



## Cub Scout Pack 36

<http://www.pack36.net>

Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
Southern New Jersey Council,  
Boy Scouts of America

## Parent Handbook

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Dear Parent:

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 36. We're so glad you've chosen to enroll or re-enroll your son in our Pack. We know that you and he will be glad you did. We've planned an exciting year, and your son will have a great time learning, advancing and having fun.

The Pack Leaders in Cub Pack 36 seek to provide activities that offer an opportunity for physical fitness and educational value. Every member of a Cub Scout's family can enjoy many of our planned activities.

Cub Pack 36 is open to all boys regardless of their synagogue affiliation. Our pack's activities and schedule of meetings and events are designed in such a way to comply with the laws of Shabbat. The laws of Kashrut are also observed. We hold events common to all Cub Scout packs but often with a Jewish theme incorporated.

This booklet will provide an overview of our program. If you have questions or concerns about our program or leaders, please call one of us or your son's Den Leader.

Thanks again and welcome!

Yours In Scouting,  
Pack Committee

## **CUB SCOUT PACK 36'S MISSION**

The Pack Committee and leaders of Cub Scout Pack 36 are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of Cub Scouting activities. Special emphasis is placed on character development, spiritual growth, citizenship, and family.

Cub Scouts are required to memorize the following pledges and motto. We seek to make them real in their lives and hope that you will encourage your son as he strives to do so.

### **The Cub Scout Promise**

I promise to do my best  
To do my duty to God and my Country  
To help other people and to obey the  
Law of the Pack

### **Law of the Pack**

A Cub Scout follows Akela  
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go  
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow  
The Cub Scout gives goodwill

### **The Cub Scout Motto**

Do Your Best

## **DENS**

Groups of 6 to 9 boys meet together periodically as a Den, typically once or twice a month. A Den Leader leads each den. Dens in Pack 36 meet regularly during the school year, and may meet infrequently during the summer. Dens are organized by age groups. We have one or more Dens for each group.

- Den Membership

Boys, age 6 years (1st Grade) to 10 years, are eligible to join Pack 36. Boys work toward a specific rank during each year in the Pack:

- First grade boys work toward their Tiger Rank.
- Second grade boys work toward their Wolf Rank.
- Third grade boys work toward their Bear Rank.

- Fourth grade boys are first year Webelos Scouts and work on their Webelos rank.
  - Fifth grade boys are second year Webelos Scouts and work on Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light.
- Uniforms

The uniform is an essential component of Cub Scouting. Cub Scouts are made to feel part of a group and have a place to display their awards when they wear their uniforms. Uniforms are to be worn with pride at all scouting functions. Uniforms are to be kept clean and tidy. Shirttails are to be kept tucked in to the boy's pants. A uniform guide to assist parents is available from your den leader.

Cub Scouts (and leaders) buy their own uniforms, including council patch, pack numerals, and den number. Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Cubs wear the blue Cub Scout uniform. Webelos wear the tan Boy Scout uniform. Help is available from your den leader and at the scout shops for proper uniform attire. Note: Pack 36 accepts any dark blue pants with the blue Cub Scout uniform.

#### Cub Scout Uniform

- Hat (Tiger / Wolf / Bear / Webelos)
- Shirt (blue for Tiger / Wolf / Bear, tan for Webelos)
- Scarf (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)
- Slide (Cub [Tiger / Wolf / Bear], Webelos)
- Belt
- 36 Numerals
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Council Patch (Southern New Jersey Council)
- Blue Shoulder Loops (Webelos only)

#### Adult Leader Uniform

- Shirt
  - Cub Scout Den Leaders - Yellow Cub Scout or Tan Boy Scout Shirt
  - Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmasters, Pack Committee Chairman and Other Pack Committee Members - Tan Boy Scout Shirt
- Council Patch (Southern New Jersey Council)
- 36 Numerals
- Leadership Insignia (e.g., Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee Member, etc.)
- World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- Adult Leader Neckerchief (optional)
- Cub Scout or Webelos slide (optional)

- Blue Shoulder Loops

Uniform cost is approximately \$50 without pants. The BSA Scout online catalog can be found at: <http://www.scoutstuff.org>. All uniform items can be purchased locally at:

#### STONE'S CAMPING WORLD

Route 73 South of Berlin Circle	Open	Tues-Thurs 9a-8p
Berlin, NJ 08009		Wed-Fri-Sat 9a-5:30p
Telephone: 856-767-5422	Closed	Sun-Mon

#### SOUTHERN NJ COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

4468 S Main Rd.	Open	Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 9a-5p
Millville, NJ 08332-1464		Wed 9a-8p; Sat 9a-12p
Telephone: 856-327-1700	Closed	Sun

#### BURLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

P.O. Box 246	Open	Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 8:30a-4:30p
Rancocas, NJ 08073		Wed 8:30a – 8p
Telephone: 609-261-5850	Closed	Sat-Sun

Pack 36 also sells pack T-shirts, which may be optionally worn during more casual scouting functions such as den meetings. The T-shirts are especially helpful in identifying Pack 36 members during the annual pack indoor overnight, where participation typically involves more than one scouting unit. Pack T-shirt order forms can be obtained from your den leaders or the pack committee and cost \$10.

