

2026 – 2027 Cub Scout Planning Guide

This is a parent-friendly guide to help us get started together. This guide is a way to get organized and figure out some important decisions about our Cub Scout Pack.

Our motto is **Do Your Best** – perfection is not the goal.



How our Pack is Organized

Pack Meetings are when everyone comes together (all families, all ages). This meeting is typically led by the Cubmaster, with help from parents and Den Leaders.

- How often should we meet as a Pack? _____
- What day works best? _____
- What time works best? _____
- Where do we meet? _____

Den Meetings are smaller groups of kids in the same grade, working on Adventures throughout the year. This meeting is typically led by Den Leaders.

- How often do Dens meet? _____
- Where do Den meetings happen? _____

Committee Meetings are typically once a month for *just* the parents who help keep the Pack running smoothly. We check in on the calendar, upcoming events, supplies, and logistics so meetings are prepared and fun for the kids. This is about staying organized and supporting our leaders.

- What day and time work best? _____
- Location / format? _____
- Who plans or facilitates: _____

How We Communicate

Clear communication helps our Pack run smoothly and keeps everyone on the same page. We'll choose one primary way to share information, so families know where to look.

Our primary communication method:

Email

Messaging app (GroupMe, WhatsApp, Band, etc.)

Facebook page

ScoutBook+

Other: _____

What we'll use it for: meeting reminders and schedule updates, event details and sign-ups, important Pack announcements.

- Who sends Pack-wide updates? _____
- How often can families expect messages? _____
- Questions or notes: _____

Pack Norms & Shared Expectations

Every Pack operates a little differently. These are general decisions that help set expectations for families and leaders.

Uniform Expectations

- Uniform expectation (required / encouraged / optional)

- When uniforms are typically worn (Pack meetings, events, etc.)

Family Participation Expectations

- Do parents stay at meetings? _____
- Are siblings welcome? _____

Photos & Social Media Use

- Photos shared internally / on social media / not shared:

Calendar Planning

Pack Meeting/Activity Dates:

Pack Meetings should happen monthly with Scouts receiving advancements. Packs are also encouraged to plan outings in the community.

Month	Pack Meeting Date/Location	Pack Outing Date (if any)	Outing Location	Suggested Outings
August				Back to School Event
September				Cub Launch
October				Pumpkin Patch Trip
November				Veterans Day Parade
December				Christmas Party
January				Summer Camp Kickoff
February				Pinewood Derby
March				Blue & Gold Banquet
April				Pack Hike
May				Pack Picnic
June				Swimming Party
July				Fishing

Den Meetings:

Den meetings should happen one or two times per month to work on required and elective adventures.

Month	Den Meeting Dates
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	

Other Important Dates:

Review your district's calendar at stlbsa.org/calendar to find all the activities happening near you such as Cub Launch, fall events, day camps, Scouting for Food, and more!

Event	Date/Location	Notes

Important Contact Information:

Unit Commissioner: _____

District Executive: _____

District Roundtable: A chance to connect with other Pack and Troop leaders to learn about upcoming events in your area and the wider Council area, get program ideas and training information, and more!

Roundtable Information: