



Pack 713
Cameron, NC



Parent's Information Packet

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
OCCONEECHEE COUNCIL

Occoneechee Council



Highlander District



Chartered Organization



Pack 713



Dens



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Meetings

Where We Meet

The Lodge at Linden Oaks
1 Hilltopper Street
Cameron, NC 28326

The Clubhouse at Linden Oaks
2 Duplin Street
Cameron, NC 28326

Solid Rock Ministries
2297 NC HWY 24
Cameron, NC 28326

During the Summer, we meet at a variety of locations

Pack Meetings

Last Sunday of each month from 3PM to 4:30PM

Pack Events: 1 Pack Event per Month

Den Meetings: Dens normally meet 2 times a month

Your Den Leader will contact you regarding the Den Meeting schedule.

You may also view the calendar on our web page.

The Cost

Registration fee for the Boy Scouts of America is \$25.00 annually, which is collected in September from every registered scout and adult leader. \$24.00 goes for yearly membership with the BSA, and \$1.00 goes for the insurance issued to cover the scouts and adult leaders at all scouting functions. However, if you are joining in the middle of the year, the fee is prorated from the month you join until the new calendar year. You may also subscribe to Boys Life magazine with your dues for the half price reduced rate of \$12.00 for the year. The Pack 713 dues are \$15.00 a month (September-May). Lion's dues are \$10.00 a month. You may also choose to pay in full in advance (by November) for a reduced rate. Dues cover the cost of the awards, pinewood derby, supplies, some pack events conducted throughout the year, and materials for advancement (books, neckerchiefs, and slides) at the end of the year.

Financial Assistance

If you are unable to afford the costs of Scouting you should contact the Committee Chair and ask for a financial assistance form. Besides the Pack Treasurer, no one else in the Pack needs to know about your situation and it will be handled in confidence. Do not let the cost of Scouting deter you from joining Scouts, we have fundraising opportunities to help offset costs - and we can help you afford it if you need the help.



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Staying Updated

<http://www.ncpack713.org>

You should check the website regularly. We update it often. We also have an extensive library of documents and online forms available for parents to use.

Facebook

Search "Pack 713" and "Like" us. We use this page for event reminders, parent reminders, and to share stories within our Pack.

We encourage you to share your photos with us on Facebook. This helps to get the word out about our program.

Twitter

@cubscoutpack713

Contacting You

Please make sure we have your contact information correct. We email notices and reminders on a regular basis. Please notify us if your contact information changes. Notify us if you don't receive any notices in a week's time after signing up, chances are we don't have your information correct.



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Council, District, Pack, & Den

As you learn about Scouting you will hear about Council Events, District Events, Pack Events, and Den Events. Below we give you an overview of what that means and why there is so much fun to choose from when your son joins Scouts.

Occoneechee Council

The Occoneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America serves 12 counties in North Central North Carolina including Chatham, Cumberland, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Orange, Vance, Wake, and Warren. We are one of over 270 Boy Scouts of America Council's with a mission to bring the Scouting program to the young people of our area. For more than 100 years, Scouting has been a symbol of adventure, excitement, and achievement. Providing once-in-a-lifetime experiences that prepare the next generation of young people for a lifetime of opportunity is serious business that couldn't be more fun.

Highlander District

Highlander District serves Scouting units of northern Cumberland County and southern Harnett County including Fayetteville, Ft Bragg, Spring Lake, Spout Springs, and Anderson Creek areas of North Carolina. The District also provides volunteer support, training, program opportunities, events, fundraising opportunities, and administrative services at a more localized level. We will also attend District Events as a Pack and we will encourage you to attend others individually. District events are still well attended and offer a more localized flavor as they are normally held nearby.

Pack 713

Our Pack serves Kindergarten through 5th Grade students in the Linden Oaks, Carolina Lakes, and Anderson Creek area. Pack 713 is in the Highlander District, Occoneechee Council. We are chartered annually by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which is chartered by the Congress of the United States of America. We strive to keep scouting simple and fun for the boys and their families. We have a long history of providing the Scouting program to local residents. Our Pack draws from the resources provided through the Highlander District and the Occoneechee Council and we also organize our own events which you will learn about later in this packet.

