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**2009 – 2010**



# **HANDBOOK**

Since 1930, The Boys Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting, which is a year-round family oriented part of the BSA program. There are ten purposes of Cub Scouting which help achieve the core values of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility.

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

**But most of all.....Cub Scouting is FUN and ADVENTURE!**



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Dear Parents -

Welcome to Pack 899!! We are happy you have made the choice to have your son join our Pack. we look forward to watching him grow with us. The Scouting experience will be enjoyable for both you and your son.

While some of you may be familiar with our Pack, there are just as many who are new to Cub Scouts. The goal of these pages is to provide as much information as possible, but there are sure to be a few surprises. There are many more things about the Cub Scout Program and Pack 899 to know than can be addressed in these few words.

During your time with Pack 899, you will definitely have questions. These could be simple like "When is the Pack Meeting?" or they could require a little more discussion. If you have general questions, the easiest place to look is this handbook or our website located at [www.pack899.org](http://www.pack899.org). Several online resources, contact info, etc. are all on this site. If your questions relate to specific den activities, your den leader is the best source for the correct answer. A question related to the administration of Pack 899 can be addressed to any leader or committee member. Our names, numbers and emails are on the website, and included in this handbook.

We realize there are many different activities in which your son could choose to participate. Scouting requires a different level of commitment from both the family and the child than many other programs. We strive to make your choice fun for all of us.

**INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION**

Cub Scout Pack 899 serves first through fifth grade boys in the Carolina Forest area of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. At present, Pack 899 has over sixty Scouts organized into Tiger Cub (1st grade), Wolf (2nd grade), Bear (3rd grade) and Webelos I (4th grade) & Webelos II (5th grade) dens. The Charter Organization for Pack 899 is the Carolina Forest Community Church. We are part of the Chicora District of the Pee Dee Area Council.

Our mission is to deliver to the boys and their families in the Carolina Forest area the Cub Scout Program developed by the Boy Scouts of America. We will do our best to deliver the highest quality program available to boys.

The boys will advance in rank each year, beginning with the Tiger Cubs and culminating with the Arrow of Light in Fifth Grade. We will encourage our Cubs to continue the fun, adventure and development of Scouting by graduating into a Boy Scout Troop. We hope each of our Scouts will continue to advance in the Scouting program, not because of the badge or rank they will earn, but because of what they will learn about themselves, their families, others, God and their country.

Scouting, unlike many activities, is not something you leave your son at and come back in an hour to pick him up. It is a commitment of your time as well as his. Most of the activities required for earning rank are accomplished at home with family members.



**TIGER CUBS BSA (1st Grade) —** Tiger Cubs is a simple and fun program for first grade boys and their families. The Tiger Cub program introduces boys and their families to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they “Search, Discover and Share” together. The Tiger Cub program is divided into two sections: first, there are family centered activities; second, the Tiger Cub and his adult partner meet in weekly den meetings with other Cubs and adult partners. Each den meeting either covers an advancement activity from the Tiger Book or involves a field trip to fun and educational places. Tiger Cubs BSA follows a school year cycle. Boys remain in Tiger Cubs until they complete first grade. They then graduate into the Wolf Den.



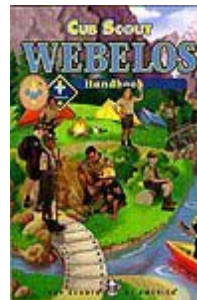
**CUB SCOUTS: WOLF DEN (2nd Grade) —** The founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, based his ideas for Cub Scouting on the Kipling book, *Mowgli's Brothers* - a part of the famous *Jungle Book* series. In the story, Mowgli is separated from his family when a tiger attacks his village. A family of wolves finds the boy and raises him. When the boy grows older, the wolf family asks Akela, the great leader of the wolf pack, to let the boy join the pack. Akela lets him join to protect him from the dangers of the jungle. So before a boy can become a Wolf Scout, he must earn his Bobcat badge by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Motto, and the Law of the Pack. He then begins the Scouting Trail by earning the first of 12 Achievements.



**CUB SCOUTS: BEAR DEN (3rd Grade)** — The second stage of Cub Scouting also finds its roots in the *Jungle Book* series. In the story, the boy Mowgli is brought before Akela and the wolf pack for a decision on whether a boy may join the pack. Akela asks whether anyone will speak for the boy. Baloo the Bear, who teaches the wolf cubs the Law of the Pack, says that he will. As Mowgli grows older, Baloo teaches him the law of the pack and the secret words that will allow him to talk with the jungle animals. On the Bear Trail of Scouting, each Cub Scout must complete a series of 12 Achievements from four different thematic groups (God, Country, Family and Self) before graduating into the Webelos Den.



