

# Cub Scout Pack 30

Berkeley, CA



# Welcome Packet

2018-19

# How Cub Scouting Works

## Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family, and all are welcome to participate.
- You work with your Scout on their various award requirements, both at home and during meetings.
- Many skills they will learn are family oriented.
- A parent or guardian is required to attend all events with their Scout. This includes our monthly meetings and various outings and special events.

## Your Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Den

- Dens are organized by grade level.
- Each Den generally meets once per month.
- The Den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer) and Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).
- During Den Meeting, Scouts will work on advancement requirements for their next rank.
- Den meetings also have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.
- A parent or guardian for each Scout is expected to attend each Den meeting.

## Your Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Pack

- The “pack” consists of all the dens and other leaders.
- The pack meets once a month – all Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend.
- The Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmasters lead the monthly pack meeting.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, special guests, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the Scouts have earned recently.
- A parent or guardian for each Scout is expected to attend each Pack meeting.

## The pack is run by a Pack Committee (group of parent volunteers).

- The committee is made up of a Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Treasurer, Den Leaders, Event Chairs and many other positions.
- The committee generally meets once a month. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.
- The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and sets the agenda for the coming year.

# Cub Scout Pack 30 Overview

Our Pack number is: Pack 30

Website: <http://berkeleypack30.org>

Event Calendar: <http://www.berkeleypack30.org/calendar/>

Pack News: <http://www.berkeleypack30.org/category/pack-news/>

Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.berkeleypack30.org/faqs/>

Application Forms: <http://www.berkeleypack30.org/application-forms/>

Our Scouting Council and District are: Mt Diablo Silverado Council, Herms District

Website: <http://mdscbsa.org>

Our Pack leaders are:

Cub Master	Jim Brencic	jimbrencic@yahoo.com
Assistant Cub Master	Kieron Slaughter	kslaughter33@gmail.com

Our Dens are:

Grade level	Den	Den Leader / Assistant Den Leader	Email
Kindergarten	Lions		
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Tigers		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Wolves	Mike Long	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Bears	Brian Horn	
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Webelos 1	Bill Tarantino	wtarantino@gmail.com
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Webelos 2 (AKA Arrow of Light)	Daniel Jurnove	daniel.jurnove@gmail.com

# Getting Started

Complete and turn in the Cub Scout application and registration fee to the Membership Chair.

- Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and your Scout can get the most out of it.
- Purchase a Cub Scout Handbook now and begin doing the activities in it with your Scout. The first item your Scout will need to work on is the “Bobcat” rank which can be found in the front of the Cub Scout Handbook.
- Read with your Cub Scout the “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse Guide” pamphlet found in the front of the book. Sign the last page and give to your new Den Leader.
- Ask for a Save the Dates Flyer to find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout Pack is doing in the next few months and put them on your calendar so you can participate. Once registered you will be emailed updates on activities or you can always find out what going on via the Pack Calendar on the website [www.berkeleypack30.org](http://www.berkeleypack30.org) or via the calendar on Scoutbook the website.
- Scouting is more fun with friends! Any child in grades K-5 can be a Cub Scout at any time, not just during our recruiting period. Talk with other parents and Scouts and have them join your Scout’s Cub Scout Pack now to make Cub Scouting even more fun. Your Scout will be recognized as a “recruiter” by the Pack & earn a special patch if they recruit a friend to join.
- Consider being a Cub Scout leader or Pack Committee member for your Scout’s Cub Scout den. Your Scout’s experience in Cub Scouting depends on your involvement. Details are on the following pages.
- Purchase a Cub Scout uniform for your Scout to wear. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your Scout grows.
- Visit the Scout Shop in Pleasant Hill or San Leandro for all of your uniform needs and more.

# Meetings and Other Events

## Our Pack and Dens meet at:

Epworth United Methodist Church  
1953 Hopkins St, Berkeley, CA 94707

Pack meetings are typically held on either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, although this may change from month to month. Meeting location may also differ – sometimes we meet in local parks, or at other places for special events. Check the calendar at <http://berkeleypack30.org> for the latest information! Our Pack leadership team will send out a monthly email with a schedule for the next few events.

