

WELCOME TO PACK

Welcome to your Journey of Excellence. We proudly serve all in the Pathfinder District for Ozarks Trails Council. We are excited to start our new pack adventures with you and your family.

This packet of information will be a guide to the beginning of your success within Pack 434. This Packet includes: Cost, Uniform Guidelines, Pack Meetings, Dens Meetings, Health forms, Training, Adopt-a-Program, Scoutbook, Scout Account, Fundraising, Financial Assistance and Social Media.

Cost for Registering

- o Annual dues \$33 Council, Pack Dues \$25
- o Boys Life Magazine (optional) \$12
- o Annual dues are due in November of each year.
- o No one will be refused membership due to financial concerns. There is financial assistance available. Please see the Cubmaster or Committee Chair for more details.
- o Forms of Payment: Cash or Check. Check should be made out to Pack 434

Uniform Guidelines

Each scout will be required to have a uniform and handbook for their rank level. The uniform is an essential and required component of cub scouting. There are two types of uniforms: Class A (Field Uniform) and Class B.

Springfield Scout Shop
1616 South Eastgate Ave.
Springfield, MO 65809
Phone: 417-883-1636 Fax: 417-883-2534

Class A's are required for Pack Meetings, Special Events, Den Outings, Guest Speakers, and or otherwise specified by leadership.

- o You can either purchase Cub Scout Pants, Shorts, or Skorts at the BSA shop; **OR** Scouts can wear Jeans, Khaki, Navy Blue, Grey Cargo Pants, Shorts, or Skorts.
- o **DISCLAIMER-** When Scouts are at activities, and in the public eye, Scouts **WILL BE** required to wear, Khaki, Navy Blue, Grey Cargo Pants, Shorts, or Skorts. **NO JEANS WILL BE ALLOWED in the public.**

What does my Scout need?

- Neckerchief & Slide
- Hat (if wanted)
 - o Scout Shirt (Either Blue or Khaki Depending on Rank) *To go on the shirt, the Scout will need – Council Patch, Pack Numerals 434, Den Numerals and World Crest Patch*
- Pants, Shorts, Skorts (**NO Athletic Pants, NO Athletic Shorts/Skorts, NO LEGGINGS, NO JEGGINGS, NO HOLEY, Embossed, or Bleached Out Jeans.**) *****Disclaimer*** BSA Approved Leggings may be worn UNDER SKORTS as leg warmers. No Exceptions.**
- Cub Scout Belt to display advancement loops
- Tennis Shoes, Hiking Shoes, **OR CLOSED** Toed Sandals (**NO CROCKS, NO FLIP FLOPS, or OPENED TOED SHOES**) * Can Use Flip Flops for Shower Shoes at Camp
- Handbook for respective rank

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Class B's Unless Specified can be worn at Den Meetings and Camping Trips.

What does my Scout need?

- Pack T-shirt or Scout T-Shirt from Scout Shop
- Pants, Shorts, Skorts (**NO Athletic Pants, NO Athletic Shorts/Skorts, NO LEGGINGS, NO JEGGINGS, NO HOLEY, Embossed, or Bleached Out Jeans.**) ***Disclaimer*** BSA Approved Leggings may be worn **UNDER SKORTS** as leg warmers. No Exceptions.
- Tennis Shoes, Hiking Shoes, **OR CLOSED** Toed Sandals (**NO CROCKS, NO FLIP FLOPS, or OPENED TOED SHOES**) * Can Use Flip Flops for Shower Shoes at Camp

Swim Wear

What does my Scout need?

- Females - A Full Piece or Tankini **NO BIKINIS**. Water Shoes are allowed, but not required.
- Boys-Swim Shorts/ Board Shorts preferably mid-thigh and below. **NO SPEEDOS, NO JAMMERS**. Water Shoes are allowed, but not required.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Pack Meetings

The Pack Meeting is for **all cub scouts of every rank**. It is where the scouts are presented their achievements and awards. Our Pack meetings **will promptly start at 6:00 p.m. and end no later than 8:00p.m.** They are generally held on the 4th Monday of the month.

