

Cub Scout Pack 845

Chartered to:

Roswell United Methodist Church

Roswell, Ga

Affiliated with:

Northern Ridge District

Atlanta Area Council

Boy Scouts of America



Parent Handbook



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~~W~~Hi, and welcome to Cub Scout Pack 845! ~~T~~Here's hoping the information and guidelines presented to you in the next few pages will help you get off to a good start for the coming year. Please keep this packet as a handy reference for ~~future~~ information ~~needs~~ regarding Pack policy and other helpful ~~uniform~~ information. ~~Thank you.~~

~~Y~~To begin with, your son is a member of Pack 845, which is in the Northern Ridge District, and is overseen by the ~~belonging to the~~ Atlanta Area Council. The Pack is made up of Dens, which is a group of boys usually in the same grade as ~~that of~~ your son. Each Den has a specific numeral ~~assigned~~ ~~attached~~ to it. Collectively, we are Cub Scouts, and are members of the National organization, the Boy Scouts of America.

All Packs have a Chartered Organization which acts as a 'sponsor'. ~~Ours, and ours~~ is the Roswell United Methodist Church located at 814 Mimosa Blvd, Roswell, GA 30075.

The Pack is run by the registered BSA Adult Leaders of the Pack who make up the Pack Committee, which includes a Committee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Event coordinators, Awards coordinators, Den leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and others. All parents of a Cub Scout in Pack 845 are welcomed and encouraged to become a Committee Member. Our committee meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, at 7pm at RUMC Scout Hut and is open to all parents of Scouts in Pack 845.

Den meetings are generally held *weekly* please contact your den leader for additional details.

Unless previously announced, our Pack meetings are always the *fourth* Thursday of every month at Roswell North Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Den Meetings

Lots of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that your son's Den Leader is a volunteer putting forth his or her time and effort to help your boy 'do his best' to earn his badges, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offers. Please assist them in the following ways:

- Please have your son to den meetings on time. Your den leaders have lots of activities planned and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects.
- Parent participation is vital. Parents are vital to the Cub Scout dens, both in the role of home support and to help the den leader, but their sons are beginning to be more independent, and not every boy needs a parent at every meeting. The den consists of four to eight boys, a den leader and assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the boys), and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout or Venturer who helps the den leader). Be an active parent. *Everybody* has some special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Talent Survey Sheet and return it to your leader. In addition to the boys learning new skills from *you*, I promise that you will have a good time helping *them*.

- Uniform – For the most part Cub Scouts wear their class A uniforms to meetings unless the den leaders notify you otherwise. Most likely this will be attached to the calendar appointment or in a separate email.
- Dropping off/picking up – As a general rule, Pack 845 does not allow dropping off and picking up our members at Den Meetings, Pack Meetings or Outings. We do understand that at times there will be circumstances that may require an exception to this rule. If this occurs, please work with your Den Leaders and keep in mind that BSA Youth Protection requires two trained adults at all times when youth are present. Meaning if you are late, two leaders needed to wait for you.

Pack Meetings

Whereas at weekly Den meetings the boys might do activities towards earning rank badges and awards, the monthly Pack meeting is *where* these awards are presented. It is an **important** part of the program, as it allows the boys to receive their recognition in front of the group as a whole, inspires the younger scouts to strive towards achieving future ranks, and brings everybody together for the big night!

At Pack meetings, the Cubmaster will ‘do their best’ to make sure that each Den has a chance to display that special craft they made, song they learned, skit they’ve rehearsed, or interesting place they visited. In addition, there might be a drawing, advancement ceremony, or other themed event planned for the evening.

Please observe the followings guidelines in regards to Pack meetings.

- Please accompany your son to his Pack meeting. Pack meetings are a *family* event - brothers, sisters, grandparents, but most of all, **YOU!** We require you to be there not only to help keep order at the meeting (things *can* get a bit rowdy), but also because in Scouting many awards are presented to the parent who then presents it to the Scout. Cub Scouting is a family program.
- Please arrive to Pack meetings on time. Plan on arriving at least ten minutes early to receive a ticket for a drawing, confer with your son’s Den leader about upcoming things, chat with friends, etc., as the meeting needs to begin on time. If your son is helping out as a member of a flag ceremony, or assisting with other Pack meeting activities, it is imperative to have him there on time. Thank you.
- Class A Uniforms, the Pack meeting is *definitely* the place to wear it.
Shirts tucked in - looking sharp!

Most of all, we hope to make Pack meetings entertaining, enriching, and FUN!!!