## Den meetings:

Den meetings are also typically held at Epworth, on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, although this may change from month to month. Meeting location may also differ. Your Den leader will arrange Den meetings via email, so keep an eye out for the latest plan!

## Hikes, camping trips, and outings:

We typically go on a Fall camping trip, a Spring camping trip, and an overnight Spring outing to a museum or other local attraction. There will also be several day hikes and possibly other day trips throughout the year. Attendance for all events is optional.

## Special Events:

Throughout the year, we will be holding several special events. These include:

- Blue & Gold Breakfast
- December Holiday Potluck
- Service Project
- Pinewood Derby
- ...and more!

## Summer Camp:

Each year, the Mt Diablo Silverado Council runs a week-long day camp at Camp Herms. All Scouts are welcome to attend. Fees for this are NOT included in your yearly Pack 30 dues.

# Uniforms

Pack 30 Scouts will need two uniforms – a ‘Class A’ uniform and a ‘Class B’ uniform.

The Class A uniform consists of:

- Cub Scout button-up shirt, long or short sleeve.
  - Scouts in Lions, Tigers, Wolves, and Bear dens wear the blue Cub Scout shirt.
  - Scouts in Webelos 1 or Webelos 2 can wear either the blue or khaki Cub Scout shirt.
- Patches for uniform (see next section)
- Neckerchief and slide
- Hat (optional)
- For Scouts in the Lions, Tigers, Bears, and Wolves Dens, they will also need a belt, as many awards that they will earn are ‘belt loops’. Any belt will do, it does not need to be the official Cub Scout belt.
- Webelos Colors (Webelos 1 and 2 only).
- *Note: For both the neckerchief and hat, each Den level has their own color. The employees at the Scout Shop can help you choose the correct one for your Scout.*

All other clothing items for the Class A uniform are left to the discretion of the Scout and adult. Regular street or exercise clothes are perfectly fine. There are official Cub Scout pants, shorts, and socks, but Pack 30 does not require them.

The estimated costs for a new Class A uniform is:

Shirt:	\$25
Neckerchief	\$7
Slide	\$5
Patches	\$8
Hat	\$13
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$58</b>

Additionally, some Scouts like to wear a “brag vest” or patch vest, also available at the Scout shop for around \$15. The patch vest is a red felt vest which can be used to display the various patches and awards that the Scout earns throughout their Scouting life. This is an optional requirement, and can be worn as part of the Class A uniform if desired.

# Uniforms

## Patches for Class A Uniform:

The following patches will be needed for the Class A uniform:

- Mt Diablo Silverado council patch (left shoulder)



- Pack Numbers 3 and 0 (left shoulder)



- American Flag (right shoulder, should come pre-sewn on uniform)



- Den number (right shoulder, be sure to choose correct Den number)



All other patches are either optional, or are earned through various events and activities.

# Uniforms

The Class B uniform consists of:

- Pack 30 t-shirt

All other clothing items for the Class A uniform are left to the discretion of the Scout and adult. Regular street or exercise clothes are perfectly fine.

## Uniform Bank

Pack 30 maintains a collection of gently used uniforms, which are available to any Pack 30 member at no cost. We typically bring the uniform collection to the first few Pack meetings. When your Scout outgrows their uniform, please donate it to our uniform bank!

New Class A uniforms can be purchased at the local Scout Shops.

New Class B t-shirts can be purchased at Pack meetings and cost \$10. Please pay by check.

# Ranks, Advancement, and Awards

Throughout the Scouting year, each Den will work on completing the advancement requirements for their current level. The Lion Den works on the Lion rank, the Bear Den on the Bear rank, and so on. Scouts will also have the opportunity to earn special awards, as part of Pack events, Den events, or on their own.

Upon joining Cub Scouts, a Scout will first earn their Bobcat rank, regardless of which Den they are in, and then will begin working on their rank advancement with the rest of their Den. Scout do not need to earn any of the earlier ranks to earn their current rank.

Pack 30 uses the Scoutbook.com website to track advancement. You will need to register an account in order to help your Scout through the advancement process. Scoutbook can be challenging to use, so we will be holding demonstration sessions during some Pack meetings to help new parents learn how to use it.