Your Den

You will be assigned a Den based on your son's grade in school. The idea is to place the boys into small groups with friends he might already know. Ideally, dens will have 6 to 8 boys and will be led by a parent and parent helpers. The Den Leaders will draw from the resources of the Pack, the District and the Council. Dens meet twice a month and focus on completing the program as outlined in the handbooks. Each year you will use a different handbook.



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Common Questions

Uniforms

It's OK to attend meetings without a uniform the first couple weeks. The uniforms are normally worn at Pack Meetings, Den Meetings, Fundraisers with the approval of council, and other more formal events. We strive to have new scouts in uniform by the start of school in the fall. If you are joining in the Summer, this gives you plenty of time to seek out the best price.

We have two uniforms. The "Class A" uniform is the more formal of the two. You should purchase a hat, shirt, neckerchief, slide, and a belt. Check with friends and relatives, as they might have some previously experienced Scout uniforms tucked away in a closet. The "Class B" uniform is a Pack T-shirt that our boys wear to campouts and less formal events.

The Pack does ask that parents turn in uniform parts they no longer need. Each year your son will need a different hat and neckerchief because he will advance to the next rank in Scouting. If you turn your old uniforms in it acts as a 'hit or miss' clothes bank for lower income Scout families in our Pack. If you are in need of uniform assistance see the Committee Chair or Cubmaster.

Leader Training

All current and new leaders must complete the following as required by Council and by our Pack, and Chartered Organization. In Cub Scouts, all leader specific training can be completed online or in person. The pack will pay for reimbursement for paid training up to the amount of \$25.00.

To become a leader you must...

- Fill out an Adult Application
- Go to myscouting.org and create an account
 - take Youth Protection training - (certificate must be turned in with Application)
 - Take "This is Scouting" Training
 - Take "Leader Specific" Training
- Contact the Pack Trainer about courses taken or need to take.
- Complete Pack Specific Training
 - Pack Specific Training will teach you how we communicate as a Pack and allow you to use the tools we have available to all of our leaders.



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University of Scouting

What is the University of Scouting The University of Scouting is a fun filled, hands on training event and an opportunity to network with other Scouters. This one day training event is designed for ALL Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Sea Scout and Venturing Leaders. In addition we have training opportunities for Venturing youth and Boy Scouts 14 years and older in the Venturing Youth College and the Sea Scout College.

Woodbadge

Wood Badge is a Scouting leadership program and the related award for adult leaders in the programs of Scout associations throughout the world. Wood Badge courses aim to make Scouters better leaders by teaching advanced leadership skills, and by creating a bond and commitment to the Scout movement. Courses generally have a combined classroom and practical outdoors-based phase followed by a Wood Badge ticket, also known as the project phase. By "working the ticket", participants put their newly gained experience into practice to attain ticket goals aiding the Scouting movement.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

Learn how to plan a safe and effective Cub Scout outing. It is a requirement that at least one person on the outing is BALOO trained. This course is a one day training session that is jam packed with vital information on how to safely conduct an outing, whether an overnighter or just an afternoon kickball game. BSA registration is not required for this course.



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Activities

The goal of Scouting is “Fun with a Purpose”. Our leaders try their best to incorporate this goal into everything we do with the Scouts. Below we list some of the ways we go about accomplishing a quality program for the boys in our Pack.

Pack Meetings

Each month all of our Scouts (grades 1-5) get together to celebrate their achievements. Your Scout is awarded patches, badges, belt loops, pins, etc. Scouting is all about recognizing the boys and your entire family is invited to celebrate with them. We normally share snacks and drinks and the meetings are programmed to last one hour and a half. Our Pack meetings are normally held the 4th Sunday of each month at 3pm. No Pack meetings are held in June, or July, however there are opportunities to meet and earn the summertime award for those months and including August.

Fall Cub-o-ree or Spring Cub-o-ree

This is a family overnight camp run by our district. New scouts will love the activities including BB Gun Shooting and Archery. Bring a tent and join in the fun.

Fayetteville Christmas Parade

We normally march in the parade every year.

