



Pack 12 FAQ's

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When do you meet?

We generally meet the first 2 Tuesdays of each month for Den meetings, have an activity the 3rd Tuesday and share a family Pack Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month from September through May. Meetings begin at 7:00PM and conclude at 8:00PM (although the Tiger Cubs/First graders may dismiss earlier). Pack Calendars are available.

Where do you meet?

We meet at St. John Neumann Catholic Church located at 8451 Idlewild Road, Charlotte. Den meetings are in the Education Wing of the church, enter through the Main doors of the church. Follow that hallway and proceed up the stairs through the double doors.

What does my son wear?

Pack 12 requires a Cub Scout uniform with all pieces except the pants (dark blue pants or jeans and shorts of the same color are acceptable). Uniforms are available at The Scout Shop located at 1410 East 7th Street (704-333-5471) OR The Carolina Scout Shop located at 2121 Westinghouse Blvd. (704-583-2127) Please call ahead for business hours. Unless otherwise noted, boys should wear these uniforms to Tuesday night meetings. These uniforms are called CLASS A's.

Pack 12 issues a Pack t-shirt with our logo for each boy. These shirts are referred to as CLASS B's.

What are the different Cub Scout Ranks?

1st Grade	Tiger Cubs (blue shirt - orange uniform accessories)
2nd Grade	Wolf Cub Scouts (blue shirt - yellow/red uniform accessories)
3rd Grade	Bear Cub Scouts (blue shirt - light blue uniform accessories)
4th Grade	Webelos I Scout (khaki shirt – red numerals and blue loops)
5th Grade	Webelos II, Arrow of Light Scout (khaki shirt – red numerals and blue loops)

What is the Achievement, Awards & Advancement System for Cub Scouts?

All Scouts begin their career by earning the **Bobcat** rank. All boys who have entered as new Cubs must complete the **Bobcat** badge to be eligible for further rank advancement. Typically, the material required by Bobcat can be completed in a single meeting. We strive for all new scouts to earn their Bobcat badge by the October Pack meeting. Cubs only have to earn the Bobcat Rank once.

1st Grade **Tiger Cubs**: earn the Tiger Paw emblem for their uniforms by learning several basic Cub Scout items. Each Tiger has the opportunity to earn up to 15 beads for participating in 5 den activities, 5 family activities, and 5 Go See It activities. Pack 12 strongly encourages participation in local Cub Scout Summer Day Camps (each June).

2nd and 3rd Grade **Wolf & Bear Cubs**: must earn the rank of Bobcat in order to progress. Like Tigers, these work with their dens and families through a series of fun and educational achievement requirements. Pack 12 strongly encourages participation in local Cub Scout Summer Day Camps (each June).

4th & 5th Grade **Webelos Scouts**: work on transitioning from Cub life to Boy Scout life by working on twenty activity badges. These boys are strongly encouraged to participate in Webelos Residents Camp (each July) and Webeloree (each October) to earn the most possible. Boys who complete all twenty Webelos activity badges are eligible for the Super Achiever recognition at their Blue & Gold Banquet their fifth grade year. Most 2nd year (5th grade) Webelos earn Cub Scouting's highest award, the **Arrow of Light**. Please refer to your son's Webelos handbook to note the current requirements.

5th grade boys cross over from Pack 12 to Troop 12 (Boy Scouts) at our annual Blue & Gold Banquet each February. Both the Troop and Pack leadership work together to ensure a smooth transition for both boys and families into Boy Scout life.

Do I have to remain at each meeting with my son?

Tiger Den (1st grade) parents must remain at the meetings with their sons. All other parents are encouraged to stay and offer assistance to the den leaders.

A common misconception is that Cub Scouts is a "Tuesday night babysitting service." Make no mistake; if you are looking for a place to drop off your son with no additional commitments, Pack 12 is not the place for you. We encourage all parents to engage in this experience with your sons.

What does it cost?

Annual dues are \$ 60.00. Our fiscal year runs from September 1st to August 29th. This fee covers basic dues, BSA registration, a subscription to Boys Life Magazine, BSA insurance, a scout handbook, and all derby kits.

Popcorn Sale---Each Fall the Pack participates in the local Scouting Council's Fundraiser with Trail's End Popcorn. Boys have the opportunity to sell popcorn door-to-door with an adult; sell at local business; and at other preset locations. Boys are compensated with prizes. The 27% of the profit goes directly into our treasury to fund Pack 12 activities. Participation in the popcorn sale can help a scout earn credit toward summer camps.

