

Pack 202 : 2007 Pack Assessment and Talent Survey

Hello Parents and Scouts of Pack 202,

Pack 202 is entering its 75th year this year, and is one of the oldest continually chartered Packs in the nation. As members of this organization, we share a history with it that is long and rich. All you have to do is to look at our Pack Flag to see the history that we share. At our crossing over ceremony this past May, I was surprised to realize, pointed out by one of our astute Cub Scouts, that the American Flag that we have in our Pack storage locker has only 48 stars. Flags like that have not been made in the US in 50 years. One wonders who has saluted it, held it, how many Pack meetings it presided over?

In order to better serve the Scouts in our pack and their families, we would like for you to please fill out and submit this survey with your Pack registration. Please take the time to fill out this Pack Assessment and Talent Survey and return it to Mark Merrell, Pack 202's Cubmaster, either by emailing it to markmerrell@mindspring.com, mailing it to Mark Merrell, 4026 La Cresta Ave. Oakland, CA, 94602, or bring it to a Pack Meeting.

As the new Cubmaster of Pack 202, I am committed to bringing the best possible experience to you and your son that we as individuals, and collectively as a Pack, can have. We may not achieve that all of the time, but it is always on our minds and in our hearts.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

In the future scouting will continue to:

- * Offer young people responsible fun and adventure;
- * Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;
- * Train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership;
- * Serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based program.

The Core Values of Scouting:

Character can be defined as the collection of core values possessed by an individual that leads to moral commitment and action. Character is "values in action."

The Cub Scouting Character Connections Program identifies 12 core values:

1. Citizenship: Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. Compassion: Being kind and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others.
3. Cooperation: Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal.
4. Courage: Being brave and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.
5. Faith: Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.
6. Health and Fitness: Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies clean and fit.
7. Honesty: Telling the truth and being worthy of trust.
8. Perseverance: Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. Positive Attitude: Being cheerful and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. Resourcefulness: Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. Respect: Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. Responsibility: Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

The Purposes of Cub Scouting Are:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

The Methods of Cub Scouting are:

1. The Ideals

The Cub Scout Promise, The Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Motto, and Salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.

2. The Den

Boys like to belong to a group. The den is the place where boys learn new skills and develop interests in new things. They have fun in den meetings, during indoor and outdoor activities, and on field trips. As part of a small group of six to eight boys, they are able to learn sportsmanship and good citizenship. They learn how to get along with others. They learn how to do there best, not just for themselves but for the den.

3. Advancement

Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.

4. Family Involvement

Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting. When we speak of parents or families, we are not referring to any particular family structure. Some boys live with two parents, some live with one parent, some have foster parents, and some live with other relatives or guardians. Whoever a boy calls his family is his family in Cub Scouting.

5. Activities

In Cub Scouting, boys participate in a wide variety of den and pack activities, such as games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, and trips. Also, the Cub Scout Academics and Sports program and Cub Scouting's BSA Family program include activities that encourage personal achievement and family involvement.

6. Home and Neighborhood Centered

Cub Scouting meetings and activities happen in urban areas, in rural communities, in suburbs, in large cities, in small towns-wherever boys live.

7. The Uniform

The Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout uniforms help build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the uniform to all den and pack meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.

The leadership of Pack 202 is committed to fulfilling the core values and purposes for you and your son, and in bringing these values to them through the methods and program that the Cub Scout Program offers.

Mark Merrell
Cubmaster of Pack 202

Pack Assessment

Please Rank the following in a scale of One (1) for worst, or failing, to Ten (10) for best, or excellent. If you have any comments, please list them at the end of each section. This could also include anything you feel the pack might do better, or is doing well. Please provide us as much information as possible, and don't be shy!!! **Feedback is a Gift.**

Pack Meetings

_____ Pack meetings are interesting, and instructional.

_____ Pack meeting are fun.

_____ Pack meetings hold the interest of your son and are fun for him.

_____ Pack meetings are too long.

_____ Pack Meetings are too short.

_____ Boys and adults wear appropriate uniform at all Pack activities.

_____ Pack meetings are easy to get to and a good time for me.

What would be a good time for me to have pack meetings?

What would be good activities to have at Pack meetings?

Comments:

Den Meetings

_____ Den meetings are held regularly.

_____ Den meetings start on time.

_____ Den meetings are too long.

_____ Den meetings are too short.

_____ Den meetings are fun and good for my son.

_____ Den meetings help my son to achieve rank.

_____ Our Den has activities outside of Den meetings that are good for us and our son.

_____ Boys and Adult leaders are in proper uniform at all times.

Comments:

Being Informed

_____ I feel that I am well informed about Pack activities and events.

_____ Too many emails are sent to me.

_____ I use the Pack Website.

_____ The Pack website is easy to use and informative.

Comments:

Pack Activities

_____ We have too many activities during the year.

_____ We don't have enough activities during the year.

_____ Activities are fun and interesting for you/your son.

Comments:

What types of activities would you/your son like to see the pack do this year?

What types of activities would you/your son like to do at Pack meetings this year?

What do you/your son like most about scouting?

What do you/your son like to do most with the Pack?

What do you/your son like most about Scouting?

What do you/your son think the Pack can do better, that would bring you/your son the most from your experiences in scouting?

Pack Parent Resource Survey

Name:

Home/Work/Mobile Phone Numbers:

Street Address:

e-Mail Address:

My Hobbies Are:

My Occupation is:

In what sports do you take an active part, I can play and/or teach these sports?

My Job, business or profession would be of interest to Cub Scouts and is:

I am willing to help my boy and the pack as:

Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help:

General Activities

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities

- Pack meetings
 - Swimming supervision
 - Bookkeeping
 - Typing
 - Drawing/art
 - Transportation of Scouts
 - Transportation of equipment
 - Carpentry
 - Games
 - Nature
 - Sports
 - Crafts
 - Music/Songs
 - Radio/electricity
 - Computers
 - Dramatics/Skits
 - Cooking/Banquets
 - Sewing
 - Other
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Special Program Assistance

- I can participate in Advancement tracking and purchasing
 - I have a workshop that can be used for crafts or Pinewood Derby
 - I have family camping gear.
 - I have access to camping property.
 - I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
 - I can help with troop equipment.
 - I have access to a personal computer
 - I have access to a cottage or camping property or a boat
 - I can help Webelos with Boy Scout Skills
 - I can, or know others who can, help with our Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program
 - I can give other help
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Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach:

- Ropework (knots and lashings)
- Outdoor cooking
- First aid
- Star study
- Map and compass use
- Conservation
- Aquatics
- Knife handling
- Citizenship
- Camping

I can help with the following Webelos Activity Areas

- Aquanaut
- Artist
- Athlete
- Citizen
- Communicator
- Craftsman
- Engineer
- Family Member
- Fitness
- Forester
- Geologist
- Handyman
- Naturalist
- Outdoorsman
- Readyman
- Scholar
- Scientist
- Sportsman
- Showman
- Traveller

Please list any skills or talents that you feel we could use and that you would be willing to teach and to give to the boys in our pack.
