

Safe Scouting

Your child's safety and well being are of the utmost importance to our Cub Scout Pack. This sheet discusses some of the basic steps we take to that end. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask any Pack Leader for more information.



The basics of Safe Scouting include “2-deep” leadership. This means that your son will **never** be alone with any adult volunteer. There are always at least two adults available at all den and pack events. The Boy Scouts of America performs a background check on all professional and volunteer Scouters.

Training - All of our adult leaders receive training in Cub Scout Essentials and Safe Scouting. In addition, many of our leaders are trained in outdoor scouting activities and camping. We consider it very important to you and your boys for us to maintain a well-trained set of volunteer leaders. In addition to all the formal training, the pack and den leaders meet once a month to plan the following month's activities and discuss any other details to running the pack. If you are interested in knowing more about the Safe Scout training which all leaders go through, you are welcome to take the training course yourself on-line. It is available at the council web page www.yccbsa.org You can also view the Guide to Safe Scouting Manual at <http://www.usscouts.org/safety/g2ss.html>

Camping - On campouts, adults are **never** allowed in the same tent as children (except for the child's own parent). Pack leaders are trained in basic leader outdoor training. We always camp close to home.

Activity Safety - All activities in Scouting (especially archery, BB's, water activities, etc.) stress safety. Archery ranges, BB ranges and waterfronts are always staffed by professional, trained leaders. Safety is taught above all else. Day Camp and Resident Camp areas are run by a professional paid staff.

Video Available to Parents - The Boy Scouts of America has a video which we can obtain for parents that serves as a tool to discuss the very delicate subject of child abuse with your kids. *It Happened to Me* is an award-winning video produced by the Boy Scouts of America to educate Cub Scout-age boys about child sexual abuse and the steps boys should take to protect themselves from being sexually abused. The video presents common situations in which sexual abuse might occur. The content of the video has been reviewed by professionals who are knowledgeable about child abuse and child development. Child abuse professionals unanimously agree that open communication between parents and children is vital to prevent child abuse, and, while this video is useful as a source of basic information, your son might want to discuss it with you. Your viewing of this video will help to provide a common point of reference for subsequent

conversations you and your son might have on this topic. Please speak to any Pack leader if you wish to borrow a copy of this video. Another video, *A Time to Tell*, is also available for boys age 11 and older. Pack 8 makes these videos available, but the borrowing and viewing of them is completely up to each boy's parents.