

PACK 1533

NEW PARENT

PACKET

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QUICK START GUIDE

Getting Started Check List

A check list to ensure you and your new Scout have a successful transition to Cub Scouts.

- Read the New Parent Packet
- Review the list of important web sites and mobile apps.
- Verify you can log into Scoutbook and My Scouting.org
- Request to join Pack 1533's private Facebook group.
- Visit Scout Shop to purchase Scout uniform & handbook.
- Connect with your Scout's Den Leader for Den specific information.

Contact Information

- Pack 1533 Committee Chair: Mike Farinha –
- Pack 1533 Cubmaster: Kevin Worth –

IMPORTANT SITES AND APPS

Pack 1533 specific sites:

- Pack 1533's Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pack1533roseville/>
- Pack 1533's public Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Pack1533Roseville>
- Pack 1533's public website: <http://pack1533.placerscouting.org/>

Golden Empire Council (GEC) specific sites:

- GEC's main site – Learn about GEC Scouting events: <https://www.gec-bsa.org/>
- Placer District site: <http://placerscouting.org/>

Important Boy Scouts of America (BSA) sites:

- Scoutbook - to manage your Cub Scout's advancement: <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>
- My Scouting.org – Adult training and account info: <https://my.scouting.org/>
- Scouting.org – BSA's public site: <https://scouting.org/>
- Official Cub Scout information site: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>

Mobile Apps

- MyScouting App – Mobile app version of <https://my.scouting.org>
- Scouting App – Mobile app for parents to easily track their Scout's advancements.

ABOUT PACK 1533

Pack 1533 was founded in 2017 by a group of dedicated parents wanting to ensure that an active Scouting program would be available to accommodate the exploding growth of new families in the West Park Community of Roseville.

Pack 1533 is based at Orchard Ranch Elementary in Roseville, California. Pack 1533 Scouts attend Orchard Ranch, Riego Creek, Fiddymont Farm, Junction, and other area elementary schools. Our pack has dens for boys and girls from kindergarten through 5th grade. Pack meetings are usually the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Dens meet according to the schedule set by their Den Leader.

Our pack is chartered by the Roseville Kiwanis, a local nonprofit that is devoted to providing opportunities that enrich the lives of children.



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ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

Pack 1533 provides a variety of amazing Scouting activities throughout the year.

Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are planned and lead by the Cubmaster and occur once per month. The date and time will be listed on the Pack Calendar that is sent out periodically.

Pack meetings are a chance for all the Dens to get together and celebrate each Scouts accomplishment. Scouts receive awards and recognition from what they accomplished during that month. Scouts also get to hear what other Dens have been up to and participate in songs, games, and/or skits.

Den Meetings and Outings

Den meetings are organized by the Den Leader. Each Den will adhere to its own schedule decided by the Den Leader. Den meetings for Lions occur once per month while all other Scouts have Den meetings about every other week. The schedule may vary depending on the needs of the Den and Den Leader. Den meetings typically start each year in September and conclude in April or May.

The Den meeting will occur at a location determined by the Den Leader and consist of activities such as playing games, flag ceremonies, arts & crafts, scoutcraft, etc. Den outings consist of activities such as hikes, visiting community locations such as police stations, fire stations, shopping centers, nature centers, etc. The specifics of the outing will depend on the requirements for the Den's rank.

Scout Tip: Webelos II Scouts complete their Cub Scout careers in February/March at a special Pack meeting called "Blue & Gold."

Pack Events

Pack 1533 schedules many events for Scouts throughout the year. These events generally include Popcorn sales, 4th of July parade, Pinewood Derby, hikes, etc. Adult volunteers are critical in planning these activities.

Summer Camps

Over the Summer there are typically several camp activities available to Scouts.

Twilight Day Camp	A 4-day long day-camp where Scouts enjoy a variety of activities including archery, games, arts & crafts, sports, etc. Twilight Camp is put on by the Golden Empire Council and is a chance to meet other Scouts in the area.
Residence Camp	This is the big camp for the year where Scouts get to learn and practice Scout and camping skills. Scouts will do activities such as archery, BB guns, campfire skits, swimming, boating, nature hikes, and learn Scoutcraft skills such as knots, fire starting, whittling, etc. Typically 3 nights long.

PACK ORGANIZATION

Scouting – A Family Activity

Cub Scouts is a unique program for our youth. Unlike most popular youth programs where we drop off our kids or watch from the sidelines, Cub Scouts is designed in a way to encourage us, parents & guardians, to work alongside our kids as they progress through the program.

Volunteering is an extension of this idea. When your Scout sees how you help the group it sets an example of how they should participate in their community when they become adults. It is also a fantastic way to model socialization, communication, collaboration, planning, and leadership skills in a community environment. Something our kids rarely get a chance to see us do outside our family structure.