Pinewood Derby

In March we get our race on! This is always a winner for the boys and some say the parents had a little fun along the way. They cut and create their designs with the help from their parents.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This is an annual event to celebrate the birthday of Scouting. Pack families are invited to a sit-down meal and our Scouts get entertained with a fun program of awards and activities. This is also a time the Arrow of Lights transition into the Boy Scout troops of their choice.

Troop/Webelos Overnight Camps

During the colder months the Troop invites the Webelos/ Arrow of Lights of the pack to participate in one or two Sleepovers a year. Plenty of games and activities or a movie to cap off the night.

Outdoor Family Camping

We have several opportunities to camp out as a Pack when the weather gets warmer. We offer one or two family camp outs as a Pack.



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Resident Camp

We encourage all of our Webelos to attend a week long Resident Camp at Camp Durant in the summer. This is a Council run camp, and prepares boys for their transition to Boy Scouting.

Day Camp

During the summer Occoneechee council - Highlander district offers a week long summer time camp. There the Tigers through Arrow of Lights have a wonderful time Archery, BB guns and several opportunities to have fun playing games or learning different things about their ranks. This takes place in June and then they offer a 3 day camp between July and August. We encourage all scouts to attend either camps. It helps fill a scouting event opportunity to earn the summertime award.

Fundraising

We ask that you participate in some form of fundraising- popcorn sales, Camp cards, gift wrapping, or any other form we as a pack take part of. Scouting teaches the boys early on to earn their own way. It gives the kids excitement to know that they helped pay for their dues or scouting events. By participating it is also a chance to cut the costs of dues or events in half or completely cut the extra costs out all together.



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Parents Role in Scouts

Parents are the important part of an exceptional Scouting program. As a parent, you are considered “Akela” by your scout and other scouts. Akela is a symbol of wisdom, authority, and leadership. Examples of Akela include the Cubmaster, the Den Leader, teachers, and YOU--the main leader your boy looks to for guidance.

As your son progresses through the ranks of scouting your role and influence on him achieving goals should decrease accordingly. For example, your presence is expected at all Den Meetings and outings if your son is a 1st grade Tiger Cub (you are an Adult Partner) and your role changes when he moves to a 2nd Grade Wolf Cub. Your role changes more as he advances to a 3rd Grade Bear Cub and through the Webelos rank. Each year your Scout will become more responsible for his advancement in the program and each year our parents become more responsible in the administration of the program.

Parents are also members of the Pack Committee. The Pack Committee plans the programming for all the activities of the Pack at the monthly parent meetings. The committee also enables, equips, and trains the leaders and parent volunteers. Your role in this committee can be passive but hopefully, as your son’s demands on your time decrease, your role in the Pack Committee will increase.

One of the missions of Scouting is to help others. As parents we strive to be role models for our children. We ask that you identify your strengths and find ways to apply them towards the program. Our children work to conduct a day of service, and we hope you find a good place in our Pack to apply your skills and enhance the program to new heights through completion of your own day of service. Feel free to speak with any of the current leaders about where you can help.

Youth Protection Training

Per our chartered organization all parents are required to complete BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT). The pack conducts in person training at varying times throughout the program year. You may also complete YPT online from home. To complete YPT from home go to <https://my.scouting.org> and create an account. From there click Home then My Dashboard from the menu list. The My Training page displays to take Youth Protection training. Upon completion, print the training certificate to submit to the Committee Chair. This training will be required every 2 years.



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Cost Of Scouting

Membership Dues - Boy Scouts of America

1. This is the national organization dues. It is prorated, so the cost depends on the time of year you join Scouting.
2. If you join Scouting after September, you are asked to pay dues for the remainder of the current year and the dues for next year.

Boys Life Magazine

1. We highly encourage all Scouts to subscribe to Boys Life Magazine. Boys who read Boys Life are more likely to continue into Boy Scouts and attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Many of our Scouts look forward to it and it is well worth the cost of the Subscription. Boys life is prorated in the same manner as the Membership Dues

Local Pack Dues

1. Pack dues cover the administrative costs to run the Pack for a program year. This allows us to use our fundraiser proceeds on activities for the boys. Pack dues are \$15.00 per month. We do allow the option to pay all at once at a reduced rate.

