

WHAT TO EXPECT - PARENTS PLEASE READ!

Cub Scout Pack #96 - Our 39th Year: 2008-2009

Bridgewater, NJ – Chartered by the Van Holten PTO

Welcome! We are a large Pack (about 60-80 scouts) that meets once/month in the Van Holten School gym. Our scouts typically attend Van Holten or Eisenhower School, but that is not a requirement. The Pack is made up of about 10-12 Dens which are formed by age. There are between 4 and 9 scouts in each den with a Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader (who are parents of the scouts in the Den, either mothers or fathers). The Dens meet about once or twice/month as a Den, usually in a parent's home, and go on a Den outing about once a month.

While we have a lot of FUN, it is important that you understand that the Scouts is primarily a VOLUNTEER organization. The Pack and Den meetings, and all of the activities and trips are planned, organized and carried out by the parents of the scouts. This is a significant effort. Every parent is expected to help with the Den and to help with at least one Pack Event (i.e., Pinewood Derby, Pack Meetings, Family Camping, etc). In the First Grade (Tiger Cubs) it is mandatory that at least one parent be with each scout at all times. In addition, some of the parents must volunteer to be Den Leaders. Without enough Leaders and Assistant Leaders there is a possibility that new dens cannot be formed.

The Scout year generally follows the school year. New scouts typically join in September. The annual dues are currently \$65, which includes various fees and a subscription to *Boys Life* magazine. We usually do a single fundraiser per year (a popcorn sale) which subsidizes many of our events. However, since our fiscal year begins April 1st, if you join in September the fees are pro-rated and \$35 is due at that time. You are also responsible for buying your own uniforms and handbooks. Financial assistance is available if truly needed. During the summer there are no regular Pack meetings but there are optional monthly Pack events (picnic, pool party, sporting events, etc). Dens may or may not meet during the summer.

Any questions please contact one of the following people:

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