Being A Scouter

All registered adult Scout volunteers are called 'Scouters'. Being a Scouter is a terrific way to meet and work along with other people in the community that could possibly lead to friendships that last long after our kids move on from the program.

The strength and quality of the Scout program ebbs and flows depending on the dedication and commitment of adults willing to help out. Don't think of Scouts as just something we have our kids do, but something we do with our kids. As your Scout works through the program, having fun and learning life-skills, take some time to consider how you might be able to help the Pack.

As a Scouter you will never be alone; you will have the full support of the other Scouters to help you with your role. This can come in the form of regular committee meetings, pack meetings, leader meetings, email, training, and other resources.

If there is a concern about the time commitment rest assured that there are opportunities for both large, small, and as-needed commitments. There are a lot of volunteering opportunities, and the Pack depends on those roles being filled.

A great way to learn more about how the program is run is to explore the various Scouting training modules at <https://my.scouting.org/>.

Maybe being a Scouter is the hobby you never knew you needed!

Organizational Overview

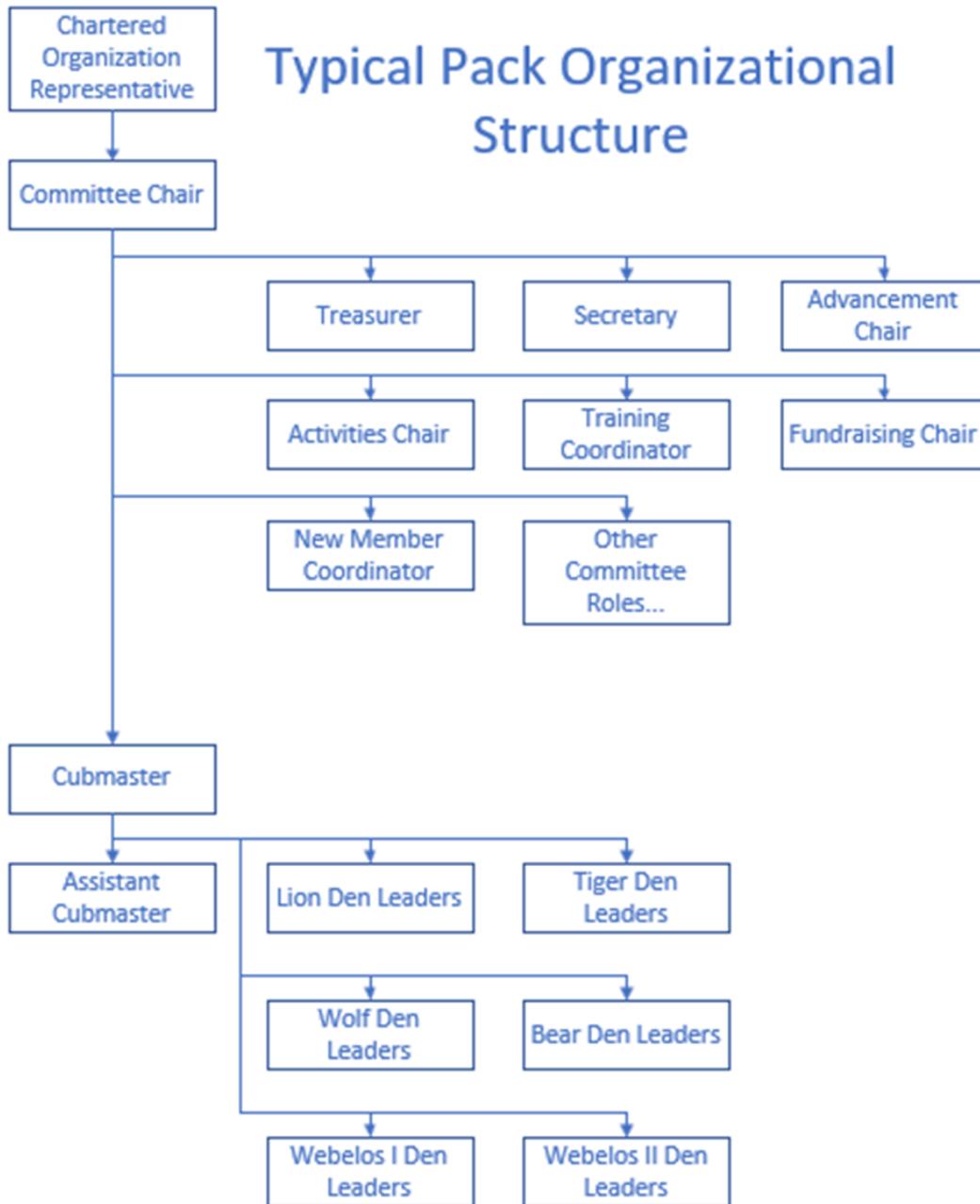
The Cub Scout Pack is broken into two groups: committee members and program leaders.