Class "A" Uniforms (purchased individually)

1. This is the formal Scout uniform. Your Scout will need the shirt, hat, neckerchief, slide, and belt. This uniform is worn at formal functions like parades, pack meetings, some of the den meetings, and during fundraisers.

Class "B" T-Shirt

1. This is our camping T-shirt. It is less formal than the Scout Uniform and can be worn at less formal functions like sleepovers, campouts, hiking trips, and as announced. We will be taking orders at our next meeting. The pack t-shirts are only \$10.

713 Uniform Patch

1. You can buy the Red Pack Numbers separately from the scout shop.
2. You can special order this patch so that all three numbers are on one patch. It makes it easier to sew/ velcro it on and it looks better. They take the orders at the scout shop for the patches.

Scout Handbook

1. Your Scout will need a new handbook for each year. After dues are paid in full at the end of the year the pack purchases the next handbook, neckerchiefs, and sliders. Initial handbooks can be purchased at the Scout Store, online, or contact the Committee Chair for help.



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Upcoming Events

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

You will be notified via facebook, or by your Den Leaders with any changes.

- Aug. 23rd Harnett Co. Open Houses at schools
- Aug. 24th School Open House Irwin Intermediate
- Aug. 25th Dodea Primary and Elementary Open House
- Aug. 26th Family Fun Day and Round up @ Solid Rock Ministries @ 11am-3pm

- Sept. 7 Round Table 7pm @ Gardner United Methodist
- Sept. 8th Den Leaders meeting @ Linden Oaks lodge 6:30pm
- Sept 10th 1st Den Meeting
- Sept. 17th Den meeting
- Sept. 24th Popcorn Kick-off

- Oct. 1st Den Meeting
- Oct. 5th Round Table
- Oct. 6th Leaders Meeting
- Oct. 15th Den Meeting
- Oct. 22nd Popcorn Money Due and Pack meeting/ Awards
- Oct. 27-29th Family Camp out

- Nov. 2nd Round Table
- Nov. 4th University Of Scouting
- Nov. 5th Den Leaders Meeting- Care Packages
- Nov. 9th VA Nursing home
- Nov. 12th Den Meeting
- Nov. 19th Leader Huddle @ 1PM
- Nov. 19th Pack Meeting / Awards

- Dec. 1st Leaders Meeting -Care Packages
- Dec. 3rd Christmas Party 1-3pm set up 3-7 pm party and clean up FRG center
- Dec. 7th Round Table
- Dec. 9th Fayetteville Parade
- Dec. 10th Den Meeting- making 150 cards
- Dec. 13th VA Nursing Home - delivering cards
- Dec. 16th Wreaths across America



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Jan. 4th	Round Table
Jan. 5th	Leaders Meeting
Jan. 7th	Den Meeting
Jan. 13th	Wreaths Across America Pick- up
Jan. 14th	Cutting Pinewood Derby Cars
Jan. 20th	Scout Night with the Fayetteville Marksmen
Jan. 21st	Den Meeting
Jan. 28th	Pack meeting and Awards
Feb. 1st.	Round Table
Feb. 2nd	Den Leaders Meeting
Feb. 4th	Den Meeting
Feb. 11th	Cutting Day for Pinewood Derby Cars
Feb. 17th	Tread Trainer leaders course
Feb. 25th	Blue and Gold @ Circle M City
Mar. 1st	Round Table
Mar. 2nd	Leaders meeting
Mar. 4th	Den Meeting
Mar. 11th	Pack Pinewood Derby
Mar. 17th	District Pinewood Derby
Mar. 25th	Pack meeting and Awards
Apr. 1st	Happy Easter NO MEETING
Apr. 5th	Round Table
Apr. 6-8th	Wood Badge Leader Training Part 1 & Leave NO Trace Training
Apr. 8th	Den Meeting @ Solid Rock Ministries @ 3p (SERVICE project)
Apr. 13th	Den Leaders meeting
Apr. 20-22nd	Spring Cub-O-Ree
Apr. 27-29th	Wood Badge Part 2 & M.O.S.T. training (for women)
Apr. 29th	Den Catch- up meeting
May 3rd	Round Table
May 4th	Den Leaders Meeting
May 6th	Den Meeting
May 12th	National Day of Service
May 20th	BRIDGING CEREMONY