

Cub Scout Pack 1720 Information Guide 2025-26

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AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
			Date TBD - Fall service project				Date TBD - Spring service project		
	Thurs 9/4 Den meetings begin Dates/times vary. Check with your den leader!	Sat 10/4 – Rocket Derby in Hutto, 8:30 AM–12:00 PM 🎻	TBD, Veterans Ceremony @ Veterans Memorial Park, 8:00-10:00 AM	Sat-Sun, 12/6-12/7 - AOL Invitational @ Lost Pines Scout Reservation		Sat 2/7 – Pinewood Derby Car Workshop, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM			
			Sat, 11/8 - CAC Activity - Scouturday Speedfest @ COTA, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Fri 12/7 - Parent's social, 7:00-10:00 PM					
Wed 8/13 LISD First Day of School		10/16-10/20 - LISD Student Holiday	Sat-Sun 11/15-11/16 AOL Fall Camporee @ Smilin V Scout Ranch		Thurs 1/15 – Pack meeting @ Faubion Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM	2/12-2/16 - LISD Student Holiday	3/16-3/20 – LISD Spring Break		
Thurs 8/21 – Annual kickoff pack meeting @ Milburn Park, 6:30-8:00 PM	Thurs 9/18 – Pack meeting @ Deer Creek Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM	Fri,Sat,Sun, 10/17,10/18,10/19 – Fall Campout @ Cub World, Camp Tom Wooten &	Thurs 11/20 – Pack meeting @ Deer Creek Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM			Sat, 2/21 – Pinewood Derby @ Deer Creek Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM	Thurs 3/26 – Pack meeting @ Faubion Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM	(TENTATIVE) Sun 4/19 – Blue and Gold Banquet, 5:00-7:00 PM @ Cedar Park High School Cafeteria	Thurs 5/21 – Pack meeting @ Deer Creek Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM
	Sat, 9/27 - CAC Activity: Cub Scout Kite and Rocket Festival @ Smilin V Scout Ranch, Liberty Hill, 8:30 AM-3:45 PM	Thurs 10/23 – Pack meeting @ Faubion Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 PM	Sat, 11/22 - CAC Activity - Cub-O Orienteering Day @ Northeast Metro Park, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM				Fri/Sat/Sun, 3/27,3/28,3/29 – Spring Campout @ Cub World, Camp Tom Wooten &	4/25- 4/26 Sat-Sun, USS Lexington Overnight Adventure, Corpus Christi, TX	5/29 – LISD Last Day of School
			11/24-11/28 – LISD Fall Break (Thanksgiving)	12/22-1/3 – LISD Winter Break					

Welcome to Pack 1720!

We're excited to kick off another year of Cub Scouting with you and your family. This document is your go-to guide for the 2025–26 program year, offering a clear overview of what's ahead, from pack and den meetings, to campouts, council events, and leadership contacts. You'll also find key details about costs, communication tools, and how we track your Scout's progress. Whether your family is new to Scouting or a returning family, we hope this guide helps you feel informed, connected, and ready for a great year with Pack 1720.

Pack meetings

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:00 PM, September through May.

Where: Alternates between Faubion Elementary School cafeteria and Deer Creek Elementary School cafeteria (check calendar each month)

Exceptions:

- October Meeting moved to Thursday, 10/23 due to LISD student holiday
- December no meeting planned for Thursday, 12/18
- February Meeting moved to Saturday, 2/21 for Pinewood Derby
- April Meeting moved to on Sunday, 4/19 for Blue and Gold Banquet

Den meetings

When:

- Lions (Kindergarten), Tigers (1st grade), and Webelos (4th grade): Meets the 1st Thursdays of each month, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Wolves (2nd grade), Bears (3rd grade): Meets the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of each month, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Arrow of Light (5th grade): Meets each Thursday, except when there is a pack meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM

Where: Anderson Mill West Park or other location, depending on activity

Parent's meetings

When: The first 20-30 minutes of monthly pack meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30-7:00 PM

All parents are encouraged to join these monthly meetings to hear announcements and leader updates, prepare for the next month's activities, **volunteer** to help where needed, and ask questions. We meet while the scouts engage in an activity, before opening flag ceremonies

Campouts

All family members are welcome to attend campouts (sign up and payment required for food/meals planning). Friday night arrival is optional, most families will arrive on Saturday between 8:00-9:00 AM and depart on Sunday no later than 11:00 AM.

Location: Cub World @ Camp Tom Wooten (Bastrop, TX), Elgin VFW and Garrison campsites

Fall campout: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 17-19th

Spring campout: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 27-29th

Planned events

- Rocket Derby Saturday, October 4th in Hutto/Taylor, TX (Austin Area Rocketry Group launch site)
- Veterans Ceremony November Date TBD, 8-10AM @ Veterans Memorial Park
- Pinewood Derby pack meeting Saturday, February 21st
- Blue & Gold Banquet pack meeting Sunday, April 19th
- USS Lexington Overnight Adventure April 25-26
- Fall and spring service projects (cleanup at Peace Lutheran Church property or other)
- Fundraisers at Deer Creek and Faubion spring events

Capitol Area Council (CAC) events

The **Capitol Area Council** (CAC) serves as the Central Texas office of the national Scouting America organization. Each program year, CAC hosts a handful of events specifically designed for Cub Scouts. While we include these events on our pack calendar to raise awareness and encourage participation, they are optional and not coordinated by our pack. Families interested in attending should register individually. Most CAC events require a fee for both scouts and adults, which is paid directly to CAC at the time of registration.