The committee, led by the Committee Chair, supports the activities of the pack, and oversees maintaining the organizational health of the pack. Many of the roles can be split across multiple volunteers but at a minimum it requires 3 specific roles, the Committee Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The larger the pack the more Scouters are needed.

The program side, led by the Cubmaster, is the group of Den Leaders who plan, organize, and lead their den meetings and activities. These Scouters are the most visible of the adult volunteers.

The Committee Chair, Cubmaster, and Chartered Organization Representative are referred to as the "Key 3" since they constitute the primary decision-making roles of each pack.

Organizational Chart



Volunteer Roles - Committee

Role	Description
Committee Chair	Leads the committee and organizes committee meetings.
Treasurer	Manages pack finances and record keeping.
Secretary	Takes minutes for committee meetings and keeps track of committee assignments.
Advancement Chair	Reports to committee on Scouts advancements and purchases earned awards from Scout Shop to be presented at pack meetings.
New Member Coordinator	Onboards new families into the Cub Scout program. Responds to emails from prospective families.
Activities Chair	Oversees that there are adequate activities for the pack throughout the year. (Family camp, resident camp, twilight camp, pinewood derby, hikes, etc.)
Training Coordinator	Reports to the Committee on the status of adult training. Ensures all adult leaders meet BSA training requirements.
Fundraising Chair	Oversees that there are adequate fundraisers throughout the year to help fund the pack and its activities. (popcorn, camp cards, jamba cards, etc.)
Service Projects Coordinator	Creek cleanup, parades (4th of July/holiday/vet), caroling at assisted living, etc.
Recruitment Event Chair	Plans and organizes recruitment events
Other	There are many small roles where help is needed. General help (setup, clean up, equipment transportation) monthly news flyer, social media admin, etc.

Volunteer Roles – Program

Role	Description
Cubmaster	Leads pack meetings and ensures all dens are functioning well. Reports any issues to the committee.
Assistant Cubmaster	Assists the Cubmaster
Den Leader (Lion)	Organizes, plans, and leads den meetings and den outings.
Den Leader (Tiger)	Organizes, plans, and leads den meetings and den outings.
Den Leader (Wolf)	Organizes, plans, and leads den meetings and den outings.
Den Leader (Bear)	Organizes, plans, and leads den meetings and den outings.
Den Leader (Webelos I)	Organizes, plans, and leads den meetings and den outings.
Den Leader (Webelos II)	Organizes, plans, and leads den meetings and den outings.

Charter Organization

A qualified chartered partner is an organization that helps provide the Scouting program. Each Scouting unit is required to have one. This forms a mutually beneficial relationship for both

organizations. The chartered organization representative (COR) is a voting member of the pack committee and must approve all volunteer role assignments.

Golden Empire Council & Placer District

Boy Scouts of America is organized into numerous administrative councils across the country. Councils are broken into geographic districts. In addition to being the administrative link between local packs and the national BSA organization, councils and districts provide numerous Scouting events and activities every year.

Pack 1533 is a part of the Placer district which is a part of the Golden Empire Council.

COSTS AND FINANCES

There are various costs associated with joining Cub Scouts.

Program Costs

Scout National & Council Membership Fees

- \$80 - BSA membership – Scouts (annual)
- \$80 – Council fee (annual)
- \$25 - Joining fee (one time)
- \$15 - Scout Life magazine (annual)

Pack 1533 Fees

- \$120 – Pack program fund (annual)

Den Dues

- Varies by den

Uniform, Patches, Handbooks

- ~\$45 – Uniform & patches (den and pack)
- ~\$13 – Neckerchief
- ~\$20 – Belt
- ~\$25 – Handbook (rank specific)

Optional & Miscellaneous

- ~\$8 - Neckerchief slide (rank specific)
- ~\$25 – Hat (rank specific)
- ~\$50 – Scout pants

Other Fees

- Activity fees – different activities may require additional costs. These fees can range from \$1 to \$400 or more depending on the activity.

Fundraising

Fundraising is a critical component of the Scouting program; without it the Pack would struggle to operate and would likely need to resort to increasing Pack fees. Adult volunteers are instrumental in planning and organizing fundraising events. Scouts that participate in fundraising activities also benefit through a percentage of funds raised are given to the Scout via their Scout Account. (See Below)

Typical fundraising events the Pack puts on include:

- Popcorn sales
- Christmas tree pickup
- Jamba Juice cards
- Camp cards

Scout Account

Pack 1533 participates in a program called Scout Account. It is an account that the Pack manages that maintains funds Scouts have earned through fundraising activities. These funds can be used to pay for any Scouting related activities including summer camps, membership fees, and purchases at Scout Shop. Contact the pack Treasurer for more information.

