



## PACK 268 – NEW PARENT INFORMATION

**Our purpose:** Use outdoor adventures and fun to teach our sons initiative, teamwork, responsibility and the importance of helping others

**Meeting Location & Time:** Chamblee First UMC Scout Hut – 4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd (behind the gym/Activities Building). Regular meeting time is Tuesday 7-8 pm, every week when school is in session. Individual dens may meet on different days or times as agreed by parents and leaders.

**Attendees at meetings:** Cub Scouts is a family activity – attendance and participation by parents and siblings is encouraged!

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

**Dues:** 2016-17 Pack dues are \$75 (covers BSA program costs and awards). Additional contributions may be required to cover individual den/packs trips or outings

**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); Insignia (council shoulder patch, world crest, Unit numbers); hat; belt
- Neckerchief & Neckerchief slide
- Cub Scout Handbook (new ones released in 2015 – older books will not apply)

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

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

**Also:** Please have your 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 (string bag is fine) for hikes/outings. Water bottle (that fits in pack)

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



## **Questions**

### **What makes Pack 268 different from other Cub Scout packs?**

- Dedicated 2000 sq ft Scout Hut available for meetings (no need to meet in parent's houses!)
- 30+ acre property at Chamblee UMC, with nature trails, woods, fields for games. (We host Cub Scout Day Camp in June for all of North DeKalb)
- Smaller size – entire pack able to meet together every week. Younger Cubs can learn from older ones!
- Low fundraising requirements – parents not obliged to help with popcorn sales

### **Do I have to be a member of Chamblee UMC to join? Is Cub Scouts open to my religion?**

- Pack 268 is open to families of all faiths; while many Chamblee UMC events and service activities are available to us, Cub Scout faith requirements will be led by parents and family.

### **Do I have to volunteer as a leader?**

- Other than for Tigers, parents do not have to be involved at every meeting – but the more that you participate, the more your son will enjoy and get out of Cub Scouts.

### **My son is a fifth grader – is it too late to start Cub Scouts?**

- No! Every year is its own separate program. Starting in fifth grade is a great way to get ready for the move to Boy Scouts in sixth grade.

### **Planned 2016-17 events:**

Three hikes – first one September 17

Two campouts – fall campout planned for November 5

Raingutter Regatta at Chamblee UMC Fall Festival (Oct 15) and Huntley Hills ES (Oct 29)

Pinewood Derby – March 4

Atlanta Council Family Camping events – Spooky-ree (October) and Spring Fling (April)

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