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Pack 845 and B.S.A. Dues \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Throughout the Scout year, your Den leader or Pack Treasurer will be collecting money for various Pack functions and activities. These will be addressed on our pack web site, www.pack845.org, and also via weekly information given to you at Den meetings. The following is a reminder of what two fees are required for your son’s involvement in the Pack.

B.S.A. Dues \$24.00 – This annual fee must be collected in August from every registered Scout and Adult leader for the annual re-chartering of the Pack. This fee includes the \$10.00 yearly membership to B.S.A. and \$1.00 for the insurance issued to cover the boys and Adult Leaders at all Scout functions. The deadline for this is the October pack meeting.

Pack 845 Dues \$51.00 – This fee goes towards the cost of your son’s Pinewood Derby car, and the many

awards that will be presented to him throughout the year. The deadline for this is the October Pack meeting. If you just signed up on Join Scout Night, you've already paid this.

Boy's Life Subscription – Boy's Life is a magazine by scouters for scouters of all ages. It is a great opportunity to reinforce scouting values and activities while encouraging reading. Our pack includes the subscription as part of our annual dues.

The Pack maintains a separate bank account at (your bank) with records being kept by a Pack Treasurer.

Fund Raisers

Throughout the year BSA sponsors various fund raising programs, currently our pack participates in the popcorn program which occurs in the fall and the Camp Card sale which occurs in the spring. On a year by year basis this is evaluated and may be changed based on the needs of the pack. A portion of the funds raised from these programs go to benefit the Pack for a trip, outing, or needed supplies, and some to benefit the Scout, Pack, and Atlanta Area Council. As Cub Scout, we will always try and make sure to emphasize the *fun* in *fund*raising. Thank you.

Cub Scouting and You

As your son is earning his Bobcat badge, he learns the Law of the Pack. One part of the law states "The Cub Scout Helps the Pack Go". Throughout the year there are banquets, fund-raisers, Scout shows, parades, derbies, camping trips, and many other activities and functions. Ambitious as they are, a Cub Scout still needs *your* help in implementing the program and thereby giving *us* the chance to keep our promise in the part of the Law that states "The Pack Helps the Cub Scout Grow".

Remember, the Pack is all of us working together... leaders, parents, and Scouts.

Unlike other programs your son might enroll in, Cub Scouting involves the whole family, no matter what size or parental make-up exists in the home. In Tigers, you are your son's Adult Partner. In Wolves and Bears, you are Akela, the wise leader of the tribe of Cubs, and the final judge of your son's efforts. At the Webelos rank, you are the Activity Badge counselors that could help influence a boy's career direction.

Throughout the year you will be asked to assist on different committees, and at different events. Please volunteer freely, and give of yourself when called upon to help. You will find it a rewarding experience, and one in which you and your son will remember that you did together. Thank you.

Uniforms, Patches, and Accessories

Scouts in uniform are more conscious of their role in Cub Scouting, and feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing one. A uniform provides a proper place for the display of badges earned and a way for him to 'show the world' that he has been rewarded for his achievements.

In addition, Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, *visible* image in the community that helps to strengthen the important ties between the public and the Scouting organization.

➤ Pack 845 Uniform Requirements

- Class A Uniform –
 - Official Shirt with appropriate patches applied
 - Official Pants
 - Official Hat (varies from Tiger through Webelos)
 - Official Belt
 - Official Scarf and Slide
 - Red Patch Vest is Optional
- Class B Uniform -
 - Pack 845 provided shirt
 - Pack 845 provided hat
 - Jeans or shorts depending on event and time of year
- Foot wear
 - No open toed shoes (flip flops, etc)
 - Sneakers
 - Hiking boots

Where to Buy

Uniforms, patches and accessories are available at the Scout Shop located at 1800 Circle 75 Parkway, SE Atlanta, Ga 30339. Their phone number is 770-988-9912, and they will be happy to assist you. Additionally, scouting gear can be ordered online at www.scoutstuff.org but if this is your first venture in to Cub Scout we would recommend a visit to the Scout Store where you can get assistance with all your needs. Also, the Pack might have some 'experienced' uniforms for sale. Please see the Pack Secretary for details.

Shirts and Shorts / Pants

The main article of the uniform is the shirt, as it displays the rank of the Scout, and identifies him as belonging to a certain Den, Pack and Council. When purchasing a new uniform, remember that your son is growing and if, for example, he is now a newly signed up Wolf Cub, get an extra size or two larger, so he can wear it for his Bear year as well.

