

# Cub Scout Pack 12



**Yates Baptist Church**  
2819 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

**CUB SCOUT MOTTO**  
**Do Your Best**

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Welcome! We are excited about Pack 12 and glad  
you are interested in Cub Scouts!  
Please contact us if you have questions.

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### **Scout Oath**

On my honor I will do my best to  
do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
to help other people at all times;  
to keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake and morally straight.

### **Scout Law**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,  
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

### **Outdoor Code**

As an American, I will do my best to –  
Be clean in my outdoor manners;  
Be careful with fire;  
Be considerate in the outdoors;  
Be conservation minded.

# Why Cub Scouts?

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the girls' and boys' accomplishments.
- An organization where youth enjoy the outdoors, learn life skills and good citizenship, and grow into teens and adults who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- Cub Scout youth interact with good role models: caring adults and also young men and women in Scouting America (ages 11-18) [formerly BSA].

## Den and Pack Meetings:

Most of the meetings will be devoted to fun and advancement in grade-level Dens. The second Tuesday of each month will be reserved as a Pack Meeting for all the Dens to meet in one large group.

Parents are required to attend with the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade cubs, and strongly encouraged to stay with scouts in the older grades. Cub scouting is a family activity!

All levels of cub scouts and their families are invited to special pack activities such as the Pinewood Derby car race and camping trips. There also may be den-level special activities.

The den names are Lion (K), Tiger (1<sup>st</sup>), Wolf (2), Bear (3<sup>rd</sup>), Webelos (4<sup>th</sup>) and Arrow of Light (5<sup>th</sup>). The cubs at each level have age-appropriate activities with a goal of earning their rank badge by the end of the school year.

## Safety

A main goal for our pack is to have fun and experience Scouting in a safe, supportive, cooperative and happy environment. Youth safety is a priority of Scouting America.

Adult training includes mandatory Safeguarding Youth training for all leaders and is recommended for all adults in the pack. You will need to create a user name and password to do the training. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> . Other available training modules are (for example) Hazardous Weather and Safe Swim Defense.

Two-Deep Leadership: Any interaction of adults with youth requires the presence of at least two adults. At least one of these must be a parent or other adult who is a registered member of the scouts.

Covid/Flu etc. Masking Recommendations: We will hold activities outdoors whenever possible. Cubs and adults may choose to wear masks.

# A few more details...

**Cub Scouting relies on parent participation to run successful programs.** Each grade-level group requires a den leader. Other positions include Cubmaster (Tracey Dissel); Committee Chair (Karen Hassett); Yates Representative (Brian Nunnally Jr.); an advancement chair (to help with records and awards); treasurer; webmaster; and pack photographer.

**Siblings:** Are always welcome to attend all activities with their parent. We have some activities available for younger siblings. Depending on the sibling's age, they may be able to participate in Den activities if the Den Leader agrees and there are sufficient supplies.

**Camping and Other Activities:** "Cub Scout camping is family camping." This means that during our Pack 12 camping (and other outdoor events), we camp in family units. All Scouts, parents, and siblings are expected to follow Scouting America's "Guide to Safe Scouting" rules during indoor and outdoor activities.

**Have Fun!:** Always Remember, Scouting is "fun with a purpose." When planning activities, we all need to remember the "KISKIF" principle: Keep It Simple, Keep it Fun!. If you and your Scout are having fun, GREAT! If there are ever issues which prevent you and your Scout from having a good time, please discuss it with the Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader and/or address it to the Committee Chair.

## How to Join Cub Scout Pack 12

\*\*\* Go to [www.pack12durham.org](http://www.pack12durham.org) to register!

1. We welcome diversity! Cub Scouts do not promote any specific religion. Scouts and adults may join without regard to race, country of origin, religion, or sexual orientation. We do honor our Duty to God but as stated previously do not require a specific religion.

### 2. New Cub Scouts can join:

By having their parent/guardian fill out an application, and paying \$165. This covers the National and council BSA registration and insurance. You also have the option of ordering Scout's Life Magazine for \$15. We do not currently charge a pack fee. Some activities like the Pinewood Derby will be free to members (we will do some pack fundraising), and other activities like camping are typically \$20 per person. Scholarships are available in case of financial hardship. Returning Cubs also cost \$165 per year.

3. **Adults are encouraged to join:** By filling out an application and by doing the BSA on-line Youth Protection Training and by paying \$91. This includes yearly insurance, a background check and the national yearly dues. You must join if you are a den leader. The pack will pay for ½ of the registration for adults who have a leader position. Pack 12 will also pay ½ of all (completed) training fees.

