

Ways to Involve Parents in Packs

Parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. They do not need to have a rich background in Scouting. They need a desire to work and help young people, a willingness to make time in their busy schedules. Training and lots of resources are available. More importantly, they need to know that their fellow Pack members will support their efforts.

Let us break up the jobs that a Pack normally would have to have a quality unit:

First there's the **one year commitment working mostly with adults (all of these jobs need to review the Cub Scout Fast Start Training and attend Cub Scout Leader Basic Training)**:

Chartered Organization Representative this person is in direct contact between the Pack and the chartered organization (school or church). This person also is the organization's contact with the district committee (American Elm) and the local council (Black Swamp Area Council). This person organizes the Pack, helps recruit the new leaders, and encourages leaders and boys to advance as well as other important duties.

See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Committee Chairperson Presides at all Pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members. See that all committee members are trained for their positions. Plan the Roundup, review the charter and reregistration as well as other important duties. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Secretary They need to know about all Cub Scout literature, and materials and help the Pack members use them effectively. They need to maintain up -to-date records on membership, leadership, attendance, and advancements. They need to keep accurate records of Pack meetings and inform members of meetings and events. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Treasurer Keeps up-to-date financial records, including a bank account. Provides a monthly financial report to the Pack and guides the Pack in conducting council approved fundraisers. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Advancement Chairperson This person has a working knowledge of Cub Scout and Webelos advancement requirements. They help the Pack plan induction and advancement recognition ceremonies. They promote the proper use of the insignia and uniforms. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Training They need to have a working knowledge of the training plan for Cub Scout leaders. They promote attendance to Roundtables, Pow Wows. They

develop a Pack library for dens and leaders to use. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Pack Newsletter Editor or Public relations. This person informs the Pack on what is happening each month and guides members in the Pack policies. They inform local media about Pack events. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Membership Chairperson This person helps the committee prepare the reregistration papers, helps promote recruitment plans. This person helps to insure a smooth transition from Webelos to Boy Scouts, as well as other duties. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Second, there's the **one year commitment working mostly with youths (all of these jobs need to review the Cub Scout Fast Start Training and attend Cub Scout Leader Basic Training):**

Cubmaster Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack committee. Leads the monthly Pack meeting and attends the monthly Pack leaders' meeting where he serves as the program adviser. He coordinates the total Cub Scout program in the Pack. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Assistant Cubmaster They assist the Cubmaster as needed and can fill in for the Cubmaster, if necessary. The Cubmaster can divide the responsibilities between himself and his Assistant (s) to promote a quality unit as well as other duties. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Assistant Cubmaster Two or three are helpful same as above. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Den Leader Coach They help recruit and train new leaders and assistants. They encourage leaders to attend Fast Start and Basic Training and Roundtables. Encourage leaders with support and help and be available to attend den meeting as needed, as well as other duties. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Tiger Cub Den Leader They complete Tiger Cub fast start training and coordinate Tiger Cub orientation, participation in Pack activities and the graduation ceremony. Reregisters the Tiger Cubs and their partners as Wolves at charter time, serves as resource person for the Tiger Cub dens. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Wolf Den Leader Have a working knowledge of the Wolf requirements to carry out the Pack program in their dens. They work with the Pack leaders to ensure that their den is an active and successful part of the Pack. Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the assistant den leader and den chief if available. Keep accurate advancement records and see that scouts are recognized promptly for their achievements. Attend the Pack committee meetings and led the den at the monthly Pack meeting. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Assistant Wolf Den Leader They share in the work of the Den leader and may be called to serve as a parent contact or record keeper, or handle other details assigned by the Den leader. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Bear Den Leader Have a working knowledge of the Bear requirements to carry out the Pack program in their dens. They work with the Pack leaders to ensure that their den is an active and successful part of the Pack. Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the assistant den leader and den chief if available. Keep accurate advancement records and see that scouts are recognized promptly for their achievements. Attend the Pack committee meetings and led the den at the monthly Pack meeting. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Assistant Bear Den Leader They share in the work of the Den leader and may be called to serve as a parent contact or record keeper, or handle other details assigned by the Den leader. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Webelos I Den Leader Have a working knowledge of the Webelos requirements to carry out the Pack program in their dens. They work with the Pack leaders to ensure that their den is an active and successful part of the Pack. Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the assistant den leader and den chief if available. Attend the Pack committee meetings and led the den at the monthly Pack meeting. Keep accurate advancement records and see that scouts are recognized promptly for their achievements. Work with a Boy Scout Troop to insure that the Webelos scouts graduate into a troop. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Assistant Webelos I Den Leader They share in the work of the Den leader and may be called to serve as a parent contact or record keeper, or handle other details assigned by the Den leader. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Webelos II Den Leader Have a working knowledge of the Webelos requirements to carry out the Pack program in their dens. They work with the Pack leaders to ensure that their den is an active and successful part of the Pack. Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the assistant den leader and den chief if available. Attend the Pack committee meetings and led the den at the monthly Pack meeting. Keep accurate advancement records and see that scouts are recognized promptly for their achievements. Work with a Boy Scout Troop to insure that the Webelos scouts graduate into a troop. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Assistant Webelos II Den Leader They share in the work of the Den leader and may be called to serve as a parent contact or record keeper, or handle other details assigned by the Den leader. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 4.

