

Cub Scout Pack 321

Hutchinson, Kansas



Family Handbook
2008-2009

General Information

Chartering Organization	Park Place Christian Church, 2600 N. Adams
Kim Biery	Pastor 662-6665
Amy Foster	Youth Pastor
Doug Morse	Chartering Org. Representative
Boy Scouts of America	www.scouting.org
Quivira Council, BSA (30 county area)	1555 E. 2 nd St. Wichita, KS 67201 316-264-3386 www.quivira.org
Mohawk District (Reno Co.)	mohawkdistrict.org
Uniforms and Supplies	Scout Shop in Wichita 316-264-4466 Long's, downtown Hutch www.scoutstuff.org

Pack Meetings are typically the 4th Monday of the month. 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the **Morgan School gym**, 27th and Washington.

- The Dec. Pack Meeting will be on the 3rd Monday.
- The Feb. Pack Meeting is the Blue & Gold Banquet which will be at **6:30** on the **Sunday** preceding the 4th Monday.
- The May meeting is held at the family campout.
- There are no formal Pack Meetings in June and July.

Den Meeting times and locations are set by each Den Leader.

The Pack website is www.cubpack321.org. This public site is used for general announcements and calendar info.

Uniforms

The "Class A" uniform is the official Cub Scout uniform shirt and should be worn to all pack meetings, public outings and den meetings unless otherwise specified. They are available at Long's downtown, at the Scoutshop in Wichita or via the internet at www.scoutstuff.org. It is recommended to buy a shirt large enough to last until your son is in 4th or 5th grade. Webelos Scouts may either wear the blue shirt or the tan Boy Scout uniform.

- Our "Class B" uniform is our Pack T-shirt. They are available from the Treasurer and we recommend going to Sports Shack to have your last name embossed on the back.
- The Uniform Chair has a limited supply of used uniforms and neckerchiefs for purchase or trade. We encourage donating or trading in your used or outgrown uniform items for someone else to use.

Pack Committee

The Pack Committee meets once a month and is made up of all the registered adult leaders, other adults that hold administrative positions, and any parents that would like to attend. Parents interested in becoming leaders are especially encouraged to get involved. The committee oversees the overall program, calendar and budget for the Pack. Committee Meetings are held at 4:00pm the second Sunday of each month during the scouting year (Aug-May). The location is in the Community Room at Penwell-Gable Funeral Home, 300 E. 30th.

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Financial Information

All boys must register with the Boy Scouts of America. The cost is \$22 for a full year but it is pro-rated to about \$2 per month for a partial year. Registration in the BSA runs through the end of February regardless of what month a boy joins. *Boy's Life* Magazine is included with registration. **In addition** it costs \$25 per boy to join Pack 321. This is a **one time** dues payment for joining the Pack and is **not** collected annually. Included in joining dues is a Pack T-shirt and the remaining money goes into the Pack treasury. Since everyone's registration expires at the end of February, that is when we "re-charter" for another year as a Pack and everyone pays BSA registration for another year. Though the Pack Treasurer will collect this \$22, none of it stays with the Pack.

Here are some of the things you can expect the Pack to pay for: all awards presented at Pack Meetings, family overnighiter picnics, pinewood derby car kits, Blue & Gold Banquet for immediate family. In recent years, popcorn sales were successful enough that the Pack was able to pay a portion of each scout's re-charter and camp fees.

Our goal in pack 321 is to NOT have to collect money throughout the year to provide the primary program. You can expect to pay for baseball (\$10 last year), day camp (\$35) and summer camp for Wolves and older (about \$100). Individual dens may need to ask for a nominal amount from time to time to pay for supplies or craft items.

Popcorn

Popcorn sales take place in Nov. with product distribution in Dec. This is a nationwide fundraiser for the Boy Scouts, similar to Girl Scout cookies and it is the only fundraiser our 321 Scouts participate in all year. Traditionally, popcorn sales provide the bulk of our operating money so the importance of this event cannot be overstated. Each year an individual sales goal is set and incentives are given for reaching that and higher sales levels.

Pinewood Derby

This is one of the largest Pack 321 events of the year and provides some of the most fun for the boys. Car kits are distributed at the December Pack Meeting and parents have the opportunity to assist their boys with the design and construction. Plenty of help is available with two car clinics held in Jan. Race Day is for the entire family including grandparents with a raffle and full concessions adding to the fun. Our pack owns a very nice racetrack so we conduct derbies for some of the other Packs in town over the same weekend. Much parent participation is needed to help with the concession stand and running the race and timing equipment.

Awards and Advancement

One of the cornerstones of the Scouting program involves accomplishing achievements which are steps toward rank advancement. Based on the school year (grade), Tiger Cubs work on the Tiger badge, Wolves work on the Wolf Badge, etc. Many of these requirements are done during den meetings and outings but some items remain to be accomplished at home under a parent's guidance. The goal is for Scouts to advance in rank by Feb. although some may take a little longer. Once the badge of rank is earned, Scouts have the remainder of the school year to earn Gold and Silver Arrow Points that go with their specific rank. In addition to the advancement steps, at any time, Scouts may work on earning Belt Loops and Pins in a variety of academic and sports activities. There are numerous other awards and religious emblems that may be earned. Anything done at home should be reported to your den leader so it may be recorded and an award ordered if appropriate.

www.scouttrack.com is our secure website where your son's completion of achievements and awards is tracked. Your Den Leader will decide whether he or she will make all scouttrack entries or if parents will be allowed to. Some of the requirements that are done as a group must be entered by your Den Leader. This site is also used to keep our roster information and to send e-mail announcements to the Pack. Parents may access the site at any time to view their son's progress or to communicate with their Den Leader. A user ID and password are required and should be e-mailed to you upon registration. Your Den Leader should be your first point of contact if you need help using scouttrack or entering your son's achievements. Contact the Committee Chair or Cubmaster if you need a login or have other problems.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This special Pack Meeting is a Cub Scout tradition and takes place in February in honor of the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts. The covered dish dinner is followed by songs and skits performed by the boys. Our goal is for Scouts to have earned their rank advancement by Feb. so this may be presented at the banquet.