## **BOBCAT** (Earned by ALL NEW Cub Scouts / Webelos)

All Scouts earn the Bobcat badge. Scouts will learn the Cub Scout Oath, Law, Salute, Sign and Motto. In addition, the Scout must demonstrate the understanding of the core values of Honesty and Trustworthiness, and explain their importance.



## **TIGER** (First Graders)

A Cub Scout in First Grade who complete (6) Required Adventures and (1) Elective Adventure will earn the Tiger Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on additional Elective Adventures. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*

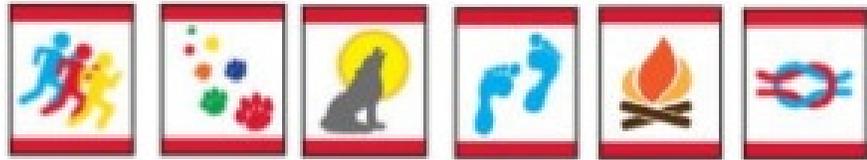


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## WOLF (Second Graders)

A Cub Scout in Second Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (1) Elective Adventure will earn the Wolf Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Wolf Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on additional Elective Adventures. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*



## BEAR (Third Graders)

A Cub Scout in Third Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (1) Elective Adventure will earn the Bear Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Bear Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on additional Elective Adventures. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*



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## WEBELOS (Fourth Graders)

A Cub Scout in Fourth Grade who completes (5) Required Adventures and (2) Elective Adventures will earn the Webelos Badge. A special pin will be awarded at a Pack meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Webelos, Scouts may earn more pins by working on additional Elective Adventures. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*



## ARROW OF LIGHT (Fifth Graders)

A Cub Scout in Fifth Grade who completes (4) Required Adventures and (3) Elective Adventure will earn the Arrow of Light Badge. A special pin will be awarded at a Pack meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Arrow of Light, Scouts may earn more pins by working on additional Elective Adventures. The den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*

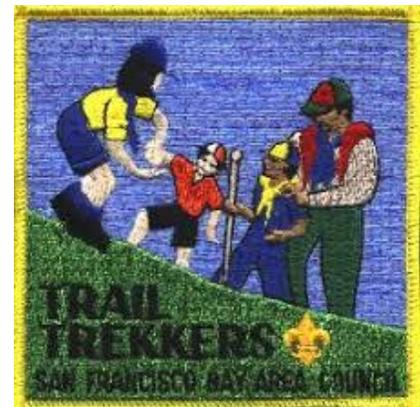
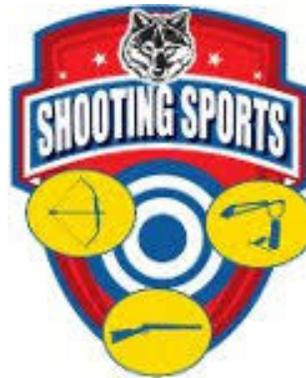
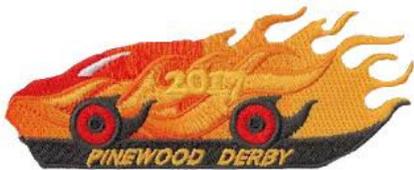


After completing the Arrow of Light rank, Scouts who elect to go on to join a Boy Scout troop will participate in a special 'Bridging Ceremony' that we hold each year in the Spring, usually during our Spring Campout. At the end of ceremony, the Scouts will be welcomed into their new Boy Scout troop. Throughout the year, the local Boy Scout troops will hold events for prospective Webelos to learn more about their troop.

# Ranks, Advancement, and Awards

## Other awards

Throughout the year, Scouts will have the opportunities to participate in other events and activities which may earn them other awards and badges. These include badges for completing special hikes, participating in the Pinewood Derby, participating in Service Projects, and more!



# Scout Shops

## Pleasant Hill Scout Shop

800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Phone: (925) 674-8500

Website: <https://www.mdsbsa.org/about/council/Scout-shop/>

## San Leandro Scout Shop

1001 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA 94577

Phone: (510) 633-2005

Website: <http://www.sfbac.org/about-us/east-bay-scout-shop/62659>

*Note: The San Leandro Scout Shop is run by the San Francisco Bay Area Council, and may not carry the Mt Diablo Silverado council patch.*

# Other Items Needed

## Cub Scout Handbook

Each year, your Scout will need the appropriate Cub Scout handbook for their Den. This handbook will guide them through the various requirements and activities to earn their next rank advancement.

