

# CUB SCOUT PACK 4031 F.A.Q.'s

## What are Pack 4031 Program Costs?

Pack 4031 is completely self-funded through our families and fundraising efforts. Each fall we have our Popcorn Sale, in which we require every family to participate. Each family is asked to raise \$85 in proceeds, per scout. These are the funds we need to run our program. Any family that would like to opt-out of fundraising may pay the \$85 out of pocket. All funds raised are return to the families through program activities - Pack 4031 has no paid leadership. Portions of any Popcorn Sale funds raised above the required amount, as well as our optional additional fundraisers, are used to financially assist you in other scouting opportunities. We do everything we can to make scouting fun and affordable to everyone so taking advantage of our various fundraising opportunities allow every scout family to participate with minimal out of pocket expenses.

Examples of what our Popcorn Sale fundraiser pays for:

- Each Scout and Leader's Annual National BSA Registration Fee (\$33ea)
- Awards and patches the scouts earn all year round
- Pack equipment and supplies used in Pack and Den activities

Examples of items and events not covered in the Den & Pack program:

- Boy's Life Magazine; \$12 annually
- Car and boat kits used in derby races; typically, \$5 per kit
- Camp Opportunities; ranges \$20 to \$175 per participant
- Pack outings to Athletic Events; such as Blizzard Football, Gamblers Hockey and Bullfrog Baseball

Examples of how additional funds raised were returned to scout families in the past:

- Pack purchasing uniform neckerchief and slides
- Pack purchasing scout handbooks
- Paid admission to events such as camp and athletic events
- Paid for Pinewood Derby Kits
- Paid for Pack T-Shirt

## What are my Family Responsibilities?

*Nothing tells your child you care more than choosing to be with them.*

Cub Scouting is an adult-led program. Leaders are volunteers—parents and other family members—who, like everyone, have many other obligations and can't do it all. All parents/guardians need to be involved in the Den and Pack because this is the only way the program can work. But more important, family members are involved because they enjoy spending time with their son and activities are fun for them too!

## Volunteering

Each family is expected to volunteer in some capacity. There are many needs. Volunteer activities range from planning a specific activity at a Den meeting, to coordinating a Pack activity, to leadership in a Pack Committee position. Some opportunities include:

- Pack Committee. This is the "planning committee" that helps determine the types of activities the Pack is going to do and provides organizational support to Pack leadership.
- Pack or Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader. All Pack and Den Leaders are parents. Even if your Den already has leader, you can be an assistant or help in other ways. Just ask!
- Events and Activities. Every event needs help to run. If you're at the event and see a need—fill it!

Family members are encouraged attend monthly parent meetings even if you're not an "official" leader. If you have ideas or know of opportunities for fun, please let us know!

### Attending Den and Pack Events

For Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (1<sup>st</sup> grade) Scouts, an "Adult Partner" (parent/guardian) is required to attend all Cub Scout events with their scout. For other grades, it is highly encouraged and may be required by the Den for certain events.

At every den level, the Scout's parent/adult partner is welcome to attend den meetings (den leaders will appreciate the help), and the whole family is always welcome at the pack meetings. Pack events showcase what scouts have worked on in their Den meetings and provide an opportunity for youth and families to interact. While children at this age seem to be struggling toward independence, having the approval of their parents and other adults whom they admire remains important to them - so your presence at these meetings is critical to underscore the importance of the lessons your child has learned.

### Working with Your Scout:

Parents/adults work with their scouts on badge activities and help them along the advancement trail. Parents/adults sign off in books when badge items are completed. Scouts will then check in their items with the Den Leaders and Den Mentors. There is no "test" for achievement completion. The important thing to remember is that to complete each requirement, the Scout must **do their best**.

### **What is the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Policy?**

BSA is fully committed to youth protection. We encourage you to view the information online at <http://www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.aspx> so you understand the steps that are taken. There are no secrets in Cub Scouts; parents are welcome in any organizational meetings of the pack, district or council.

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### **Communication Resources**

Website & online calendar: [www.pack4031.com](http://www.pack4031.com)

Public Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Pack4031](https://www.facebook.com/Pack4031)

Private Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/pack4031/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/pack4031/)

SMS Notifications: Text **PACK4031** to **84483** to receive messages from Pack 4031