**WEBELOS (4th & 5th Grade)** — The Webelos program stresses more independent work and individual responsibility on the part of each Scout and differs in a number of respects from the Cub Scout experience of the younger boys. Instead of working on achievements and electives, each Webelo works to complete a series of hobby and career Activity Badges. The emphasis shifts from home-centered activities to a series of group activities conducted and organized by the Webelos Den itself. Webelos are encouraged to participate in several overnight camping trips and other leadership activities that will help prepare them for Boy Scouts. The main awards earned by Webelos are the Webelos rank, Compass Points and the Arrow of Light.



**VALUES**

The primary values of Cub Scouting are reflected in the Cub Scout Promise, the Cub Scout Motto and the Law of the Pack.

**CUB SCOUT PROMISE:**

I, (name), promise to do my best  
to do my duty to God and my country,  
to help other people  
and to obey the Law of the Pack.

**CUB SCOUT MOTTO:**

Do Your Best

**LAW OF THE PACK:**

The Cub Scout follows Akela.  
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go.  
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.  
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Our Scouts, families, leaders and volunteers work together to teach these values by:

- Influencing each Scout's character development and spiritual growth
- Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- Encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- Strengthening skills in getting along with and respecting others
- Improving understanding and communication within the family
- Fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills
- Providing fun and exciting things to do
- Showing, by example, how to "do your best"
- Preparing each Cub to become a Boy Scout and laying the groundwork to move into adulthood



**UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS** — The uniform requirements set by the Boy Scouts of America change as your son moves through the ranks of the Cub Scout Program. The class “A” uniform, as described below, is required for all den and pack meetings. Uniforms and Insignia may be purchased at Socastee Hardware on Highway 544 or at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).

**TIGER — WOLF — BEAR — Class “A” Uniform:**

- Blue Uniform Shirt with Insignia
- Dark, solid color pants or shorts (blue jeans are ok)
- Appropriate Neckerchief & Neckerchief Slide

**WEBELOS I and II — Class “A” Uniform:**

- Khaki Uniform Shirt with Insignia
- Dark, solid color pants or shorts (blue jeans are ok)
- Webelos Neckerchief & Neckerchief Slide
- Webelos 1 may wear Blue Uniform shirt as an option

**INSIGNIA:**

- Pee Dee Area Council Strip
- 899 Red & White Pack Number Strip
- American Flag (already on shirt)
- World Crest
- Blue Shoulder Epaulets (Webelos only)

Shirt tails are to be tucked in at all times. Pack 899 also has a special t-shirt (class B) for use only on designated events.

**DENS & MEETINGS** — Pack 899 is organized into Dens which are determined by Cub Scout rank — Tiger Cub Dens, Wolf Dens, Bear Dens and Webelos Dens. Dens are groups of 6-9 boys, led by a Den Leader and one or more Assistant Den Leaders. Den Leaders and Assistants are parents of the boys in the Den who have volunteered for their role and completed Cub Scout training. As new boys join the Pack they will be placed in an existing Den. However, if the appropriate Den is at or near the maximum size, the Pack will form a new Den with all the new incoming Scouts as members. When that happens 2-4 of the new parents will become leaders in order for their sons to join the Pack.

**DEN MEETINGS** — Dens normally meet the first three Mondays of the month. All dens meet in the classrooms or sanctuary at Carolina Forest Community Church for specific Den activities. The time is from 6:30 pm to approximately 7:30.

**PACK MEETINGS** — The entire Pack meets monthly on the last Monday or other dates as scheduled for special events. Pack Meetings are intended to be family events (brothers and sisters too!!). The Cubs perform skits, songs, flag ceremonies, and they are presented awards and achievements as well as have some fun during the meetings. Upcoming events are announced and other Pack information is distributed during these meetings. Pack Meetings begin at 6:30 pm and last approximately one hour. Pack Meetings are sometimes incorporated into special events like our Blue & Gold celebration, Pinewood Derby, etc.

**DUES & FEES**

There are two charges associated with being a member of Pack 899. The first is the annual registration fee of \$22.00 (returning scouts) and \$29.33 (new scouts) which covers the Scout's registration in the Boy Scouts of America and a Boy's Life magazine subscription. The Pack also charges annual dues of \$50.00. The dues charged by the Pack are used to offset expenses associated with running the week-to-week activities of each Den, along with badges, pins and awards earned by the boys throughout the year as they advance on the Scouting Trail. Individual activities and outings may also have fees, especially if they are family events such as a Council program or a campout. Families will be made aware of any charges for these activities prior to the registration process for the event.

**FUND RAISERS**

Each fall the Pack participates in the national popcorn sale by the Boys Scouts of America of Trail's End Popcorn products. Pack 899 keeps 30% of all proceeds of the sale. The remainder supports the Pee Dee Area Council and, of course, buys the popcorn! Each boy has an opportunity to earn exciting prizes and if the boy sells above certain levels, the Pack will refund part of his Pack dues. The popcorn sale is an important event to support the activities of the Pack.

