

CUB SCOUT
PACK 184
FALCONS



GUIDEBOOK

FALL 2009

Falcon Pack 184 Parent Agreement

Print the Cub Scouts Name

Grade in School and School Attending

Parents

1. I agree to serve as an active member on at least one of the following Pack Committees: Recruitment, Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Day Camp/Summer Camp, Service Projects, Blue and Gold Banquet, Space Derby, Popcorn Sales, Kite Derby, BSA Family Program
2. I understand the importance of my role in the Cub Scout advancement program.
3. I agree to attend monthly Pack meetings with my Cub Scout in addition to attending other Pack events.
4. I will ensure my Cub Scout attends Den meetings.
5. I will be respectful of speakers addressing the Pack.
6. I will support the Pack and Den leadership
7. I will equip my Cub Scout with the appropriate uniform and equipment for participating in Pack and Den activities
8. I will supervise siblings and other family members at Pack and Den events.
9. I agree to pay Den dues as agreed to by Den members.
10. I agree to pay the Boy Scouts Registration fee of \$11.00 (increasing to \$15 in 2010)
11. I agree to pay Pack Dues at the October Pack meeting as follows:
 - Your Scout sells \$250 in popcorn \$0
 - Your Scout sells \$201–\$250 in popcorn..... \$10
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12. Boy's Life Magazine (optional) \$12.00
(Checks payable to Pack 184)

Boys *(parents please read to your son)*

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 - Kite Derby
 - Pinewood Derby
 - Raingutter Regatta
 - Day Camp or Resident Summer Camp
 - Community Service Projects
 - Blue and Gold Banquet
 - Space Derby
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2. I promise to do my best in the Cub Scout advancement program and in all I do including school, sports and music.
3. I will attend monthly Pack meetings, cooperate with Pack leaders and have fun!
4. I will attend Den meetings, cooperate with Den leaders and have fun!
5. I will attend special Pack events such as pinewood and space rocket derbies, service projects, and help out with popcorn sales and have fun!
6. I will observe the Cub Scout sign (right hand up with two fingers in a V-shape) as a sign to be quiet and pay attention to the leader.
7. I will stay in only the portion of the building being used for the Pack meeting and will not run in the hallways or enter other rooms.

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Welcome to Pack 184, and thank you

for involving your boy in the Cub Scout program. The information in this guidebook outlines the principles and policies for parents, boys, and volunteer leaders of Pack 184.

Section I Purpose

Pack 184 operates under the policies of Boy Scouts of America, Inc., in which families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the following objectives for boys in the community:

1. Influence a boy's character development and spiritual growth
2. Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship
3. Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
4. Improve understanding within the family
5. Strengthen a boy's ability to get along with others
6. Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills
7. Provide fun and exciting new things to do
8. Show a boy how to be helpful and do his best
9. Prepare him to be a Boy Scout

Chartering Organization

Cottonwood Plains Elementary PTA, has responsibility for providing a meeting place, and appoint a Chartered Organization Representative to work with Pack Committee to ensure Pack 184 operates within BSA policies.

Section II Advancement and Awards

Advancement awards will normally be presented at pack meetings. The Den leader will submit lists of achievements to the advancement chair, preferably at the committee meeting prior to the pack meeting or on ScoutTrack. It is left solely to the discretion of the advancement chair to accept late submissions. Awards will be presented in accordance with Pack 184 customs.

- Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Badge awards are encouraged to be completed by the February Blue and Gold Banquet. All badge requirements must be completed by the May pack meeting.
- It is the goal of Pack 184 to have each Webelos Scout obtain his Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in the Cub Scout Program) by the crossover ceremony

at the February Blue and Gold banquet. Cubs who do not achieve this award may still cross over into Boy Scouting.

- Participation in the Cub Scout Sports and Academics program is optional, but highly encouraged by the pack.
- It is highly encouraged by Pack 184 that each Scout earn his faith's religious award. These awards are done outside of the pack and in conjunction with the boy's faith community. The pack will pay for the square knot. The medal is optional but recommended. The cost of the medal is the responsibility of the family. This money must be provided to the advancement chair prior to picking up the award.