4. **Uniform** (also see the next page): Scouts will need a blue uniform shirt and several patches (world crest, council patch, numerals 1 and 2). The total cost is about \$50. We recommend you buy the shirt a little large so it will last for a couple of years! Fourth and Fifth graders may instead buy the tan scout shirt which is also used in boy scouts. Go to [www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org) and order on-line or you can go to the Occoneechee Scout Shop located at 3231 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh NC.

# Pack 12 Cub Scout Uniform Details

*Pack 12 will provide scouts with their neckerchiefs. Scout pants are optional.*

## Scouts need:

**a shirt; numerals;  
World Emblem;  
And Council Patch**

**Tan Shirt. Optional** instead of the blue shirt for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Also used in the Scouts BSA program (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up)



## The Blue Shirt:

1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## Pack Numerals:

you need a 1 and a 2



## World Crest Patch Emblem



This is our standard **Council Shoulder Patch**.  
You may use any Shoulder patch that says  
Ocooneechee Council.



## Patch Placement Guide:

Sew on the World Emblem,  
the numerals 1 and 2, and the  
council patch.



## How to buy the uniform:

- 1) Go to the Ocooneechee Council Scout Store in Raleigh. Open M-F 9:00 to 5:00 and Sat. 10-4.  
3231 Atlantic Ave, Raleigh, NC 27604
- 2) Go to [www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org) and order on-line.  
Note: the patches are in the drop-down menu "insignia."

## **Pack 12 Calendar 2025/2026**

(as of 8/31/25)

(Some of these dates may change; parents will be notified if/when that happens!)

Note: If DPS is closed because of weather, we will not meet.)

Den and Pack Meetings start at 6:30 pm (set-up: 6:20 pm).

### **September:**

Tues., Sept. 2: Welcome Back Party/ Open House for new members. 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 7: Eno River District Hike at Occoneechee, 2 pm

Tues., Sept. 9: Den Meetings//new den assignments

Sign up for Spook-o-Ree at Camp Durant (Oct. 24-26)

Sat., Sept 13: Pack 12 Hike 9:30 – 11 am

Official start of Popcorn Sales (on-line only for Pack 12)

Mon., Sept. 15: Roundtable (Adults: Local Scouting Info) 7 pm Westminster

Tues., Sept. 16: Den Meetings

Tues., Sept. 16: AOL (5<sup>th</sup> grade) Scouts visit Westminster (Troops 451 and 456)

Tues., Sept.. 23: Pack Meeting

Tues., Sept. 30 Adult Committee Meeting 8:45 by Zoom

### **October:**

Tues., Oct. 7: Den Meetings

Sat., Oct. 11- Sun. Oct. 12 : Little River Campout and Hike

Tues., Oct. 14: Den Meetings

Sat., Oct. 18: International Jamboree on the Internet 9am – noon (Westminster Pres.)

(An activity to help earn the International Spirit Award)

Tues., Oct. 21: Pack Meeting

Fri.-Sun. Oct 24-26: Occoneechee Council Spook-o-Ree at Camp Durant

Tues., Oct. 28: Halloween Party with T451/456 at Westminster Pres. Church

### **November:**

Sat., Nov 1: University of Scouting (Council Adult Training Day in Holly Springs 8 am to 4 pm)

Tues., Nov. 4: Den Meetings (Election Day: Alternate Parking)

Sat., Nov. 8: Pack Hike (morning) location TBD

Tues., Nov. 11: Den Meetings

Tues., Nov. 18: Pack Meeting “Packsgiving!” (International?) Potluck

No Meeting (Thanksgiving week): Tues. Nov. 25

### **December:**

Tues., Dec. 2: Den Meetings: Draw Shapes for Pinewood Derby Cars

Tues., Dec. 9: Den Meetings: Distribute rough-cut Pinewood Derby Cars and sandpaper!

Sat., Dec. 13: Pack Hike

Tues., Dec. 16: Den Meetings

Tues., Dec. 23: Pack Meeting Holiday Party 6:30-9 (drop-off kids with dinner and movie provided)

No Meeting: Tues. Dec. 30

### **January:**

Tues., Jan. 6: Den Meetings

Sat., Jan. 10: Pack Hike location TBD

Tues., Jan. 13: Den Meetings

Sat Jan 17-Sun. Jan 18: “Glowing in the Dark” Camp-in in Yate’s Gym

Tues. Jan 20: Pack Meeting  
Tues., Jan. 27: Adult Committee Zoom 8:45 pm

**February:**

Tues., Feb. 3: Den Meetings  
Sun., Feb. 8: Scout Sunday (10:30 am Service at Yates)  
Tues., Feb. 10: Den Meetings: Valentine's Day Party  
Fri., Feb 13: Pinewood Derby Track Set-up and Car check-in  
Sat., Feb. 14: Pack 12 Pinewood Derby  
Mon., Feb. 16: Eno River District Awards Banquet  
Tues., Feb. 17: Pack Meeting  
Sat., Feb. 21: Pack Hike  
No Meeting: Tues., Feb. 24  
?? Mon., Feb 23; Tues, Feb 24: PW Derby Snow Make-up days  
Sat., Feb 28: Eno River District Pinewood Derby (probably 8-12 noon)