Although a complete official uniform for your son is strongly encouraged, if cost is an object, many of the large discount stores sell shorts / pants in colors that closely resemble those of the official uniform.

**Note: Blue jeans and other 'unofficial' uniform colored clothing is discouraged.*

Pack 845 also has 'Class B' Pack T-shirts that is provided as part of our dues.

Patches

In addition to the purchasing of a uniform, there will be many patches that need to be sewn on your son's shirt. Please pay close attention as to *where* on the uniform these need to be placed. (Please refer to uniform insignia placement on the next page).

It is important that when your son receives a badge that is to be a part of his uniform, you affix it to his shirt as soon as possible. He earned it, and he deserves to have it displayed. Thank you.

A uniform is something that a Scout can help pay for himself by assigning him various chores around the house, or helping out with other home projects. Also, keep in mind that uniforms, Scout accessories, camping supplies, and other 'Scout stuff' make *excellent* birthday and holiday presents for your son or the Scouter in your family.

Provided by Pack 845 (Appropriate to the rank of the den Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos)

- Cub Scout Neckerchief
- Cub Scout Slide
- Cub Scout Hand Book
- Pack Class B T-Shirt

What to Buy

Tigers, Wolves and Bears

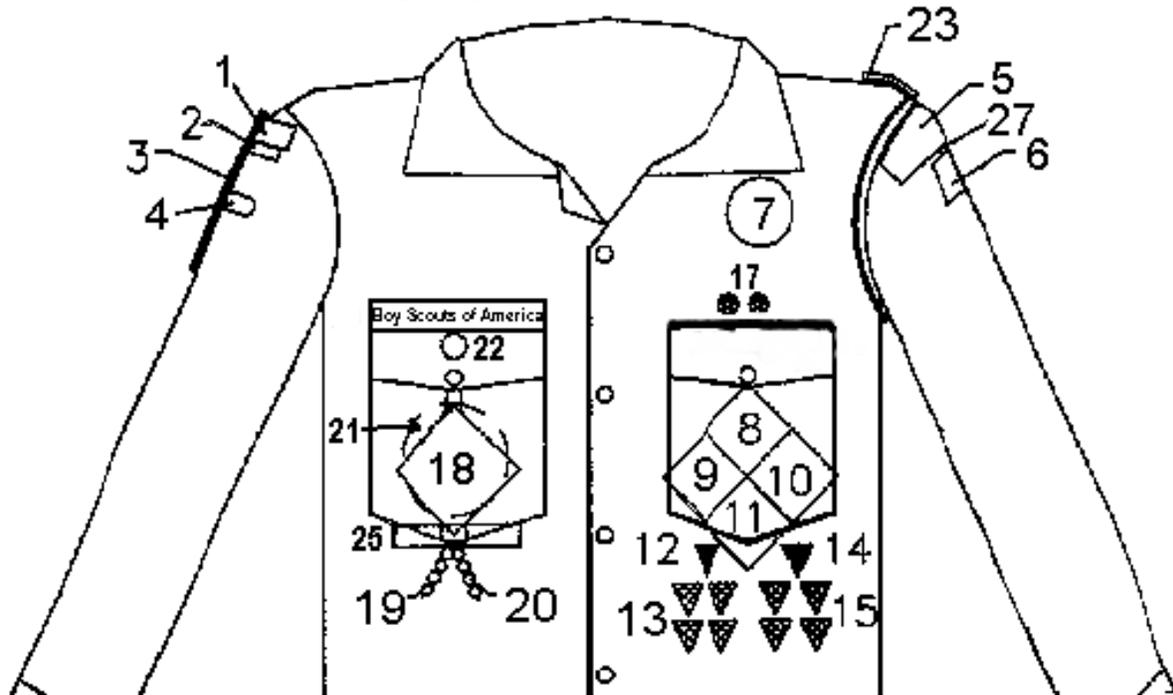
- Blue Cub Scout Uniform Shirt with U.S. flag – [(short sleeve / long sleeve)]
- Atlanta Area Council Patch
- Pack 845 (red and white numerals)
- Your son's Den Number Strip
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Cub Scout Web Belt And Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn)
- Official Cub Scout Shorts / Pants
- Official Tiger (orange stripe) or Cub Scout (yellow stripe) Socks

Webelos

- *Tan Boy Scout Shirt with U.S. Flag - [(short sleeve / long sleeve)]
- Atlanta Area Council Patch
- Pack 845 (red and white numerals)
- Your Den Number Strip
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Blue Shoulder Loops for tan shirt
- Cub Scout Web Belt and Webelos Buckle (These are designed to fit the Belt Loop awards that Scouts can earn. The Webelos / Boy Scout green belt is wider and Belt Loops must be expanded to fit)
- Webelos Colors (optional) Activity Badge pins may be worn on the Webelos Hat or the Webelos Colors
- Official Boy Scout Socks to match shirt worn
- Official Boy Scout [Shorts / Pants]

*Note: A Webelos Scout may wear either the Blue or Tan shirt. If you are just signing on as a Webelos, it is recommended to purchase the Tan uniform.