Section III Uniform

The uniform for both the Cub Scout and adult leader is an important and meaningful part of the Cub Scout program. Pack 184's goal is to have each boy and adult leader in complete uniform as described by Boy Scouts of America. A uniform inspection will be conducted at least once during the year by the Cubmaster or his designee to identify any uniform deficiencies. The minimum requirements for Cub Scout uniforms are:

Class A

Class A uniforms should be worn at all pack and den meetings, and other den and pack functions unless announced otherwise.

Shirt: Official BSA blue shirt for all Cubs and optional tan for Webelos. Patches must include: the Longs Peak Council shoulder patch, unit numbers and den patch sewn on as outlined in the boys scout book. Shirts must be worn completely buttoned and tucked into pants. Note: The change from blue shirt to tan at the Webelos level is a den leader and den parent decision for advancing Cubs. This change is part of the transition towards Boy Scouts. It is strongly

suggested that all boys in a Webelos Den be in either blue or tan not a mixture of uniforms.

- Neckerchief: Proper color and worn under or over the collar secured with an appropriate neckerchief slide.
- Pants: Dark jeans with belt loops. Navy blue cords, black pants, etc. all in good condition must be worn at the waist. Dark colored shorts may be worn during hot weather months. *BSA Policy does not allow camouflage colored pants.*
- Belt: Official Cub Scout blue-web belt required with proper belt buckle for rank. The green Boy Scout belt is not permitted.
- Hat: Proper style for current Rank. Must be worn bill forward. Hat may be worn indoors for official Scout functions, unless otherwise directed to “uncover.” Hat should never be worn in a house of worship.
- Shoes: Closed toe shoes appropriate for the activity.

Class B

Class B uniforms may be worn when designated as “uniform of the day” by pack or district

- Shirt: Pack T-shirt, camp T-shirt and/or Den T-shirt
- Pants, belt: Same as Class A uniform, unless otherwise designated.
- Hat: Optional

Adults Uniforms

Adult leaders should provide the example of wearing their uniform, with appropriate patches, to all Scout functions and especially to pack meetings.

Section IV Pack Service Project

It is the goal of Pack 184 to be service oriented. Each year the Pack Committee will choose a service project which all members of the pack are expected to participate. Cub Scout need to learn the importance to serve the community. Members of the pack may suggest service project ideas to the Pack Committee at any time during the year. Dates of the service project will be given to each pack member. Projects have included: Operation Osprey at Meadowbrook Natural Area, and Scouting For Food canned food drive.

Section V Outside Events and Activities

Pack 184 and Dens do a number of events outside of regular meetings. These events may include a tour of a local fire department, to attending a Rockies game in Denver and everything in between. Parents and leaders should refer to the BSA publication *The Guide to Safe Scouting* to determine if the activity is appropriate for the Cub Scouts involved under BSA policies (available online at: www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx)

Tour Permits

All events involving travel must be planned in advance and an Official BSA Tour Permit submitted to the Pack Committee and in turn to the Council. Tour permits are simple to fill out, and provide BSA insurance coverage during the event as well as transportation to and from the event. Tour permit information can be found at: longspeakbsa.org/notes/tourpermit.html

Cub Scout Day Camp and Resident Camp

Attending summer camp is one of the highlights of Scouting and is closely linked to retention of membership. We encourage every Cub Scout to attend either day camp or resident camp each year. It is the job of Den Leaders, Cubmaster and Pack Committee to promote attendance at one or both camps and to build enthusiasm for attending these District and Council organized camping events.

Camping and/or Overnights

Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Dens are not allowed under BSA rules to do camp outings as as Den. They are however allowed to participate in pack family campouts with one or more BALOO trained adult present, or at District and Council organized camping events as noted above. Webelos Dens are allowed to camp only with a COLT trained leader and each Cub Scout be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Section VI Financial

A. Pack Dues

Each Scout must pay the annual pack dues, which are determined at the beginning of each school/Scout by the Pack Committee. Pack dues cover operating expenses which is approximately \$65 per boy.

All Scouts who participate in the annual popcorn sales fund raiser (see below) can use the proceeds he earns towards paying pack dues. Each year a popcorn sales dollar amount is established that will equate in the amount of dues. For example: if a scout sells \$250 worth of popcorn, the Scout's Pack dues are waived. If the Scout sells less than the established amount, a dues table indicating how much the family must make up in dues see registration form.

