

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 Scouts BSA (ages 11-18).

Den and Pack Meetings:

In general, the first two meetings of each month will be devoted to fun and advancement in grade-level Dens. The third 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 1st 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, camping trips and the monthly hikes. There also may be den-level special activities.

The den names are Lion (K), Tiger (1st), Wolf (2), Bear (3rd), Webelos (4th) and Arrow of Light (5th). 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/safeguarding-youth/> . 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.

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 (Barri Payne); the pack secretary; 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. Last year, we had a "Lion Buddies" group for 4-year-old siblings.

Camping and Other Activities: "Cub Scout camping is family camping." This means that during our Pack 12 camping trips we camp in family units. Families are always invited to Pack 12 activities. All Scouts, parents, and siblings are expected to follow Scouting America's "Guide to Safe Scouting" rules during all 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 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. (Returning Cubs also cost \$165 per year. 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 about \$25 per person. Scholarships are available in case of financial hardship.

3. Adults are encouraged to join: By filling out an application and by doing the required BSA on-line Safeguarding Youth 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. Pack 12 will pay ½ of all (completed) training fees, for example BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation).

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 and order on-line or you can go to the Occoneechee Scout Shop located at 3231 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh NC.

Pack 12 Cub Scout (K-5) Uniform Details

Pack 12 will provide scouts with a belt (K-3) and a neckerchief (K-5).

**Pack 12 scouts need:
a shirt; numerals;
World Emblem;
And Council Patch**

Tan Shirt. Optional instead of the blue shirt for 4th and 5th grade. Also used in the Scouts BSA program which is for 6th grade and up.



The Blue Shirt:
1st through 5th 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 Occoneechee 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 Occoneechee Council Scout Store in Raleigh.
3231 Atlantic Ave.
Open M-F 9-5 and Sat. 10-4. Closed Sun.
- 2) Go to www.scoutshop.org and order on-line.
Note: the patches are in the drop-down menu "insignia."



Pack 12 Calendar 2026/2027

(as of 8/22/2026)

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. 1: Welcome Back Party/ Open House for prospective new members. 6:30 p.m.

Registration opens Sept 1 for Spookaree at Camp Durant (Oct. 24)

Tues., Sept. 8: Den Meetings//new den assignments

Sat., Sept 12: Pack 12 Hike 9 am

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

Tues., Sept. 15: Den Meetings (Lions-Webelos)

Tues., Sept. 15: AOL (5th grade) Scouts visit Westminster (Troops 451 and 456) 7:30 pm

Mon., Sept. 21: Eno River Roundtable (**Adults: Local Scouting Info**) 7 pm Westminster

Tues., Sept.. 22: Parent's Orientation Mtg and Scout Night (6:30 pm)

Fri.-Sat. Sept 25-26: BALOO: **Adult Outdoor Training** for Camping 5:30 pm Fri.- 6:00 pm Sat.

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 26-27: AOL Campout with Troops 451/456 at Camp Durant

Tue., Sept. 29: No Mtg

October:

Sat.-Sun. Oct. 3-4: Camping Overnight

Sun. Oct 4: Pack Hike at Campground: 9 AM

Tues., Oct. 6: Den Meetings

possible: Fri.-Sun., Oct 9-11: Occoneechee Council Spook-o-Ree at Camp Durant session 1

Tues., Oct. 13: Den Meetings

Tues., Oct. 20: Pack Meeting

possible: Fri.-Sun., Oct 23-25: Occoneechee Council Spook-o-Ree at Camp Durant session 2

Tues., Oct. 27: Halloween Party with T451/456 at Westminster Pres. Church

November:

Tues., Nov. 3: Den Meetings (Election Day: Alternate Parking)

Sat., Nov 7: University of Scouting (Council Adult Training Day in Holly Springs 8 am to 4 pm)

"Cub Camp Snoopy" available for registered cub scouts whose parents attend

Tues., Nov. 10: Den Meetings

Sun., Nov. 15: Pack Hike 1 pm

Tues., Nov. 17: Pack Meeting "Packsgiving!" (International?) Potluck

Tues. Nov. 24: Adult Committee Zoom 8:45 pm

December:

Tues., Dec. 1: Den Meetings: Draw Shapes for Pinewood Derby Cars

Tues., Dec. 8: Den Meetings: Distribute rough-cut Pinewood Derby Cars and sandpaper!

