

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 975

Cub Scouts is open to all kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. It allows them to experience new activities, meet new friends, learn new skills, go camping, earn badges, and grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. ***Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose!***

The ten purposes of Cub Scouting are:

1. Character Development
2. Family understanding
3. Friendly Service
4. Fun and Adventure
5. Good Citizenship
6. Personal Achievement
7. Preparation for Boy Scouts
8. Respectful Relationships
9. Spiritual Growth
10. Sportsmanship and Fitness

Every Cub Scout is a member of a Cub Scout PACK. A Pack is a large group of Scouts at multiple age groups (K- 5th grade). Our Pack is made up of approximately 40-60 Scouts. We typically meet on Thursdays at St. Therese.

The PACK is divided into smaller groups called Dens/Patrols. Scouts in a Den/Patrol are of the same age group and grade.

Lions - **Kindergarten** Tigers - **1st Grade** Wolf- **2nd Grade** Bear-**3rd Grade** Webelos 1 - **4th Grade** Arrow of Light - **5th Grade**

The cost to join Pack 975 is \$150.00 for the 2020-2021 Pack year. This fee includes BSA registration & Insurance (\$85-\$110), Boys Life subscription (\$12), plus the Pinewood Derby (\$4.50 each) + Raingutter Regatta kits (\$6 each) + Rocket (\$10). IF YOU REGISTER ON OR BEFORE Thursday 9/17/20, this fee will include the hat (~\$15-\$18). You need to purchase the rest of the Scout uniform at the Scout Shop (1207 Upas St. San Diego, CA 92103). We require the shirt, kerchief, slide, book, and some patches to be purchased. We do not require you to purchase the Scout pants, but we do require Scouts to wear blue pants, shorts, or jeans. A Cub Scout belt is not mandatory but is extremely useful so the kids can wear belt loops they earn. Scout Shop staff can advise about what you need for your Scout. Bringing this page will help them assist you. If this cost is too much for your family, our Pack has a limited "Hardship Fund" available. Please contact our Pack 975 Committee Chair (Dave Oelschlager) regarding this possibility or to contribute to the Fund.

Fundraising:

Fundraising is essential for us to maintain the Pack. As you see from your registration fees listed above, only a small part of that stays with the Pack. We spend an average of \$240 per Scout for the year on things such as advancements, awards, campouts, and other events. With our fundraising, we can make all campouts and Pack sponsored events free for the Scout, and as affordable as possible to the families. To avoid making families pay full price for these activities, or having to charge monthly dues, we need to have every Scout commit to selling at least \$300 of product in our Ryan Brothers Coffee Tea & Cocoa Fundraiser. If you think you are unable to meet this goal of \$300 in sales, please speak with Dave Oelschlager (Pack 975 Committee Chair). EVERY Scout is required to participate in our fundraiser.

Campouts/Outings:

This year we are hoping to offer several campouts that are full of learning new skills and building character, while creating and strengthening friendships that will last throughout your scouting experience. Details will follow closer to these dates.

Oct 24th-25th FALL CAMPING TRIP – Virtual Meeting this year
January 29th-31st WINTER CAMPING TRIP – Whispering Oaks
February 21st – PACK ROCKET LAUNCH – Fiesta Island OTL Field
April 23rd-25th SPRING CAMPING TRIP – Mataguay Scout Ranch
July 9th-11th – SUMMER CAMPING TRIP – Indian Hills Camp
August 9th – PACK ADVENTURE – Date/Time/Location/Event TBD

Service Projects:

Giving back to the community is an essential lesson in Scouting. We will be adding in service projects and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Please try to have your Scout attend when possible. If you can help coordinate these events, please see our Pack 975 Committee Chair (Dave Oelschlager).

Raingutter Regatta & Pinewood Derby:

Two race events that we typically hold during the Scout year are the Raingutter Regatta (boats) and Pinewood Derby (cars). The Scouts have a chance to design, build, decorate, and race the boats and cars against each other. These are very fun, family involved events that the kids look forward to every year. The winner of the Pinewood Derby for our Pack has the opportunity to race their car at the Scout Fair in April against other Packs from our district. Please help you Scout with these but don't make it yourself without their significant contribution to the project.

Photo Day:

Once again we are pleased to offer a Scout Photo Day. This event is TBD, and is usually before the Regatta. It is a great opportunity to have a high quality photo taken of your Scout in his uniform and as a Den/Patrol to appreciate for years to come and share with family. Digital copies of the photo will be provided at no charge thanks to our Photographer volunteer!

Scout Fair:

Pack 975 participates in the annual Scout Fair in April. This is one of the biggest hits at the fair, as the Scouts get shoot off water rockets on a large field. Our Webelos 1 den is in charge of the event. However, the day of the fair takes participation from every parent/Scout to be able to successfully run our booth in a smooth fashion. Information & sign up sheets will be provided closer to the date.

Parent Volunteering:

As a parent-run all volunteer organization, we need everyone to help. We have a wonderful bunch of parents you will meet as you become involved with the Pack. We are very fortunate to have a terrific group of leaders, but we are always looking for fresh ideas and potential new leaders. If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak with Dave Oelschlager and/or check out our Pack 975 website (www.cubscoutpack975.com). We can't provide the Scouts with a quality program without parent volunteers. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated. Please check and/or circle your choice(s) on the Scout/Family Information Form. If you want to help but aren't sure how, please ask!

Medical Release Forms:

Before we can allow your Scout to participate in any activities outside of St. Therese, we need to have a medical release form filled out (Parts A&B). You can find this form at www.cubscoutpack975.com. Please turn these in with your application.

Information Form:

This form is separate from your application and available on our website. We need this filled out for every new Scout family, and all returning families only if there are any contact info changes from last year. This is so that we can update & verify our roster to ensure we have all the contact information needed. This is vital to properly communicate information to your family. Most information will be communicated via e-mail and our web-site (www.cubscoutpack975.com).

Our committee has been diligently working over the summer to develop a program for this year that provides fulfillment of the 10 Purposes of Cub Scouting. We are pleased to welcome you to our Pack (or welcome back our returning Scouts!). We have a very full, exciting year ahead of us. For more information, check out our Pack website at www.cubscoutpack975.com. We encourage you to utilize this for information regarding meetings, campouts, and volunteering opportunities.

We hope that you and your son are excited to experience all that we have to offer at Pack 975!

In summary, here is what you need to do to sign up your child for Cub Scout Pack 975:

1. Fill out BSA youth application – new Scouts only (1 per Scout, link is on web-site).
2. Fill out BSA adult application – new leaders only (1 per leader, link is on web-site).
3. Pay fee to join via our web-site – all Scouts (or via check at first meeting).
4. Fill out Scout/Family Information Form – new families only (1 per family, form is on web-site).
5. Fill out Annual BSA Health and Medical Record – all Scouts (parts A&B, 1 per Scout, form is on web-site).
6. Show up to the meetings and have fun!