Camping

As a pack, we sponsor two family overnights a year, one in Sep. and one in May. Usually they are held at Camp Kanza, which is one of the two camps run by Quivira Council. The camp is located just about 25 minutes SW of town off highway 50 and directions are on the website. Currently Camp Kanza is undergoing some renovations so the location of the fall campout has not been determined.

A Pack overnighter should not intimidate anyone as it is meant to be an enjoyable experience with the entire family welcome. You may bring all your gear in by car but plan on moving your vehicle to the parking lot after you unload. Some families will arrive on Fri. evening but most will just stay Sat. night. You are free to come and go during the day for football, soccer, etc. and some organized activity usually starts after lunchtime.

Meals are generally up to the individual families and should be kept very simple. Some folks will bring Coleman stoves or dutch ovens and charcoal. On Sat. evening we hold a big cookout with burgers, hot dogs, buns and fixins' provided by the Pack. We ask all families to provide a side dish (beans, slaw, potatoes, etc.) or a dessert and to bring your own utensils and drinks. Also on Sat. night, we hold a campfire and then cook doughnuts on Sun. morning. In May, the campfire takes the place of the May Pack Meeting and a ceremony is held where the boys "advance" to the next rank. Some will choose to not camp and just come out Sat. afternoon and stay for the cookout and campfire and that is fine.

If you camp, you should bring the following items: tent, sleeping bags, sleeping pads or cots, cooler w/drinks and food items, eating utensils, raingear, flashlight, bug repellent, sun block, class A and B uniforms, appropriate clothing and outerwear and personal items. Some optional items might include a folding table and camp chairs, camp stove or other cooking equipment, fishing gear and GPS. Please no alcohol or tobacco, firearms, electronic games, ipods, fixed blade knives or any un-scout like items.

Due to the generosity of past members, the Pack does own a small supply of tents and sleeping pads. Contact your Den Leader if you would like to borrow anything.

Important Dates

Aug. 25	Pack Meeting
Aug. 28	Sign Up For Scouting Night, Grade Schools
Sep. 14	Pack Committee Meeting
Sep. 22	Pack Meeting
Sep. 26-28	Pack Overnighter, location TBD
Sep. 29	Scouting for Food
Oct. 12	Pack Committee Meeting
Oct. 27	Pack Meeting
Oct. 24-26	Webelos Campout, Kanapolis Lake (Web dens only)
Nov. 8	Popcorn Sales begin
Nov. 9	Pack Committee Meeting
Nov. 22	Downtown Christmas Parade
Nov. 24	Pack Meeting
Nov. 30	Popcorn sales end, orders due
Dec. 11	Popcorn product pickup
Dec. 14	Pack Committee Meeting
Dec. 15	Pack Meeting, Webelos crossover, derby cars kits
Dec. 18	Popcorn money due
Jan. 15	Pinewood Derby Clinic, 7:00, 1 st Pres. Church
Jan. 11	Pack Committee Meeting
Jan. 17-19	Trapper's Rendezvous (Webelos)
Jan. 26	Pack Meeting
Jan. 29	Pinewood Derby Test-n-Tune, 6:00-9, 1 st Pres. Church
Jan. 30	Pack 306 Pinewood Derby, 7:00, 1 st Pres. Church
Jan. 31	Pinewood Derby, 1:00, 1 st Pres. Church
Feb. 1	Pack 317 Pinewood Derby
Feb. 1	Scout Sunday, PPCC
Feb. 8	Pack Committee Meeting
Feb. 13	Re-Charter dues due
Feb. 13-15	Camp Alaska (Webelos)
Feb. 22	Blue & Gold Banquet, 6:30, 1 st Pres. Church
Mar. 15	Pack Committee Meeting
Mar. 23	Pack Meeting
Mar. 27	District Pinewood Derby registration due
Apr. 4	Mohawk District Pinewood Derby, 1:00, TBD
Apr. 12	Pack Committee Meeting
Apr. 27	Pack Meeting
May 1-3	Spring Family Overnighter, TBD
May 2	Pack Committee Meeting, at overnighter
May 29-30	Cub Day Camp
May	Cub Baseball begins
June 6-7	Fun with Son, Camp Kanza
June 7-9	Webelos Camp session 1
June 11-13	Webelos Camp session 2
June 14-16	Webelos Camp session 3
June 18-20	Webelos Camp session 4
June 21-23	Webelos Camp session 5
June 25-27	Big Bear Camp session 1
June 28-30	Big Bear Camp session 2
July 4	Patriot's Parade, downtown Hutch
July 5-7	Big Bear Camp session 3

Note: Contact Information (Parents & Cub Scouts) can be obtained through ScoutTrack or you can request a hardcopy of the Family Handbook from the Cubmaster.