**March:**

Tues., March 3: Den Meetings  
Tues., March 10: Den Meetings  
Tues., March 17: Pack Meeting  
Sat., March 21: OA Webelos/AOL Day at Camp Durant (9 am – 7 pm)  
Tues., March 24: Adult Committee Zoom 8:45 pm  
Sat.-Sun. March 28-29: Local Campout at Colony Park "Where the Wild Things Are"  
"Scout Cards" are distributed late March  
No Meeting: Tues., March 31

**April:**

Tues., April 7: Den Meetings  
Sat., April 11: Pack Hike (or Campout Makeup if March 28/29 Bad Weather)  
Tues., April 14: Den Meetings  
Tues., April 21: Pack Mtg Blue and Gold Banquet; AOL graduation  
Fri-Sun: April 24-26: Spring Cuboree at Camp Durant  
No Meeting: Tues., April 28

**May:**

Tues., May 5: Den Meetings  
Fri.-Sat. May 8-9: BALOO Adult Leader OUTDOOR ORIENTATION  
Tues., May 12: Den Meetings  
Sat. May 16: Pack Hike  
Tues., May 19: Den Meetings  
No Meeting: Tues., May 26

**June:**

Tues., June 2: Pack 12 Graduation (last regular meeting of the school year)  
Sat., June 13: Pack Hike Location TBD  
Thus-Sat, June 18-20: Summer Cuboree at Camp Durant

**July:** Summer Pack Activity: BBQ/or Bowling/Ice Skating/Pool Party?

**August:** Summer Pack Activity: BBQ/or Bowling/Ice Skating/Pool Party?  
Adult Yearly Planning Meeting



# Cub Scout Jargon

**Arrow of Light** – The fifth grade den.

**Arrow of Light Award** – Highest rank in Cub Scouting. Award patch may be worn on Scouts BSA uniform (for ages 11-18).

**BALOO** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) – an overnight training course. Every Pack campout must have one Baloo-trained leader.

**Bears** – The third grade den.

**Blue and Gold Banquet** – a birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub packs.

**Bobcat** – Earned by new scouts in grades 1-5 after they learn some basic cub scout facts.

**Buddy System** – Each child is assigned a “buddy” to stay with during Cub events like hiking or swimming.

**Chartered Organization** – The sponsoring organization of our pack (Yates Baptist).

**Council** – There are 248 Scouting councils (administration units) in the US. Ours is the Occoneechee Council which covers central NC and is made up of 4 districts. The headquarters is in Raleigh.

**Crossover** – A ceremony held when Arrow of Light scouts graduate from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.

**Cuboree** – A District or Council event where Cub Scouts packs come together for one or two nights of camping and outdoor activities.

**Den** – A small group of same-grade Cub Scouts.

**Den Chief** – a Scouts BSA member who volunteers to help a particular den.

**District** – We belong to the Eno River District, which includes Durham, Chatham, Granville, Orange and Vance Counties.

**Lions** – The Kindergarten den.

**My.scouting.org** – the url for adult training and information. Scouting.org is a companion site.

**Pack** – A Cub Scout unit chartered to a specific organization, consisting of several age-level Dens. We are Pack 12, chartered to Yates Baptist Church.

**P.R.A.Y.:** The organization which provides materials for series of age-appropriate religious classes; available for different faiths. Scouts who take this 6-week long course earn a religious award and patch for their uniform.

**Pinewood Derby** – A Pack activity. The Cubs make model cars out of wood, and we race them on a track.

**Safeguarding Youth Training** (formerly called Youth Protection training) -- required of all registered adult scout leaders who will ensure that all adults in our program follow these policies. It is recommended that all parents take this training.

**Scouter** – A registered adult member in Cub Scouts (or Scouts BSA, etc).

**Scouting America** – The new official name for Boy Scouts of America after 2/8/25.

**Scouts BSA** – The scouting program for girls and boys ages 11 to 18.

**Scout's Life** – The bimonthly Scouting magazine for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

**Tigers** – The first grade den.

**Webelos** – The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Den. The name stands for **We'll Be Loyal Scouts**.

**Whittling Chip** – a card that cubs (grades 3 and above) can earn after they learn how to use pocket knives safely.

**Wolves** – The second grade den.

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