**Cub Scout Pack \_\_\_ – Fall (YEAR) Family Orientation**

**What To Expect This Year**

We are excited to offer you and your family an excellent year of learning, character-building, and fun!

**General plans, communications**

* Meetings and activities are scheduled for the school year. See Sept - Dec calendar provided—please mark **YOUR** calendar with these dates.
  + In general, we will have two Pack/Den meetings per month, where we work on advancements, with additional activities scheduled on weekends.
* “Like” our public page on Facebook, (page name). We also have a “Parents – \_\_\_\_\_\_ ” private group that we use for communication of details that don’t need to be on the public page.
* You will be added to a texting/email communication group through Remind.
* Remind and email will be how we communicate. No group texts for Pack plans.
  + However, Den leaders may reach out individually to parents as well via email, call and/or text.

**Leadership & Safety**

* Packs are fully volunteer-led.
  + The Committee Chair does much of the planning, checklists and other details for the Pack.
  + The Cubmaster is the guide, encourager and oversees many activities.
  + Each Den has a separate Den leader to plan and oversee that Den’s activities that lead to advancements (required activities for each Scout to complete his or her rank)
    - We need \_\_\_ Den leaders to volunteer.
* All registered adult leaders complete Youth Protection Training, which is the highest standard of training among youth-serving groups.
  + One aspect of Youth Protection is that there are always at least two adults present at all times with any Scout, even during transportation.
* Some of our adults have also completed outdoor safety training (for camping), water safety, other courses.
* Ask the Committee Chair or Cubmaster about training opportunities.

**Fundraising**

* Like most other BSA units, our Pack sells popcorn to fund our Pack activities. Selling popcorn offsets what you as parents will pay out of pocket. We will have product to sell at prescheduled storefronts; to friends, family and neighbors; and opportunities to take orders for later delivery.
* Details and training will be provided at the (date) Pack/Den meeting.

**Being Prepared for Meetings:** The Scout motto is “Be Prepared.” Here’s how to prepare for meetings.

* To each meeting, Scouts should:
  + Bring a water bottle
  + Bring their **Scout handbook** (available at Scout shop at Eykamp Scout Center)
  + **Wear their uniform** (also available at Scout shop*)* 
    - Only scouts in full uniform can lead meeting openings
    - *Tip: buy a shirt a little large, as it can last more than one year that way).*
    - Note:We’ll also be ordering a “Class B” uniform (t-shirt) to wear for field days and similar events.
* We will start with the opening ceremony and flags promptly at starting time so that we can work on activities.
* At each meeting, we will start with reciting the Scout Law and Scout Oath. Scouts can practice at home!
  + **Scout Oath:** On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.
  + **Scout Law**: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.
    - Once Scouts know the Oath & Law by heart, they earn their Bobcat badge.

**Contact info**

* Cubmaster name, phone, email
* Committee Chair name, phone, email