

Pack 378 Policies and Procedures

In order to have a quality unit, Pack 378 needs parent involvement and quality leaders.

Each family is required to help the pack in some way during the year.

There will be several committees needing staffing to make our program a success.

Term	Definition
Pack	All Cub Scouts, Parents and Leaders. BSA Chartered.
Den	A group of Cub Scouts of similar Age or Grade.
Pack Meeting	A meeting in which all the cub scouts come together once per month. Usually held at the school.
Den Meeting	Usually held at a home, school, or community facility. Crafts and/or activities usually follow a monthly theme.
Buckskin Report	A report of what scouts worked on in the Den Meeting. Given by members of a Den at a Pack Meeting.

Function	Policies & Procedures
Pack Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Cub Scout" decorum is to be observed at all times by Leaders, Scouts, and Adults. This can include serious ceremonies and fun antics. Behavior must be judged as to whether it helps the boys to grow in good character. Leaders are to set an appropriate example at Pack Meetings. Adults wearing Scouting uniforms must be in full uniform as defined in the <i>Cub Scout Leader Handbook</i> or as the Pack Committee determines, costume appropriate to the occasion, or street clothes. Better to come in street clothes than to set inappropriate precedence regarding Scout uniforms. The Cubmaster holds the floor during the Pack Meeting. The Cubmaster may recognize others, including Leaders, Scouts, and Adults, to address the Pack or to assist. At least one (1) parent should attend Pack Meetings with their son. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pack meetings are intended to let scouts demonstrate their accomplishments and be "recognized" for them. Parent attendance helps with communications and adds an element of discipline. Pack Meetings are for the Cub Scout's benefit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Siblings should remain seated and quiet (or at least not be disruptive) during Pack Meetings. If siblings are disruptive, they should be removed from the meeting room. The Gym is off-limits for all Pack functions except when it has been scheduled for Pack use. Noisy play in adjoining rooms (Scouts or siblings) is not permitted. Pack Meetings will usually consist of the following activities: Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Buckskin Reports, Skit, Refreshments, Setup and Cleanup. These duties will rotate between Dens and families each month. Each Den is responsible for monthly "Buckskin Reports". Den host families are encouraged to work with the boys on their assignments. The Pack Committee will determine the budget, if any, for Pack funds to be spent on materials, supplies, and refreshments for Pack Meetings and outings.
Fees and Funds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Each family is assessed a \$10.00 annual fee to help cover the cost of awards earned by the scouts and other materials used in Pack Meetings. The Pack does not assess "Den" fees although individual dens can use den fees following Cub Scout tradition. The pack will pay for only 1 Sport and Academic Belt Loop awards per year. Books and magazines are not provided by the Pack and are not covered by any Pack fees. Scouts should be expected to "earn" money at home by doing chores around the house or neighborhood to cover the costs of the The Pack expects your help in fund raising activities during the year.
Den Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Host families should pick up reference materials from the Den Leaders at the Pack Meeting prior to their "host" month. This will give ample time to study the materials and schedule the Den Meeting. Following the monthly theme will help provide a more integrated pack program. Den Leaders or families are responsible for contacting the Awards Chair at least one week prior to the Pack Meeting to arrange for awards earned that month. Religious awards can take weeks or months to obtain. Den Leaders or Den Host families are responsible for preparing the scouts and, if necessary, assisting with the Buckskin Reports. Den Leaders and Den Host families should review the appropriate scout handbook for activities related to the monthly theme so that the activities can earn achievements and/or electives toward advancement.