



Cub Scout Pack 444 Parent Involvement Policy

Purpose

Cub Scouting is a family-centered program that relies on active parent involvement to create a safe, supportive, and fun environment for every Scout. Cub Scouts is a **family-based program**, and our leaders are volunteers—not childcare providers. For safety, accountability, and compliance with Scouting America policy, every Scout must have a responsible adult present at all times. This policy outlines the expectations for parent participation and attendance in Den meetings, Pack meetings, and other Scouting events.

1. Parent/Guardian Presence Requirement

- A parent or legal guardian must be present at all Cub Scout meetings, activities, and events. **Our Pack is not a drop-off program.** A parent or guardian must remain on-site for the entire duration of all Pack meetings, activities, and events. It is not acceptable to drop off and leave for any portion of the meeting or event.
- This applies to all levels of Cub Scouting — Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and AOL.
- **The purpose of this requirement is to ensure each Scout's safety, provide supervision, and encourage family participation.**
- If a parent cannot attend, another designated adult (18+) approved by the parent may accompany the Scout, but this should be the exception rather than the rule. Pack leadership must be notified in advance if someone else will be the designated adult for your Scout at a particular meeting or event.
- Parents are not to position themselves in a way that separates them from being able to actively engage with their Scout. Examples of this may be choosing to sit in an entirely different area in the room from where their Scout's Den meetings is occurring, focusing on other non-scout related tasks such as playing games on phone, scrolling social media networks, working on laptop, etc.

2. Role of Parents in Meetings, Events and Activities

All Parents/Guardians of Scouts registered with our Pack are expected to:

- Be actively engaged during meetings and events. This means parents are participating, engaged, supporting and providing guidance to their Scout at all times.
- Assist with activities as needed (helping manage activities, supporting crafts, or guiding Scouts through requirements).
- Model good Scouting behavior by being respectful, attentive, and encouraging to all Scouts.
- Communicate promptly with Den and Pack leaders about attendance, volunteer needs, and scheduling.
- Parents should attend the Den meeting of their youngest participating Scout unless it is necessary for a parent/guardian to attend with an older participating Scout. Discussions on which child a parent should attend with can be had at any time with our Leadership Team as needed to assist in determining the most appropriate child to attend with.
- The Pack at any time may request a parent to attend with an older Scout as needed to address specific situations or during specific adventure requirement activities that require a 1 to 1 Scout to Parent ration to ensure all Scouts can safely complete the requirement (Examples: Whittling requirement, cooking requirement)

3. Leadership and Volunteer Support

- Each Den depends on parent volunteers to help plan and lead adventures.
- Parents may be asked to take turns leading a meeting or activity, serve as Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader, or support Pack-wide events.
- No Scouting experience is required — training and guidance are provided for all roles.
- Active parent participation ensures that all Scouts can earn their required adventures and have a full, successful Scouting experience.

4. Safety and Youth Protection

- Each Scout must have at least one parent/guardian who has completed the Safeguarding Youth Training and provided certificate of completion to Pack Committee Chair. This must be completed annually.
- All adults attending meetings or events must follow the National Youth Protection guidelines.
- At least two registered adult leaders must be present at every meeting or outing (“two-deep leadership”).
- Parents should never be alone one-on-one with any Scout who is not their own child.

5. Consequences of Continued Non-Participation or Non-Presences

If a parent or guardian is consistently unable to attend meetings or events with their Scout, a Scout may be asked to not attend certain meetings or activities until a time where consistence adult supervision can be established.

If a Den lacks sufficient adult leadership, meetings may be canceled or combined with another Den.

Continued lack of adult involvement may impact a Scout’s ability to complete advancement requirements.

Parents will be contacted by Pack leadership when it is determined that a Scout has been left at a meeting or event without a parent or guardian being present on site. These communications are intended to server as a reminder of our Pack’s policy and parents will be asked to start to abide by the policy going forward.

6. Commitment to Family Scouting

Cub Scouting is built on the idea of family engagement. Every parent’s contribution — whether small or large — strengthens the Pack and ensures the best possible experience for our Scouts. Together, we make Scouting meaningful, safe, and fun!

7. Clarification or Questions related to Policy

If you have any questions or need further clarification related to the above policy you are encouraged to reach out to our Pack Committee Chair, Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster to allow us to quickly address your questions.

Acknowledgment

By continuing to participate in our Pack 444 meetings, events and activities, parents and guardians acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Cub Scout Parent Involvement Policy.