Third, the **one time commitment-You plan and carry out a single activity**. Each Pack committee decides what activity they will participate in; these are just some idea starters.

Scouting for Food Coordinator-Time and date set by Districts. Information is given out at Roundtable and Training. This is usually held in the fall. Two weekends, one to drop off bags the other to pick up full bags of canned goods.

Pack Fundraising Activity Coordinator (Popcorn Chairman) - Time and date set by Districts. Information is given out at Roundtable and Training. This is usually held in the fall. See that the scouts have order forms and know how to sell their products. Take orders, turn them in and tally total. After order is in, you deliver it to the scouts and check money and turn in records.

Mid-Year Holiday Party Coordinator-They could plan the Christmas caroling and party events.

Pinewood Derby Coordinator-This person organizes the race, the crew to set up the track and run the race, as well as get parents to run the placement charts for the scouts and parents. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapters 9, 16 and 18.

Blue and Gold Banquet Coordinator-This marks the anniversary of Scouting. The scouts and their leaders create simple decorations. See the Cub Scout Leader How-To book, and Cub Scout Leader Book chapters 7, 9 and 18.

Friends of Scouting Coordinator- See Cub Scout Leader Book chapters 4, 6 and 18.

Spring Picnic Coordinator-Someone who plans a picnic and an activity for the families to enjoy together.

Cub Scout Day Camp Coordinator- This person goes to Day Camp Training held at Roundtable (American Elm is usually in May) and learns how their Pack and Dens will operate while at Camp. They coordinate all the paper work that lists who is going, what Den they're in, who will be the Day Leader while at camp. They make sure that all scouts have Health records up -to-date and signed by parents. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapters 10, 11, and 18.

Webelos Resident Camp Coordinator- This person goes to the Spring Roundtable. They coordinate all the paper work that lists who is going, what Den they're in, who will be the Leader while at camp. They make sure that all scouts have Health records up-to-date and signed by parents See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 11.

Summertime Pack Activities Coordinator-This person plans and conducts with the Pack committee at least three summertime activities-- **one each month**.

Packs receive a full color certificate and an attractive streamer for the Pack flag. Dens with an average attendance of at least half of their members at the three events are eligible of a colorful den participation ribbon. Scouts who participate in all three Pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack award pin. The person keeps track of which scout attended which event so that application for awards can be filled and sent in. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapters 10 and 17.

Rain gutter regatta Coordinator –This person plans and conducts the race. Packs can buy two boats and rain gutters, or let the boys make their own boats if they desire. Many items like ribbons, medals and trophies are available at your scout shop or you can create your own. This makes a great summertime activity. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 9.

Space Derby Coordinator –This person plans and conducts the race. Packs can buy two miniature rockets, or let the boys make their own rockets if they desire. Many items like ribbons, medals and trophies are available at your scout shop or you can create your own. This makes a great summertime activity. See Cub Scout Leader Book chapter 9.

Maybe a Phone Coordinator-Someone who can call parents about last minute announcements. They could contact the leaders who they could not reach.

Transportation Coordinator-They could arrange for drivers and routing for field trips as well as fill out necessary forms. These are a small sampling of ideas that you can fill with parent volunteers.

These are a small sampling of ideas that you can fill with parent volunteers. Other parents could be a **New Parent Orientation Coordinator**- (who helps the new parent learn the scout lingo and where to get the needed supplies. Or maybe volunteer as a **Uniform Exchange Coordinator**- (who keeps track of the Pack surplus uniforms).

The best way is to have ideas available that you would like filled, a brief description about the job, its duration, what kind of skills are needed. Meet with your prospective volunteer and talk about how they can help their son and his friends. Remind them, it's a great opportunity to meet some new friends and have fun.