- Handbooks

Handbooks must also be purchased. Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos handbooks are available at the shops mentioned above. Please notice that every handbook has a parent guide at the beginning. Please take the time to read this section of the handbook. Any of the leaders would be happy to answer any question you may have.

### **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

When joining Cub Scout Pack 36, each parent agrees to support their son in the following ways:

1. See that he has the proper handbook;
2. Assist the Cub Scout in acquiring the proper uniform;

3. Assist him in attending Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings;
4. Work with him to complete achievements for his rank award;
5. Return information forms and permission slips as asked;
6. Support his Den Leader as a resource person or substitute as asked;
7. Agree to serve in some leadership capacity as called upon;
8. Provide input to the Den Leader or Pack leadership with regard to Pack or Den programming.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Parent volunteers are always needed. Registration and training are provided for those who are interested in helping. If you'd like to help in any capacity, please contact the Pack Committee Chair, the Cubmaster or your son's Den Leader. All types of help are needed – driving for trips, assisting in Den Leader absence, organizing a special event, etc. *Remember that Cub Scout Packs don't exist without volunteer leadership. Please do your part when asked.*

## **PACK STRUCTURE**

Like every effective organization, Cub Scout Packs have a structure. Understanding this structure and how it works will increase your son's enjoyment of the program (and leave the parent far less confused). The Cub Pack consists of the Dens and their families. Pack 36 meets monthly, typically on Sunday afternoon and for special activities. The Pack serves as a "parent" organization to the dens and provides direction, program support and maintenance of the budget. The Cubmaster, in conjunction with the other volunteer leaders, leads the Pack. The Cubmaster, in conjunction with other volunteers, plans and directs the monthly pack meetings and other special activities.

At the end of this handbook is a list of the current Pack leadership. The list includes various positions within the Pack and the name and contact information of the person holding the various positions. By the nature of progression through the Cub Scouting program, there is often a significant amount of turnover in these positions. Any place on the list with a vacancy or a name that is duplicated elsewhere on the list should be viewed as an opportunity to participate in the Pack Leadership.

- Pack Committee

The Pack Committee consists of volunteer adults who are charged with managing the Cub Scout Pack and its programs. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to serve on the committee and attend regular meetings. The Pack Committee Chair, along with the Cubmaster, leads the group in planning and organizing the Pack program. The Committee is also responsible for maintaining Pack funds and planning its budget. A copy of the budget is available for interested parents.

- Pack Sponsor

Every Cub Scout Pack must have a sponsor, called the Charter Organization. Pack 36's sponsor is Temple Beth Sholom, at 1901 Kresson Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Temple Beth Sholom has been our sponsor since the formation of our Pack in 1995 and it provides our meeting place.

- Pack Calendar

The Pack Calendar is the current calendar of events for Cub Scout Pack 36 for the 2004-2005 year. We realize that boys and families have different interests and we've attempted to plan a program that meets as many needs as possible. It is hopeful that each boy will attend each and every event. Please note that dates are subject to change as we get closer to events. Announcements of special events and calendar updates will be posted as soon as possible on our Pack Web Site, <http://www.pack36.net>.

- Pack Meetings

Pack meetings are held once a month, normally on Sunday afternoons at 1:15pm at Temple Beth Sholom unless otherwise announced. Meetings last approximately one to one and a half hours. Meeting dates, times and location do change periodically in response to program needs. Changes in start dates and times for the Pack Meetings will be announced monthly on the Pack Web Site, <http://www.pack36.net>. There will not be a Pack meeting during the months of July and August.

- Attendance

Cub Scouting is a family program. All leaders, Cub Scouts and parents are expected to attend all Pack meetings. Each Cub Scout must be accompanied by at least one parent or other relative or guardian and must remain for the entire meeting. All family members are welcome at all Pack meetings. Den Leaders are responsible for the conduct of their den. Parents are responsible for the conduct of siblings during Pack activities.

- Pack Program Highlights

Pack 36 plans a very busy calendar year. Although we don't expect every boy to attend every function, we encourage him to be as active as he, and his parents, want to be. Two or more leaders and parent volunteers will lead pack outings and special events. Permission slips may be sent home for outings and special events. The Pack Committee will determine if additional parental permission is required for certain outings or special

events. Boys without signed permission slips, when required, will not be allowed to participate. We'll do our best to help you remember but please make every effort to help us.