## Equipment for camping

For our Fall and Spring camping trips, you will need to provide camping equipment for you and your Scout to use. This includes:

- Tent
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pads or air mattress
- Flashlights or headlamps
- Mess kit (plate, utensils, cup)
- Water bottle

For camping trips, the Pack has everything needed for food preparation, and typically provides snack, dinner, and breakfast, so you will not need to bring a stove or cookware, or food for meals. However, we will need your help preparing the shared meals, so please come prepared to help!

For our Spring overnigher, you will typically only need to bring a sleeping bag and sleeping pad/air mattress, as these are generally indoor events. Details may differ depending on the location, so please check with your Den Leader ahead of time.

# Dues and other fees

## Yearly dues:

Pack 30s yearly dues are \$175 per Scout. Please pay by check, payable to “Cub Scout Pack 30”.

The yearly dues cover almost all Scouting events for the year that the pack participates in. However, there are a few other events that may have an additional cost. In recent years, the only additional cost has been for a special overnight trip to a local museum. Individual Dens may also attend special events that are not covered by the Pack dues.

Scholarships are available, please inquire with our Cubmaster or Treasurer.

## Fund raising activities:

Pack 30 does not require Scouts to participate in any fund-raising activities, such as popcorn sales.

# Required Forms for Joining Pack 30

New members must complete the following forms, available at

<http://www.berkeleypack30.org/new-member-forms/> :

- Pack 30 Enrollment Form
- Youth application – *Please review all pages, then fill out pages 5 and 7*
- Adult application – *Please review all pages, then fill out pages 4 and 5.*
- Health Consent Form

You will also need to submit the following documentation:

- Photocopy of your Scout's up-to-date health insurance card
- Proof of up-to-date vehicle insurance (so you can drive others when carpooling for Pack and Den outings)
- Check for \$175 annual dues

Please make check payable to "Cub Scout Pack 30"

You may submit your forms and dues check to our Membership Chair at the next regularly scheduled pack meeting.

# Positions in the Pack

All leadership positions within Pack 30 are served by parent volunteers. As current leaders move up and on to Boy Scouts, new positions in the Pack and Committee become available. Please check with the Committee Chair to see what is open. We can use all the help that we can get. There may just be a position that suits you!

**CUBMASTER / ASSISTANT CUBMASTER** - Help plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the Pack Committee.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR** - The Committee Chair conducts all monthly Pack Committee meetings, and helps organize and recruit parent volunteers for various positions.

**DEN LEADERS / ASSISTANT DEN LEADERS** – Coordinate and carry out the monthly Den meetings, and help coordinate the Scouts in their Den at the various events. Helps assist the Scouts complete the requirements for their next rank.

**PARENT HELPERS** - Each year the pack undertakes several short-term projects such as Scouting for Food, Service projects, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Breakfast, Fall and Spring Camping trips, and the Spring Overnighter. Parents are expected to contribute at least 10 hours / year to help the pack go. s.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** – Helps register Scouts each year, completes paperwork for re-chartering process, collects and submits dues and paperwork from each Scout.

**SECRETARY** – Take minutes at the Pack Committee meetings and records key decisions, action items, and important Pack history items.

**TREASURER** - Keeps all financial records for the pack. Includes tracking of the Pack bank account, financial records for each event & individual Scout Accounts.

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIR** - Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia.

**QUARTERMASTER** – Arranges and plans meals for Fall and Spring Camping trips, as well as any other outing that requires food.

**HIKEMASTER** – Arranges and plans pack hikes.

**OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIR POSTIONS** – Recruitment, Outings Chair, and more.

For more information on these positions, please reach out to our Committee Chair or Cubmaster.

# Positions in the Pack

**GENERAL** – Do you have a special skill or talent? Check with your Den Leader or Cubmaster to see all the different ways you can help. We have several events through the year that you can help lead. Events like Blue & Gold, Hiking, Beach Clean Ups, Scouting for Food, Family Camp Outs, etc. There is always something to do in Scouts!