****Pack meetings are not a drop off activity.** A parent or guardian must attend the Pack meeting with his/her scout. Parents participate in the Pack meeting activities, so you will need to be there. Keep in mind that this is a time for your scout to receive recognitions and display the good work they and their fellow scouts have achieved. They will be proud to show you what they are working on and you should use this time as an opportunity to encourage them to continue their hard work. If necessary, siblings may attend the Pack meeting, but only if you are there to provide guidance and they do not interfere with the night's program. It is also important to note that Pack Meetings are about the scouts. It is not a social opportunity for the parents to catch up with one another. Please be respectful of the meetings intent. This includes not using cell phones or texting during the meeting. Photography is OK.

Den Meetings

Den meetings are set up for each rank to work towards achieving advancement requirements. Our den meetings will **promptly start at 6:00 p.m. and will end no later than 8:00p.m .** Den meetings will generally be held on the 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month.

***Den meetings are not a drop off activity.** A parent or guardian **Must** be in attendance with their scout. Scouting is a **FAMILY** oriented program, and participation with your scout is encouraged. Parent's play a vital role in the success of their scouts. Although, den meetings are led by leaders, we ask that parents be present to assist with their scout if it is necessary. A parent or guardian **Must** be in attendance with their scout **IF** they are **Lion, or Tiger Rank per BSA/ PACK policy.**

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Health Forms

BSA Health Forms Part A & B (Part C w/Physical will be required for campouts)- A and B are required ASAP. Form C is for longer campouts. Health form also requires a copy of your insurance card front and back.

Training

All adult members need to take the Youth Protection training. This creates a safe environment for all and provides plenty of coverage for our Scouts on events. This is approximately 90 minutes long and needs renewed every 2 years. At the end of the training you will get a certificate. Please take a picture or save to your computer in case there are any problems for the training chair finding it later. This picture/file can also be uploaded into Scoutbook for future reference.

Adopt-a-Program

Some of our female scouts are involved with the Adopt-a-Program that started January 15, 2018. These scouts are being followed by Ozarks Trails Council and are required to attend periodic Executive Board Committee Meetings. At times they may request 1 or 2 female scouts from other ranks to be present. The female scouts chosen will be based on the following:

- ☐ Completion of requirements
- ☐ Attendance
- ☐ Uniform Guidelines Being Met
- ☐ Scouts Behavior

The committee room is very small, and it will only accommodate a handful of people, including the Adopt-a-Program leadership.

*We do not want to exclude our male scouts. We will find another opportunity to attend as an integrated pack.

Scoutbook

Scoutbook is the program used to keep track of your Scouts achievements. The pack uses this program to send out emails and other related information. The Pack and Dens use the calendar to help keep track of upcoming events and who's participating. Once you join, we will set up an account for you; please do not set up one on your own. You should see emails from a sender called Scoutbook.com or Nixapack434@gmail.com; make sure to check your spam box in case it goes there. You will receive an invite e-mail to log into the system once your paperwork has been processed. Once you have your account, please make sure the address and info for both you and your Scout is correct.

Scout Accounts

Every Scout will have their own individual Scout Account. This account will be used for their monies earned during fundraising events for their Scouting use. Parents, Guardians, Friends and Family can deposit funds into their Scout's account for upcoming activities, shirts, or Camp needs.

Fundraising

BSA's primary fundraising activity is Popcorn Sales. This is done in the fall and monies raised are used to help fund Pack and Scout events.

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Financial Assistance

No Scout or Youth will be refused due to a financial concern. There is financial assistance to help offset the cost of a uniform, summer camp, and other expenses for Scouting if needed. Please see the Cub Master or Committee Chair for more details. There is a required form from the BSA Council Office to be filled out. We encourage you to take part in the annual popcorn sales to earn money towards summer camp.

Cub scouting is a family-focused program and we encourage your family to be involved. As a new Pack, we would love for every family to help in any way they can. If you can help us or would like to volunteer, please let one of the Leaders know. We will be providing a Family Talent Survey to all our pack families to help us get to know you better and allow you to offer your skills, hobbies, etc. to help our Scouts.

Social Media

We do have a Pack Facebook page; this is a closed group. Once you join you can request to be added to the group. We also post information and important messages in the Facebook group, plus we post photos, so you can see what our Scouts are doing.

*We want to make sure that the photos are kept within the closed group; if you have a concern of your Scout being photographed, please let the Cubmaster and Committee Chair know.