Pack dues must be paid to the Pack Treasurer by the October pack meeting. Payment may be paid in two monthly installments, October and November, with the consent of the Pack Treasurer. *Checks payable to Pack 184.*

If the pack dues present a financial hardship for any family, full or partial scholarships will be discussed by the Pack Committee at the October meeting. Den leaders will be asked to present the Scout's situation to the Pack Committee. These discussions will be kept confidential.

B. Pack Fund Raising

The Pack Committee plans to hold as few fund-raisers as possible, therefore it is important each family supports the fund-raising efforts when they are held. Families are expected to participate in the primary fund-raiser each fall, which is popcorn sales. If your family chooses not to participate in the popcorn fund-raiser you will be asked to contribute an appropriate amount as outlined by the Pack Committee.

C. Den Dues

Den dues are left up to the Den Leader and are not part of the pack registration. These dues help cover the cost of supplies needed in doing Den activities.

D. Scout Uniform

The cost of the Cub Scout uniform is the responsibility of the family. Pack 184 has established a uniform standard which all Cub Scouts are expected to meet (see Section III Uniforms).

Section VII Membership

- New Cub Scouts (parents) are asked to fill out the BSA youth member registration form, and pay the registration fee as outlined on the parent agreement form.
- New adult leaders are asked to fill out the BSA adult leader application, the pack will pay for your registration fee.
- Boys and adults transferring into Pack 184 from another pack must fill out the appropriate registration form and pay Council transfer fee.
- Den membership is not limited as Den Leaders are asked to take as many boys into his/her Den as he/she feels is manageable. Ideal membership is eight boys. Membership in the pack is directly controlled by the availability of adults to be Den Leaders. New boys will be welcomed but limited to pack activities until new leadership can be recruited if Dens are full.

Disciplinary Actions

Membership in Pack 184 is based on full understanding by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of their responsibilities toward the pack program and their support of it. However, pack discipline and program accomplishment are the Pack Committee's responsibility. A Cub Scout will be asked to leave Pack 184 for the two of following reasons:

- Infractions of the Parent Guidelines by either the Parent or Cub Scout deemed severe enough with no resolution possible.
- Continuous refusal by a Cub Scout or family member to obey instructions of pack leaders at den or pack meetings.

The provisions listed above will not be invoked except as a last resort. Den Leaders are to discuss problems with parent(s)/guardian(s) and Cub Scout(s) as they occur. When no satisfactory conclusion can be arrived, Den Leaders will refer the problems to the Pack Committee. The Committee Chair or Cubmaster will contact the family in an effort to reach a mutual understanding before a final action is taken.

Section VIII Pack Leadership

Pack Committee

The Pack Committee conducts pack business, plans pack activities, and ensure leader training. Boy Scout policy requires all Cub Scout packs to have at the minimum a Committee Chair, and two other members. Although its possible to operate with a three members, experience has shown larger committees ensure a stronger, more stable pack program. It is also a way of involving more Pack families in service to the pack. Pack 184 has the following committee positions:

- Committee Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Advancement Chair
- Popcorn Kernel
- Other positions such as Pack Trainer, Chartered Organization Representative, and chairs for Registration, Membership, and Friends of Scouting may be added as needed.

In addition to the committee positions, all Cub Scout leaders serve on the committee including:

- Cubmaster
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Den Leaders
- Assistant Den Leaders.

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held once a month at a time and place designated by the Committee Chair. All committee members should be in attendance. These meetings serve as planning sessions and finalize preparations for the current month's pack meeting, initiate plans for future pack meetings, and ensure all advancement awards earned by the Cub Scouts will be available for presentation.

Committee meetings are open to all pack adults, only registered committee members are eligible to vote. All parents and guardians are welcome to become registered volunteer leaders, and are encouraged to do so. Registration is accomplished by completing an Adult Leadership Application and paying the registration fee.

Two Deep Leadership

BSA policy is to provide two-deep adult leadership at all scout meetings and functions (two registered adults, or one registered adult and one adult parent/guardian 21 and above. If there is only one Den Leader, the leader must coordinate with den parents to ensure another adult is present to assist.

Section IX Training

Youth and Adult Protection

National BSA Policy and guidelines will be strictly adhered to at all times. Youth Protection training is online at www.scouting.org.

Section X Revision of the Parent Guidelines

These guidelines will be reviewed each year during the annual Pack planning session open to all adult leaders and parents of the Pack. Only the Pack Committee members will vote upon changes.