Uniform Insignia Placement



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Flag (comes with uniform) 2. Den Number 3. Webelos Colors (optional) 4. Quality Unit Award (most recent only) 5. Council Emblem 6. Pack Numerals 7. World Crest 8. Bobcat Badge 9. Wolf Badge 10. Bear Badge 11. Tiger Badge (or Webelos badge on blue uniform) 12. Wolf Gold Arrow Point (NA) 13. Wolf Silver Arrow Points (NA) 14. Bear Gold Arrow Point (NA) 15. Bear Silver Arrow Points (NA) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Tiger Cub Service Star 17. Cub Scout Service Star 18. Immediate Recognition Kit (No longer used) 19. Wolf Beads (Yellow) 20. Bear Beads (Red) 21. Temporary Patch (or Webelos Compass Badge) 22. Summertime Pack Award 23. Denner Cords 24. (Not Shown) Arrow of Light – below left pocket 25. Recruiter Strip 26. (Not Shown). Oval Webelos Badge - Centered on left pocket under flap on tan uniform |
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A Brief Summary of Scouting and the Cub Scout Program

Scouting has been around a long time. The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and became federally chartered with the United States in 1916. Cub Scout came into being in 1930. Millions of boys have worn the uniform, cooked over an open fire at a campsite, earned their Bobcat, raced their Pinewood Derby cars, worked on service projects, and made new friends under the umbrella of Scouting. Flowing underneath all this fun and excitement is a character-building program that encourages making good ethical choices, family strengthening, physical fitness, and citizenship skills in the lives of our boys.

Scouting utilizes an advancement system that requires a boy to 'do his best' to fulfill and complete the requirements outlined in his handbook so that he may earn his rank badge. After receiving his badge, these Scouts can go on to earn other awards by completing a series of electives. Please keep in mind that although there are lots of awards and recognitions in Scouting, Pack 845 will strive towards the end that these are earned through significant, meaningful methods that your son will remember for a long time.

At the Tiger, Wolf, and Bear ranks, Cub Scouting centers around monthly themes that have lots of appeal to boys at this age. During den meetings, the boys will be playing games, building craft projects, learning songs, etc. relating to this theme. In doing so, these boys will be improving on different skills as they learn to get along with others, become more resourceful, and participate in new activities and venues.

At the Webelos level, in lieu of the monthly theme, the boys are introduced to several diverse Activity Badges and, within the framework of the Webelos den, they work on completing these badges.

If you'll notice, there are Webelos 1's (4th graders) and Webelos 2's (5th graders). At the first level, after earning their Webelos badge, Webelos 1's continue to earn additional activity badges and gain new knowledge and skills in these areas. The Webelos 2's, though maybe still earning Activity Badges, also begin focusing on completing other requirements for their Arrow of Light award and will be conducting activities with various Boy Scout Troops.

Pack 845 follows a 'Scout year' of September to June and upon nearing the end of the school term, all the boys 'cross over' into the next rank. During the summer, check with your Den leaders as work on achievements may be suspended as the Pack will meet monthly at fun outings such as a bowling derby, fishing derby, kite derby, baseball game, etc. that goes toward the boys earning their Summertime Award pin. In addition, our council offers a resident camp and day camps that scouts may attend.

There are many, many events offered in Scouting. In addition to the events at Den meetings, Pack 845 will have family camping trips, Pinewood Derby races, a Blue and Gold dinner, and much more that's just for us in the Pack 845.

In addition, there are District events, which unites us with hundreds of Scouts, and Council events that can have thousands of Scouts in attendance. Your participation at these functions will definitely add to your son's Scouting experience.

Thank you for taking the time to go over this handbook with your new Cub Scout! With your help, this will be an exciting, rewarding experience for you, your son, your family, and your Pack.

We're glad you've joined us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

Craig J Ficik, Cubmaster

Todd Williams, Committee Chair