

## PACK 268 – NEW PARENT INFORMATION

**Meeting Location:** Chamblee FUMC Scout Hut – 4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.

**Meeting Time:** Tuesday 7-8pm, whenever school is in session. Dens may hold activities/move meetings to other nights to fit schedules (for example, hikes, fire/police station visits)

**Attendees at meetings:** Cub Scouting is a family activity – parent/guardian attendance/participation is always appreciated! Siblings/sisters can come and participate as appropriate, but parents are responsible to manage.

Tigers (first grade) require attendance with parent/adult partner

**Dues:** 2015-16 Pack dues are \$75 – includes BSA dues.

**Required uniform:** All scouts should have the following – many uniform components are available as hand me downs from past Scouts - please ask:

- Cub Scout shirt (recommend short sleeve; blue for Tigers, Wolves, Bears; Webelos can have Boy Scout shirt).
- Insignia (council shoulder patch, world crest, Unit numbers (268)
- Cub Scout hat
- Cub Scout belt
- Optional – Cub Scout shorts/pants
- Neckerchief & Neckerchief slide
- Handbook (changed for 2015 – old handbooks will not match new program)

All available at Scout Shop (1800 Circle 75 Pkwy, 30339)

**Cub Scouts are required to wear uniform to den & pack meetings!**

**Also:** Please have you son wear closed-toed shoes to meetings – they will be running and playing games outside. Recommend t-shirt under Scout shirt in fall/spring, long sleeved t-shirt in winter.

**Other equipment:**

All boys: a fanny pack or day pack for hikes/outings. Water bottle (that fits in pack)

For all boys and participating parents on outings/campouts – complete & provide BSA Medical Form A/B in advance

Webelos/boys camping: Sleeping bag, pillow, mess kit, old bookbag for clothes/toiletries. Tent not required but helpful.

**Planned 2015-16 Camping events:**

Webelos den campouts – parents not required, but encouraged – Sept 26-27, March 19-20

Pack overnights – all boys/siblings allowed with parents/family – Nov 7-8, Apr 16-17

Spookyree – special Council-wide Halloween campout – Oct 9-11

We need help with camping! If you have camping gear (tents, stoves, dutch ovens or other cook gear) or experience camping, please help to plan and run the campouts!

**Other special 2015-16 events:**

Fall Festivals – Pack 268 will be running a Raingutter Regatta at the Chamblee First UMC Fall Festival (Oct 17) & Huntley Hills ES Fall Festival (Oct 24)

Scout Sunday – Chamblee First UMC will recognize all Scouts at Sunday services (8:45 am and 11:00 am) on Feb 7. Please plan to bring your Scout and attend.

Pinewood Derby – Boys will race cars they have built and painted. Race is 27 Feb; top three finishers eligible for district race 2-3 weeks later

Blue and Gold Banquet – celebrate Cub Scouts! Family dinner, pack meeting - Mar 12 (tent.)

**Leader/volunteer training:**

Please consider becoming a ‘Scouter’! Many opportunities for training are available at low cost:

Free Online training (log in at [myscouting.scouting.org](http://myscouting.scouting.org))

Youth Protection – Required for all leaders; Strongly recommended for all parents

This is Scouting – Recommended for all parents – Understand Scouting objectives

Position-specific training - Den Leader, pack committee

Training course offered by Atlanta Area Council

District Roundtable: Second Tuesday of each month – Oak Grove UMC

BALOO – required for pack overnights. Offered at Chamblee UMC Scout Hut on 19 Sept

OWL – required for Webelos den campouts

CPR – Available at council on 12 Dec

University of Scouting – one day of seminar sessions – 23 January.

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**For announcements:**

On Google Groups ([groups.google.com](http://groups.google.com)): search for ‘bspack268’