- Pack Web Site

Our Pack Committee continues to update our Pack Web Site. This site serves as a resource for parents and a fun place for our scouts to explore. The address of the Pack Web Site is <http://www.pack36.net>.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

The Pack plans a variety of other special programs that assist the boys in advancing and provide an opportunity for a good time. These events may be hikes, tours, or service projects. As mentioned before, parents and other family members are always invited to attend.

- Pinewood Derby

Pack 36 sponsors a Pinewood Derby for all members of the Pack, typically in February of each year. The event emphasizes the crafting and construction of the car itself by the boys, and includes a strong focus on sportsmanship and fair play. Our event includes a Leader Division where adults may participate. We have found that this adult division removes some of the competitiveness often exhibited by adults to a greater extent than the boys.

- Blue & Gold Banquet

Pack 36 and Cub Scout Packs all over the USA celebrate Scouting's birthday each March by hosting a Blue & Gold Banquet. Please mark this special date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

- Scouting For Food

During the year, usually in November, our boys may help local food banks by distributing empty bags to friends and neighbors. Our Pack food drive will run in cooperation with the Southern New Jersey Council, B.S.A (Cooper District).

- Cub Kinus Family Camping Weekend – Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

In late spring, the NJ Jewish Committee on Scouting sponsors a Shomer Shabbat Family Camping weekend at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco in Blairstown, NJ. Kosher meals are provided for the duration of the event. Bring the entire family and pitch a tent, or sleep in a lean-to or group cabin. This

event is the highlight of the year so please mark this special date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

- Religious Emblems Program

Most of the major religious bodies in the United States have programs to recognize Cub Scouts who demonstrate faith, observe their creeds or principles, and give service. Jewish institutions have been utilizing the Scouting program since 1916. Today, Scouting is flourishing in Jewish communities throughout the United States. Scouting and Jewish institutions work together to promote the religious education of Jewish youth and encourage Jewish identity. Boy Scouts of America (BSA) programs in Jewish institutions serve as a vehicle for strengthening Jewish values, a sense of belonging, enrichment, and education, besides offering motivational support and increasing parental involvement. The Jewish Committee on Scouting provides an additional Jewish stimulus through its religious emblems program.

The Maccabee Emblem is intended to involve the families of boys in first through third grades as partners in earning the award. To earn the Maccabee, a Cub Scout must complete requirements in six categories: Jewish personalities, holidays, vocabulary, symbols and objects, community helpers, and heroes.

The Aleph Emblem is earned through a set of home-centered activities for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts (third through fifth grades), centered on the Torah, prayer, holidays, American-Jewish heritage, the synagogue, and Israel.

The Pack or synagogue presents the emblems to boys who work with their religious leader or counselor on a program of requirements that often takes a year or more to complete. A square knot award will also be presented by the Pack to any boy that earns the religious emblem. To demonstrate the significance of this achievement, this square knot award is the only award by the Boy Scouts of America that may be worn by the scout on his uniform throughout his life-long scouting career, including service as an adult volunteer. The Pack supports and encourages religious educational programs for all boys. We are proud to say that many of our boys have completed the requirements for the Maccabee and Aleph emblems. For more information, scouts should speak with their Den Leaders or the Cubmaster.

## **COUNCIL AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES**

Our local council (Southern New Jersey Council) and our District (Cooper District) schedule several events. Events include the Ten Commandment Hike, District-Wide Pinewood Derby, and Adult Leader Training. Den Leaders are notified of upcoming dates for these events. Dates and events will also be posted on our Pack Web Site.

## **PACK FUNDING**

- **Registration and Fees**

The initial registration fee for membership in Cub Scout Pack 36 is \$50.00. These fees pay for the Scouts' registration with the Boy Scouts of America, unit insurance, help pay for awards, certificates, derby kits and supplies for each boy, and include the subscription costs to Boy's Life Magazine. This fee also avoids the hassles of monthly Pack participation dues. This fee does not include dues for den projects and/or Den events that may be collected by Den Leaders on a periodic basis. Parents of new scouts are asked to complete a BSA Cub Registration Form. All parents of new and returning scouts are also asked to complete a parent/boy Personal Information Form which provides some additional information to the Pack Leaders.

- **Pack Budget**

The annual budget is created in September. Pack programs and activities may change annually based on what funds the pack has available. A copy of the budget is available from the Pack Committee upon request.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for your active participation in our Cub Scout Pack. It is through the efforts of our parents and adult volunteers that we are able to bring a quality, character building experience to our boys. Please contact any member of the Pack Committee if you have questions or suggestions regarding any aspect of our Pack's activities.

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## Pack 36 Adult Leader Roster

### Unit Leaders

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### Other Leaders

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