



Pack 850 FAQ

Orange | Villa Park

Why should my son join scouting?

The Cub Scout program helps your son grow in many ways. Through Scouting, your son can:
1) Learn new physical skills; 2) Develop social skills by meeting and interfacing with other boys of various ages; 3) Develop his mental processes; 4) Develop a strong value system; 5) Develop personal independence; and 6) Have lots of fun!

You have a limited amount of time to shape your son's character and to share new experiences with him. Scouting is an IDEAL way to do these things!

My son is new to Scouting. Where does my Cub Scout begin?

The Cub Scouting program is for boys between 1st and 5th grades. Each rank in the Cub Scout program corresponds to a specific grade level, as follows:

- 1st Grade – Tiger Cub
- 2nd Grade – Wolf Scout
- 3rd Grade – Bear Scout
- 4th Grade – Webelos I Scout
- 5th Grade – Webelos II Scout

At fulfillment of all Cub Scout & rank-specific requirements during the 5th grade, a boy "crosses over" to Boy Scouts. Boy Scouts begins in the 6th grade and concludes (with the potential attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout) by a boy's 18th birthday.

What is the difference between a Pack and a Den?

Cub Scouts is organized by school grade level. Boys of a particular grade are members of one or more **DENS**. For example, boys in 1st grade begin Scouting as Tiger Cubs. Depending on the number of 1st grade boys who join Scouting, a single Den may be formed, or multiple Dens may be formed. Each Den typically consists of 8 to 12 boys. The **PACK** is the larger group of boys – i.e. all of the Dens collectively. The size of our Cub Scout Pack ranges from 50 to 80 boys. Packs in a number of surrounding towns / communities make up a **DISTRICT**, and the Districts across a number of surrounding counties make up the **COUNCIL**. Our Pack is in the Canyons District, which is part of the Orange County Council.

About the Pack

When and where does the Pack meet?

Usually, Pack 850 meetings are on the third Thursday of each month. The pack meets at Cerro Villa Middle School in the auditorium at 6:30 PM. The meeting lasts about 1½ hours. The Cub Scout year parallels the school year, running September through May. Some dens may choose to conduct meetings over the summer.

Can other family members attend the monthly Pack Meeting?

Yes! Cub Scouting is intended to be a family affair! We especially encourage parents to attend the meetings, to join in the fun and be present for awards their son may earn. Siblings are also encouraged to attend, but we request parental supervision for their safety and so they do not disrupt the meeting.

About the Dens

When and where do the individual Dens meet?

Each Den typically meets once per month, either after school, on a weeknight, or on Sunday afternoon. The frequency of each Den Meeting, as well as specific dates and times, is determined by each Den. Each Den Meeting is typically one hour in duration.

Do I have to become a leader in order for my son to join the Pack?

Our pack is blessed with very strong leadership in the form of our Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Committee Chairman, Den Leaders and other parents who help with Pack and Den activities. While we encourage parents to get involved in the Pack and volunteer some time for Scouting by participating as a leader or by serving on various committees, we understand the multitude of commitments and time constraints faced by the typical family. So while leadership is not *required*, we encourage as much participation and involvement as you can give.

How much are your fees?

All new scouts pay a fee upon joining to cover district registration and a subscription to Boy's Life Magazine. General Pack 850 expenses are estimated at \$75 for all scouts (new and returning).

What does the registration fee include?

- BSA national fees and insurance
- Subscription to Boy's Life Magazine
- Awards & activity patches for the year
- Cub scout rank handbook
- Rank-appropriate scarf and slide
- Class B t-shirt

ScoutTrack

ScoutTrack is our web-hosted tool providing advancement tracking, email, contact lists, and calendar. Each parent/guardian is given a user id/password to gain access to these valuable assets. Individual achievements should be entered by the scout's parent/guardian. This tool ensures that at any time, your scout's progress is available for your review.

Does my son need a uniform?

Yes! Uniforms are an essential part of Scouting to identify a boy's rank and Den, as well as display his achievements. Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts wear the navy blue uniform shirts. Webelos wear the khaki Scout uniform shirts. The khaki uniform can be used for Boy Scouts. All Cub Scouts and Webelos wear neckerchiefs and slides according to their rank.

Uniform Classes

This pack utilizes two uniforms: Class A and Class B.




The Class A Uniform is detailed in the Cub Scout Uniform Elements section below. This uniform is worn to all pack and den meetings and other events. Exceptions will be communicated.

The Class B Uniform is generally worn for outdoor and other active events. The Class B uniform is included in your registration fee detailed in the "What does the registration fee include?" section above.

Patches

Each patch has a specific location on the uniform. Uniform inspections are periodically conducted to ensure proper application of the regulations. If you choose to apply the patches yourself, instructions will be provided upon your request. Alternatively, the scout stores can apply the patches for a nominal charge. Also, select tailors in the area can be recommended.

Cub Scout Uniform Elements

Item	Approx \$	Image
Uniform (Class A) shirt	\$23	
Belt	\$8 - 12	
Hat	\$13	
Council Shoulder Patch	\$4	
Den/Patrol Identification (Sample Den Number Only)	\$1.50	
Pack Designation	\$1.20 (times 3)	
Pants (Optional)	\$25	
Socks (Optional)	\$6	
Shorts (Optional)	\$20-23	
Approximate cost:	\$60	For required items only

Where can I buy his uniform?

Two places locally, which carry the full line of Cub Scout uniforms and equipment, are:

Orange County Scout Shops

Additional scout shop information can be found on the internet at ocbsa.org. Look for scout shops in the heading links.

William Lyon Homes Center for Scouting

- Directions: [Located West of 55 Fwy., Take exit 8A for Dyer Rd (East bound exit), Turn left at E Dyer Rd and travel 0.2 miles, located on right hand side of street]

- 1211 East Dyer Road (714) 979-4554
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Anaheim Scout Shop

- Directions: [Located North of 91 Fwy., exit Raymond Ave. turn north. The store is on the left before Orangethorpe Ave. in Anaheim]
- 1501 N. Raymond, Ste. "O" (714) 774-3270
Anaheim, CA 92801

Advancement

Bobcat

All scouts must first achieve Bobcat, regardless of their age. Requirements are listed at the beginning of each rank book (supplied by the pack).

Ranks

Rank	Description
Tiger	1 st Grade
Wolf	2 nd Grade
Bear	3 rd Grade
Webelos	4 th & 5 th Grades

5th Graders will bridge over (graduate) to a Boy Scout troop of your choosing in the month of February. There are several in the area.

How often does Pack 850 go camping?

Pack 850 typically goes tent camping 4 times a year – twice in the fall and twice in the spring. The camping fee is usually \$30 per person.

Camping Gear Provided by Pack 850

- Cooking gear
- Plates, cups, and utensils
- Food and drinks
- First Aid Kit

Does the Pack go on any special field trips or outings?

You bet! Our Pack has visited the USS Midway in San Diego, participated in the Grunion Run, Scout-O-Rama, beach parties, park picnics, and the YMCA Day Camp. Also, and more importantly, individual Dens will often go on field trips to local points of interest. These include local historical sites, fire stations, and the Oak Canyon Nature Center just to name a few.

Does Cub Scout Pack 850 have a Website?

Yes. Our pack website at www.pack850-ocbsa.org.

Who can I contact for more information?

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