA campground located in Lake Wales). The Cub-o-Ree is the largest camping trip of the year because it offers overnight group camping for every Pack in our district (which is Lake Region). The Lake Region district cost is usually announced prior to the event and includes an entire weekend of activities. A meal ticket is also available for purchase. (This is highly recommended.) The campout is a full schedule of events for the Scouts. They participate in Archery and BB gun shooting among other things.

Pack Family Camping: We will have 2 different three-day, two-night campouts at a state or county park. The pack enjoys these weekends because we really have a great time. During these experiences you really see the boys settle in and relax.

Derbies (All derby kits can be purchased through the Pack, at Andy Thornal's in Winter Haven or online.)

Pack 515 has three different derby races during the year. The Space Derby is usually held in December. The boys design a rocket from a block of wood. The rockets are powered by the unwinding of 3 rubber bands and race down the wire to the end. Rules will be distributed prior to the derby.



Next is the Pinewood Derby which is usually held in February. The boys design a car from a 7" block of wood and race their cars to the finish. The winners then go to the District Pinewood Derby and if they qualify, then to the Council Pinewood Derby. Rules will be distributed prior to the derby.

Last is the Raingutter Regatta race held in May. The boys design a single hull boat from a block of wood. All boats have a sail. The boys blow air into the sail and propel them down a gutter filled with water to the finish. Rules will be distributed prior to the derby.



Blue and Gold Banquet

All packs have a blue and gold banquet. This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held in February. During this event Pack 515 holds its awards ceremony. The boys who completed each rank will receive their rank badges. This is also the time that our 2nd year Webelos have their impressive crossover ceremony to move into Boy Scouts. The banquet usually has a guest speaker or entertainer and a nice dinner. It is a fun time for the entire family.

What will Scouting cost me?

National Dues: \$15.00 for remainder of the 2010 calendar year
\$15.00 for the new calendar year in January *

Annual Pack Dues: \$45.00 **

Boys Life Magazine: \$ SUBSCRIPTION IS PRO-RATED FOR SCOUTS***

NOTE:

* National dues are sent to the Boy Scouts of American for our charter.

** Pack dues help pay for pack supplies, awards, trophies, and the banquet.

*** Boy's Life magazine is optional and is not required, but recommended.

The price of new uniforms is listed below. Please check with the contacts list below to see what the Pack recommends. Check with the pack for financial assistance.

The Uniform



There are two primary uniforms for Cub Scouts - the Class A formal uniform and a Class B Pack T-Shirt.

The Class A uniform is the formal dress uniform worn for Pack meetings, Pack outings, some Den meetings, the Blue and Gold Banquet and official Council events. The items listed below are required Class A uniform components. The largest uniform investment will be the button shirt. These shirts are very sturdy and should last throughout scouting (prices are only estimates).

- ▶ Uniform Shirt - about \$28 w/patches
- ▶ Handbook - \$6.99 - \$9.99
- ▶ Belt and Buckle - \$7.99 - \$9.99
- ▶ Rank Cap - \$12.99-13.99
- ▶ Neckerchief - \$5.99 - \$6.99
- ▶ Neckerchief Slide - \$3.99 - \$4.99

The Class B Pack T-Shirt will be furnished to the Cub Scout upon payment of Pack dues. Class B T-Shirts are typical dress for most Den meetings, Campouts and outdoor Pack events.

All of the leaders of Pack 515 are volunteers and parents. We understand the cost of your initial investment for scouting. For this reason, our Pack has determined the licensed BSA shorts and BSA socks are not required items. Local blue school uniform shorts and any socks are acceptable alternatives. Scouts shall not wear swim trunks, cutoffs, or flip flops/sandals to Pack meetings as part of their Class A uniform.

New Member Checklist

Cub Scouts: ___ Tiger (Den 3) ___ Wolf (Den 2) ___ Bear (Den 4) ___ Webelos (Den 5)

Pack #: 515

Council: Gulf Ridge

Region: Lake Region

Uniforms:

Shirt, short sleeve _____
 Tiger Cub belt & buckle _____
 Cub Scout belt & buckle _____
 Webelos buckle _____

Neckerchiefs:

Tiger Cub, Wolf or Bear _____
 Webelos _____

Neckerchief Slides:

Tiger Cub, Wolf or Bear _____
 Webelos _____

Insignia:

Council Shoulder Patch _____
 Webelos colors _____
 Unit Numeral (515) _____
 Den Numeral (see above) _____
 World Crest _____
 100-year Anniversary Ring _____

Handbooks:

Tiger _____
 Wolf _____
 Bear _____
 Webelos _____

Visit www.scoutstuff.org for additional items and information.

Pack 515 Contact Information

If you have any questions, you can contact the following volunteers below. You can also visit our website at www.pack515whfl.com and click on leadership.

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**We welcome you to Pack 515
 and look forward to a fun year
 with your family.**

Come "Search-Discover-Explore" with us!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My Pack number is 515.

My Den number is _____

My Scouting District is the Lake Region District.

My Council is the Gulf Ridge Council.

My Den Leader's Name is _____

My Den Leader's Phone # is _____

My Den Leader's Email is _____

My Assistant Den Leader's Name is _____

My Assistant Den Leader's Phone # is _____

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My Den meets on _____

My Den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's Name is David S. Hays.

My Cubmaster's Phone # is (863) 206-9700.

My Cubmaster's Email is pack515@verizon.net.

My Pack meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

My Pack meets at Garden Grove Elementary School.

NOTES

HOW CAN I HELP?

The following positions all need to be filled for our Pack to have a successful year. Would you please take a moment and indicate your first choice of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year? Some of the positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is going to work.

Please complete and turn-in this form tonight.

___ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader

___ Tiger Cub Den Leader

___ Pack Parents' Committee

___ Pack Holiday Party Committee

___ Pack Song Leader

___ Pack Sports Program Committee

___ Awards/Advancement Committee

___ Special Events Committee

___ Pinewood Derby Committee

___ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader

___ Blue and Gold Banquet Committee

___ Webelos Campout Committee

___ Telephone Committee

___ Pack Trainer

___ Cub Day Camp Coordinator

___ Fundraising Committee

___ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator

___ Pack Scribe

___ Service Project Coordinator/Committee

___ District Council Event Promoter to Pack

I have a Truck _____ Trailer _____ Van _____ I have a workshop _____

I am ___ CPR Trained with _____ Expires: _____

Parents Name _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____