Friends of Scouting---Each Spring families can contribute or pledge to contribute to the local council, Mecklenburg County Council, to help fund camp operations and pay the costs of operating Scouting in Mecklenburg. Our goal is 100% participation for our families. Whether you give \$10 or \$150, the pledge will help to meet the 100% participation requirement.

Are parents expected to help lead den meetings?

Yes, every parent should be willing to volunteer some of his/her time to work with the trained den leader(s) to provide quality meetings. Den leaders generally set the schedule. To help out in den meetings there are youth protection training requirements. These are made readily available to the families. This training will keep all of our children safe at scouts, at home, at play and at school.

What is the difference between a Pack Meeting and a Den Meeting?

A Pack meeting is generally scheduled the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is where the scouts receive their awards and advancements. This is their recognition ceremony and parents are required to attend. You would not want to miss the cub appropriate skits and songs.

Do we camp?

Pack 12 has both a spring and a fall trip. The spring trip is called "Spring Family Camping." We take part of the District and Council level camping opportunities. All camping trips will be in campgrounds with running water, electricity, hot showers. No primitive camping for Pack 12 Cub Scouts. A favorite campout for most is the Catholic Camporee; you do not need to be Catholic to attend.

Are there other trips & outings?

Yes, we have taken trips to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro and to Charleston to visit the USS Yorktown.

What volunteer opportunities are there for parents?

The Pack is totally volunteer driven. We always need parents to become den leaders, serve as committee members and help with registrations for the camping opportunities. There are jobs both big and small. To volunteer and camp with the pack the parents will take BSA youth protection, available online and a Youth Protection course offered onsite at the church (VIRTUS)

Does the Pack have a website?

Yes, please visit <http://www.cubpack12.net>. We are also on Facebook **Pack 12-Charlotte**.

What are the other special events each year?

September: Pack Hike Until Dusk and Scouter Success Seminar Adult Training.
October: Annual Popcorn Sale Fundraiser, Raingutter Regatta & Webeloree
November: Pack Family Camping
December: Christmas Caroling and Christmas/Holiday Luncheon
January: Pinewood Derby
February: Blue & Gold Banquet
March: Catholic Camporee,
April: Space Derby, Cuboree Campout
May: Graduation
June: Pack Planning Meeting, Cub Scout Day Camp
July: Webelos Resident Camp
August: Recruiting EXPO, Parent Meeting, Pack Kickoff Pizza Night
...and other summer activities as planned during the annual planning.

Are there summer camp opportunities?

The Etowah District of the Mecklenburg County Council hosts several camps each year. They include Cub Scout Day Camp (June); Webelos Resident Camp (July); Webeloree (October); Cuboree (April) and others. You will be notified well in advance of these camps to give you ample time to register for these opportunities.

How much training have Pack 12 leaders received?

Every uniformed Pack 12 leader will complete at least 3 basic training classes. They include --- from Boy Scouts of America (1) Youth Protection and (2) Basic Leader/Cub

Scout Fast Start/Position Specific Training and ---from the Catholic Church (3)
Protecting God's Children – the church version of youth protection. We are serious about maintaining Pack 12 as a child safe environment.

How are Pack activities determined and plans made?

The Den leaders, advancements coordinator, treasurer, Asst. Cubmaster, Cubmaster and Committee Chair make up the Pack Leadership Committee. The Committee generally meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM to set plans and make policy for the Pack. All parents are encouraged to attend

What is required of me as a parent or volunteer helper?

We ask every parent sign up to assist with 2 of our scheduled events and 1 den level meeting. Sign up sheets are posted today and will be in the parent room each week.

Every parent assisting at meetings or camping with Pack 12 is required to take the BSA Youth Protection Training available online and the Catholic Church's Protecting God's Children Training (classroom training).

The Protecting God's Children training is a great tool for every parent to have in their toolbox to keep their child and all of the children of Pack 12 safe. This safety extends to the home, the school, at play, and while at scouting. This is a 2.5 hour course and it is made available 2 times a year at St. John Neumann and at other times throughout the year across the Charlotte Diocese. This course is not a course on Catholic doctrine, it is focused on child protection.

Who is available to help me to understand how scouting works and how to navigate my first year?

The leadership of Pack 12 is always available to help explain the program to our families. We have mentor parents available at each rank to help the new families to navigate the first year.

Thank you for your interest in Pack 12