**CAMPING — Policies & Procedures**

Age-appropriate camping programs are packed with theme-oriented activities that brings Cub Scouts and Webelos into the world of adventure. Camping programs combine fun and excitement with doing one's best, getting along with others and developing an appreciation for ecology and the outdoors world.

Pack 899 incorporates two kinds of camping into our Scouting program. The first is in conjunction with Council and District events (i.e. Cub-O-Ree). The other are special, Pack 899-only campouts that are usually at a local campgrounds. Occasionally, the Webelos of Pack 899 will join a Boy Scout Troop for a joint outing.

Camping requires certain restrictions and requirements that vary according to the events planned. Any special requirements will be fully explained in advance.

There are some basic rules that are mandated by the Boy Scouts of America:

- Overnight camping by individual Tiger Cub, Wolf or Bear Dens is not approved and liability insurance will not be provided. Webelos Dens can overnight camp, subject to BSA guidelines. Tiger, Wolf and Bear Scouts can overnight camp at approved Council, District, or Pack events.
- No fewer than 4 individuals may go on any campout. At least two adults over the age of 21 are required for each campout –one of which must be BSA registered and have completed Basic Adult Leader Training.

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- No alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances are allowed at any Cub Scout activity.
- No motorized go-carts, motorbikes, or ATV's are allowed on any campouts.
- No flames are allowed in tents.
- No liquid fuels are allowed.
- No fireworks or firearms are allowed on any Cub Scout campouts.

Pack 899 has also established the following guidelines for successful, rewarding camping:

- Each Cub must have at least one parent along for any overnight camping event. In extenuating circumstances, an exception may be made to this policy once per Scout per year subject to approval by both the Cubmaster *and* Pack Committee Chairman. Any such exception is limited to Wolf, Bear or Webelos Scouts and will require the identification of an adult willing to attend the event and be wholly responsible for the Scout.
- Tiger Cubs **MUST** have a least one accompanying parent to attend *any* off-site event.
- No electronic games or devices such as Gameboys, televisions, iPods, etc. will be allowed on Pack 899 campouts.
- No mechanized equipment such as chainsaws, log splitters, generators, etc. will be allowed.
- All Boy Scouts of America regulations concerning knives, hatchets and saws will be strictly enforced including age requirements and safety procedures.
- All Scouts and parents will be expected to eat with the Pack. Even if the Scout does not eat, he is expected to remain with his Den during all meals.

**PACK 899 POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

The most important Pack policy is to have fun!!!! The Pack Committee will conduct a planning meeting in the summer to lay out the yearly schedule and calendar. Changes and additions are always possible, that is why parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Pack Committee meetings.

**SAFETY**

Pack 899 will follow Boy Scouts of America policies outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Youth Protection Training.

**RESPECT**

Pack 899 is the guest of Carolina Forest Community Church (CFCC) and will behave as such. The Pack will respect the property and sanctity of CFCC by the proper use of the facility, appropriate conduct and thorough clean up.

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT**

Pack 899 is completely run by volunteers — there are no paid positions within the Pack. Cub Scouting is for families: please be prepared to volunteer for Pack activities and events.

Family members are invited to all Scout events, including brothers and sisters, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas.

All scouts and parents are welcome to provide suggestions for changes in Pack policy, meetings, and activities. If the suggestions involve a change in policy, they must be made in writing and presented at a Pack Committee Meeting usually held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Plantation Lakes Club House @ 5PM. There may be occasional changes to the day and time so please consult the Scout Track calendar for times.

**THE FAMOUS PACK 899 “NO’S”**

- No tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances during any Scouting event—parents included
- No offensive, racist, rude, obnoxious behavior or words during any Scouting event
- No spitting, cursing or yelling
- No lying or cheating
- No fighting, shoving, or hitting
- No Gameboys, personal CD players, iPods, etc. are allowed at any Pack 899 event unless specifically allowed by Pack Leadership
- No running or horseplay in the building

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

All Scouts are expected to live by the Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Discipline problems that arise will be handled in the following way:

- The Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Pack Chairman will first speak with the Cub. If the problems continue, the parent and Cubmaster will be contacted and the Cub will leave the activity. If a Cub leaves early due to a discipline issue, it will constitute an absence for the full activity. Any and all achievement or award earned prior to dismissal will be forfeited.
- Cubs that have been removed from 3 activities in one Scout year will be brought before the Pack 899 Committee. If the situation can not be resolved, the Cub may be suspended or permanently removed from the Pack.
- Any Cub who willfully damages, loses or destroys CFCC or Pack property will be held personally responsible for any and all costs of repair or replacement.

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR 2009–2010**

We are using the Scout Track website for our calendar of events as we did last year. We will keep it up to date with the latest information as things are scheduled.

Once your son is registered and you provide an email address you will receive an “invitation” email to log onto the Scout Track website.

Once you are on the site you will be able to review the calendar and your son’s advancement progress.

Don’t forget the pack’s website [www.pack899.org](http://www.pack899.org) It has information about the pack and many links to additional scouting information.



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