Sat., Dec. 12: Pack Hike 9 am

Tues., Dec. 15: Den Meetings

Tues., Dec. 22: Pack Meeting Holiday Party 6:30-9 (drop-off kids with dinner and movie provided)

Tues. Dec. 29: No Meeting

January:

Tues., Jan. 5: Den Meetings

Sun., Jan. 10: Pack Hike location TBD 1:00 pm

Tues., Jan. 12: Den Meetings

Sat Jan 23-24: "Screaming in the Dark" Camp-in: Yate's Gym ?5 pm Sat

Tues. Jan 19: Pack Meeting
Tues., Jan. 26: Adult Committee Zoom 8:45 pm

February:

Tues., Feb. 2: Den Meetings
Sun., Feb. 7: Scout Sunday (10:30 am Service at Yates to thank Yates for hosting Pack 12)
Tues., Feb. 9: Den Meetings
Fri., Feb 12: Pinewood Derby Track Set-up and Car check-in
Sat., Feb. 13: Pack 12 Pinewood Derby
Mon., Feb. 15: Eno River District Awards Banquet
Tues., Feb. 16: Pack Meeting
Sat., Feb. 20: Pack Hike 9 am
?? Fri., Feb 19; Sat, Feb 20: PW Derby Snow Make-up days
No Meeting: Tues., Feb. 23
Sat., Feb 27: Eno River District Pinewood Derby (probably 8-12 noon)

March:

Tues., March 2: Den Meetings
Tues., March 9: Den Meetings
Sun., March 14: Pack Hike 1 pm
Tues., March 16: Den Meetings
Sat., March 20: OA Webelos/AOL Day at Camp Durant (9 am – 7 pm)
Tues., March 23: Adult Committee Zoom 8:45 pm
“Scout Cards” are distributed late March
Tues., March 30: No Meeting

April:

Sat.-Sun. April 3-4: Pack 12 Spring Campout at Lake Jordan Vista Point
Sun, April 4: Pack Hike 10 am
Tues., April 13: Pack Mtg Blue and Gold Banquet; AOL graduation
Tues., April 20: Den Meetings
Fri-Sun: April 23-25: Occoneechee Council Spring Cuboree at Camp Durant
No Meeting: Tues., April 27

May:

Tues., May 4: Den Meetings
Tues., May 11: Den Meetings
Sat. May 15: Pack Hike 9 am
Tues., May 18: Den Meetings
No Meeting: Tues., May 25

June:

Tues., June 1: Pack 12 Graduation (last regular meeting of the school year)
Fri.-Sat. June 4-5: BALOO Adult Leader OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
Sun., June 6: Summer Pack Activity: Pack Hike Occoneechee Mountain (Orange County)
??? Summer Cuboree at Camp Durant
???Other Summer Activities?

July: Summer Pack Activity: Ice Skating

August: Summer Pack Activity: 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 Scouting uniform for ages 11-17.

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

Bears – The third grade den.

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

Bobcat – Earned each year by scouts after they learn (or review) 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 Occoneetchee which covers central NC and is made up of 4 districts. The headquarters is in Raleigh, next to the scout shop on Atlantic Ave.

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

Cub Scouts – The Scouting America Program for children in grades K-5.

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 Meeting – A meeting run by a parent volunteer for a small group of same-grade 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.

Pack Meeting - A meeting run by the Cubmaster for all the Dens at once.

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 4th grade Den. The name stands for **We'll Be Loyal Scouts**.

Wolves – The second grade den.