A Scout's account balance can be viewed on Scoutbook.

For activities coordinated by the Pack the fees can be taken out of the Scout account automatically. For items purchased individually the Pack Treasurer can be contacted for reimbursement. A receipt will be needed for verification.

Scout Accounts are transferable to other Packs or Troops that the Scout joins.

Pack Costs

Keeping a Pack operational requires funding. Some of the costs associated with an active Pack include storage unit costs, facility costs, leader training, volunteer reimbursements, Scout activities, Pack equipment, new Scout t-shirt, etc. The more the pack can collect through fundraising the lower the program cost to families and volunteers by reducing annual fees and activity costs.

UNIFORMS

In Cub Scouts each Scout will have two uniforms, the traditional formal uniform, and an activity t-shirt. For shorthand the formal uniform is referred to as “Class A” Uniform and the activity t-shirt is referred to as the “Class B” uniform. They are both considered official Scouting uniforms.

Scout Tip: When honoring the American flag Scouts and Scout Leaders should salute when wearing either a Class A or a Class B uniform. When not in uniform Scouts and Scout Leaders place their right hand over their heart

Class A Uniform

For the formal uniform Pack 1533 is a “Belt to neck” Pack which means the Pack only requires the Scouts to have the belt, uniform shirt, and neckerchief. Official Scout hats, pants, and socks are optional.

- For Lion Scouts the Lion T-shirt is worn and considered a Class A uniform.
- For Scouts in the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear rank the navy-blue Class A is worn.
- For Webelos the Scout can continue to wear the navy-blue uniform or can switch to the tan uniform.
- For Arrow of Light the tan uniform is worn.

When buying the Class A uniform from Scout Shop it will include the Golden Empire Council Patch and Scout world crest emblem patch. If you purchase a uniform elsewhere you will need to ensure these patches get added.

Scout Tip: The AOL tan uniform is the same as the Scouts BSA uniform and can be used when your Scout bridges to the older Scouts BSA program (formally known as Boy Scouts). This can influence when you buy the tan uniform and what size to get.

Class B Uniform

When joining the Pack every Scout will receive an activity t-shirt, also known as the Class B uniform. Typically, the Class B uniform is worn when doing a physically active outing such as hiking, fishing, camping, etc. Typically, the expected uniform will be communicated ahead of time.

Scout Tip: If you are unsure which uniform to wear to a particular event, please don't hesitate to reach out to the event leader or coordinator.

ADVANCEMENTS AND AWARDS

Advancements

Each year Cub Scouts work towards a specific rank through completing adventures outlined in their handbook. Advancements must be completed by the end of the Scout year. More info can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/cub-scouting-adventures/>

Awards

Awards are optional and can be earned through completing a variety of activities. Some of these are the Outdoor Activity Award, Shooting Sports Award, and Summer Time Pack Award. More info can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/other-youth-awards/>

Adult Awards and Recognition

Adult leaders are also able to earn awards and be recognized by the Pack. These awards typically involve achievements such as level of training, number of years volunteering, and quality of the program that the adult has helped lead. More info can be found here:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/adult-awards-and-recognition/>

YOUTH SAFETY

Code of Conduct and Expectations

All leaders are committed to protecting our youth and are required to comply with BSA and State requirements for volunteering with children. BSA requires that all leaders complete a BSA Adult Application and background check, as well as taking the BSA S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth training every 2 years. Additionally, the State of California requires that volunteers in youth organizations complete a LiveScan background check and additional state-specific youth protection training.

Parents also play an essential role in safeguarding our youth, and parents that attend campouts and scout events are also required to take the BSA S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth training. "2-deep leadership" will always be followed, with a minimum of 2 adults present while working with youth.

The primary focus of our volunteer Scout leaders is to deliver the Cub Scout program. It is not the responsibility of the Scout leader to discipline a scout who is disruptive or exhibits poor behavior. It is expected that the Scout's caring adults observe their behavior and intervene before any unsafe situation arises.

If a Scout has special needs, physical, behavioral, or otherwise, it is expected that the Scout's trusted adult will inform the leaders working with the Scout. With proper support and communication all Scouts should be successful in reaching their Scouting goals.

Required Training and Verification for Adult Volunteers

All volunteers are required to comply with the BSA's guide to safe scouting:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

What To Do If You See, or Hear of, Any Abuse?

- Dial 911, if emergency.
- Inform the pack Cubmaster or, if at a Scout event, the unit leader.