

Parent & Guardian Involvement Policy

Cub Scouting is family Scouting.

PURPOSE

Pack 444 is a family-centered, volunteer-led program - not a drop-off childcare program. Active parent/guardian involvement helps us provide a safe, supportive, organized, and fun experience for every Scout. This policy explains Pack 444's expectations for adult presence, supervision, participation, and volunteer support at Den meetings, Pack meetings, outings, and other activities.

PACK 444 IS NOT A DROP-OFF PROGRAM

A responsible adult must remain on-site and available to supervise each Scout for the full duration of meetings, activities, and events unless Pack leadership has communicated a specific exception.

ADULT PRESENCE & SUPERVISION

- A parent or legal guardian is expected to remain on-site with their Scout for the entire meeting, activity, or event. This applies to Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts.
- If a parent/guardian cannot attend, another responsible adult age 18+ may accompany the Scout with the parent's permission. This should be an occasional arrangement rather than the normal plan, and Pack/Den leadership should be notified in advance.
- The accompanying adult must remain available and attentive enough to assist their Scout when needed. Being on-site but consistently separated from the activity or focused on unrelated work, games, social media, or similar distractions does not meet the intent of active supervision.
- When multiple children from one family participate, parents should generally remain with the youngest Scout unless an older Scout or specific activity requires closer adult support. Families may coordinate with Pack leadership when needed.
- Pack leadership may require direct parent/guardian participation with any Scout when needed for behavior, safety, or an activity requiring closer adult assistance, including certain tool-use or cooking Adventures.

WHAT ACTIVE PARENT INVOLVEMENT LOOKS LIKE

BE PRESENT

Stay attentive, engaged, and available to support your Scout rather than simply remaining somewhere in the building.

LEND A HAND

Assist leaders with crafts, activities, setup, cleanup, supervision, or Adventure requirements when asked.

SUPPORT YOUR SCOUT

Help your Scout follow directions, participate appropriately, complete activities, and meet Pack behavior expectations.

MODEL THE SCOUTING SPIRIT

Be respectful, encouraging, and cooperative with Scouts, leaders, families, guests, and activity hosts.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Pack 444 is powered entirely by volunteers. Parent participation is what allows our Dens to meet, Adventures to be completed, and Pack events to happen.

- Each Den depends on parents/guardians to assist with Adventures, activities, and meeting support.
- Families may be asked to take a turn helping lead an activity, support a Den meeting, assist with a Pack-wide event, or fill an ongoing volunteer role.
- No previous Scouting experience is required. Training, materials, and support are available for volunteer roles.
- Not every family has the same amount of time to give. We ask each family to contribute in a way that is realistic for them and helps share the work of operating the Pack.

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH & ADULT CONDUCT

- Pack 444 requires at least one parent/guardian per Scout to complete Safeguarding Youth Training annually and provide proof of completion to the Pack.
- Adults participating in Pack activities are expected to follow applicable Scouting America youth protection and safety requirements.
- Pack activities will follow required registered-leader supervision practices.
- Adults should not place themselves in a one-on-one situation with a youth who is not their own child. Questions about appropriate supervision should be brought to Pack leadership.

IF ADULT SUPERVISION OR PARTICIPATION IS MISSING

Our first goal is always to communicate with the family and resolve the issue. However, Pack leaders cannot assume responsibility for a Scout whose required supervising adult has left or is unavailable.

First Concern

Pack leadership will remind the parent/guardian of this policy and clarify what is expected going forward.

Repeated Concerns

The family may be asked to meet with Pack leadership and establish a reliable adult-supervision plan before the Scout attends additional meetings or activities.

No Responsible Adult On-Site

A parent/guardian may be contacted and required to return immediately. If appropriate supervision cannot be established, the Scout may be unable to participate or may need to leave the activity with their responsible adult.

Insufficient Den Support

If a Den does not have sufficient adult leadership or support to operate safely and effectively, a meeting may need to be modified, combined with another Den, postponed, or canceled.

COMMUNICATION & QUESTIONS

We understand that family schedules and circumstances can change. If you anticipate difficulty meeting these expectations, please talk with your Den Leader, Cubmaster, or Committee Chair as early as possible so we can discuss the situation and determine what options may be available.

FAMILY COMMITMENT

By participating in Pack 444 meetings, events, and activities, parents and guardians acknowledge and agree to support this Parent & Guardian Involvement Policy. Every family's contribution - whether large or small - strengthens our Pack and helps provide the safe, meaningful, and fun Scouting experience our Scouts deserve.

Questions or need to discuss your family's situation?

Contact the Pack Committee Chair at admin@littletonpack444.com