So You're a New Pack Committee Member

I Signed Up; What's Next?

Now that you are registered as a pack committee member, you will receive *Scouting* magazine, which contains helpful information to assist you as a leader. These steps will get you started:

1. **Complete Fast Start training for Cub Scout pack committee members.** Your pack leadership (pack trainer) will facilitate this video–based training, or you can complete the training online at *www.scouting.org.* Youth Protection training for all Scouting volunteers is available through your local council Web site.
2. **Begin reading the *Cub Scout Leader Book.*** (To start right away, you may need to borrow a copy briefly; until you can get your own.) This book describes your role as a pack committee member or pack committee chair and will give more information on the following steps.

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3. **Get acquainted with the other leaders in your pack.** You will need their assistance in carrying out a successful pack program. You will be working closely with the pack committee chair and pack trainer.
4. **Attend the monthly pack leaders' planning meeting.** This meeting is led by the pack committee chair and Cubmaster, and it is where pack plans are made.
5. **Attend the monthly district Cub Scout leader roundtable.** You will receive continuing help on pack management and will be acquainted with leaders from other packs, who will share ideas and experiences with you. Your unit commissioner or unit-serving executive can tell you when and where the roundtable meets.
6. **Attend Cub Scout leader basic training sessions as soon as possible.** There are two components to this training—Pack Committee Leader Specific Training, a specialized session to help you successfully plan a successful pack program, and This Is Scouting, which is attended by leaders in all program areas. These will give you the foundation you need to become an effective and successful leader. Every boy deserves trained and qualified leaders. Your unit commissioner or unit-serving executive can give you information about training sessions.
7. **Obtain and begin wearing the Cub Scout leader uniform as soon as possible.** It is attractive, comfortable, and suitable for all Cub Scout meetings and activities. Wearing the uniform properly is important in setting a good example for the boys. Your unit commissioner or unit-serving executive can tell you where to obtain the uniform and insignia.
8. **If you are pack committee chair, get to know the chartered organization representative, and keep this key person informed about the needs of the pack.**
9. **If you are pack committee chair, get acquainted with your unit commissioner.** The commissioner is a friend to your pack and will be glad to answer questions and help in other ways.
10. **If you are pack committee chair, get to know your unit-serving executive.** This professional Scouter is employed by your council to serve all Scouting units in your district, and will do everything possible to help you be successful.
11. **If you are pack committee chair, begin to develop a close working relationship with the Cubmaster.** The two of you will be working as a team to make the pack program successful.

Don't hesitate to ask for help. There are many people who want to help you provide the finest possible Cub Scout experience for the boys in your pack.

By the time you have completed these steps, you will be well on your way to becoming a successful pack leader.

The Pack Committee

You were selected as a member of the pack committee because of your interest in helping boys. Regardless of the size of your pack committee, certain jobs must be performed if Cub Scouts are to receive the type of fun-filled and meaningful program to which they are entitled. By making the commitment to serve as a leader, you share the following responsibilities with other members of the pack committee:

- Recruit the best person available for Cubmaster and one or more assistant Cubmasters.
- Provide adequate and safe facilities for pack meetings.

- See that a year-round pack program is conducted according to the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
- See that the pack program, leaders, and Cub Scouts reflect positively the interests and objectives of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- Encourage all leaders and boys to have and properly use the uniforms, badges, and insignia.
- Establish a good relationship with neighborhood Boy Scout troops. Try to graduate every Webelos Scout into a troop.
- Assist with the pack charter renewal, reregistering at least 50 percent of present members each year.
- Establish a sound financial program with a pack budget plan and adequate financial records.
- Stimulate the interest of families through proper programming.
- Work with the Cubmaster to make the pack program effective so that each boy advances the rank for his age. See that proper recognition is given promptly.
- Maintain an inventory of pack equipment.
- Work with the Cubmaster to conduct periodic training for families, including an annual pack adults' meeting.
- Recognize pack leaders periodically to show them that their efforts are appreciated.
- Maintain through the chartered organization representative and unit commissioner a close liaison with the district committee and its resources to help the organization and the pack.
- Conduct an annual survey of boys for systematic recruiting of new boys from within the chartered organization.

Your unit commissioner will be glad to explain any of these responsibilities that you do not understand.

What Do You Invest in Cub Scouting?

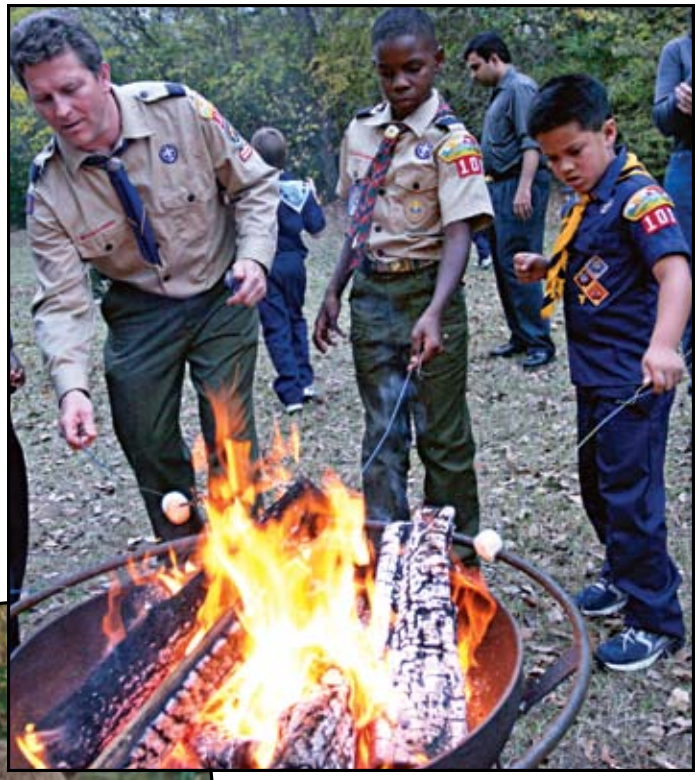
- One evening each month for the pack meeting
- One evening each month for the pack leaders' planning meeting
- One evening each month for the Cub Scout leader's roundtable
- Time spent in Cub Scout leader basic training sessions
- Cost of the Cub Scout leader uniform
- The registration fee

This adds up to a small investment, compared to the dividends you will receive. And of course, the more you invest, the more you can expect to receive in return.

What Do You Receive in Return?

- An evening each month of fun and fellowship with pack families, sharing their pride in their sons' accomplishments
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and help shape them into men with strength of character who are sensitive to the needs of others
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys, as they grow strong in mind and body
- A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization by wearing the uniform, which is a visible means of showing that you believe in and stand up for its ideals and objectives.

You will discover many other dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Cub Scouting.



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