Cub Scout Activities - Scouting America - Capitol Area Council

Pack leadership team (2025-26)

Pack leaders are **volunteers** who help deliver the cub scouting program to our scouts and are parents of current or former scouts.

The **Cubmaster** and **Den Leaders** interact directly with scouts to lead and execute the overall program and den-level activities.

Cubmaster	René Sanchez		
Assistant Cubmaster	Carl DeAngelo		
Den Leaders	Kat Owen – Lion Den (Kindergarten)		
	Greg Battista – Tiger Den (1st Grade)		
	Charlie Saunders – Wolf Den (2 nd Grade)		
	Joy Kulis – Bear Den (3 rd Grade)		
	Alex Moore – Webelos Den (4 th Grade)		
	Gregory Andres – Arrow of Light Den (5th Grade)		

Pack committee members are responsible for the "business" of the pack and support the Cubmaster and Den Leaders in delivering the scouting program.

Committee Chair	Richard Calderon
Treasurer	Steve Wiesenthal
Secretary	Kate Curtin
Chartered Organization Representative (Peace Lutheran Church)	Steve Roberts

Costs of Cub Scouting

(From our website, FAQ #7) Scouting has some **required** and some **optional** costs that we try to keep as low as possible. Here is an estimate of the costs per scout (as of 2025-26 program year):

Required Costs

Scouting America National Registration fee (annual membership, paid directly to Scouting America)	\$85 Youth Registration Fee \$15 Scout Life magazine (you can opt in or out of this)
 Annual dues, paid directly to Pack 1720 via Venmo, cash or check. Covers costs for: Lion or Tiger Cub Scout handbook 	\$50
 Pack "Class B" t-shirt 	
 Pack operating costs (adult volunteer registration fees, etc.) 	
Total	\$135 - \$150

Optional Costs (based on participation)

Fall Campout	\$20 per person for shared meals
	\$5 per scout for target practice activity (Archery)
	\$5 per scout for target practice activity (BB gun)
Spring Campout	\$20 per person, shared meal costs
	\$5 per scout for target practice activity (Archery)
	\$5 per scout for target practice activity (BB gun)
Overnight Activity (Estimate)	\$95 per person (does not include travel costs)
Rocket Derby	\$10 - \$20 per scout (depending on your add-ons)

Pinewood Derby	\$10 - \$20 per scout (depending on your add-ons)
Annual Award Ceremony Dinner (Blue and Gold)	\$15 per person
Estimated Total	\$210

These costs may vary depending on when you join during the program year and your activity choices.

E.g., if you select to attend the Fall campout, with one scout and two parents/adult caregivers, we ask you to contribute:

- \$60 (\$20+\$20+\$20) to help cover the cost of shared meals
- \$10 (\$5 for Archery + \$5 for BBs) if you'd like your scout to participate in these activities
- for a total of \$70

For additional information, please see the <u>Cost of Cub Scouting | Scouting America</u>. Our pack also engages in fundraising activities during the year to help cover our program and administrative expenses.

Membership fees (Scouting America)

Membership fees are paid directly to Scouting America for each scout (and adult leader if in a leadership role). Membership period and renewal month/date is based on initial registration date.

For **returning scouts**, please be sure to renew your Scouting America annual membership before the expiration date.

Go to https://my.scouting.org/ (sign in with your member ID) > My Applications

How to join for **new scouts**: from our pack website: https://pack1720.org, click on the yellow "Join Pack 1720!" button, and complete and submit a youth application along with payment to register.



Pack 1720 website QR code



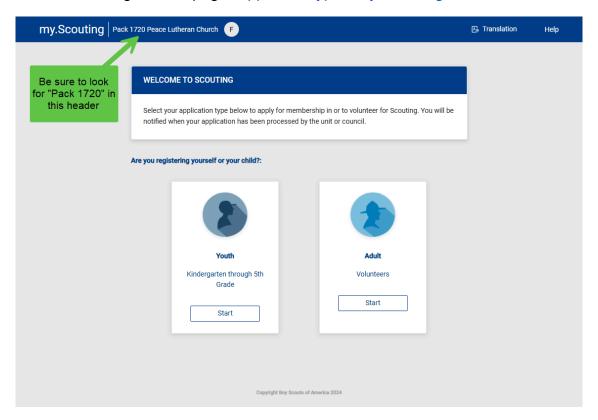
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Pack 1720 mobile website



Pack 1720 desktop website (header)

Direct link to this registration page: Applicant Type - My Scouting



My.Scouting.org website to submit a new application

Pack annual dues

Annual pack dues are paid directly to Pack 1720 to purchase Cub Scout Handbooks (Lions and Tigers only), "Class B" t-shirts, and to offset pack operating expenses (adult volunteer membership fees, etc.)

Dues should be paid (\$50 per scout) **before or by 9/30/2025**. Payment can be made by **cash, check, or Venmo** (preferred): <u>Venmo | Pack Seventeen Twenty</u>.



Pack Communications and Advancements Tracking

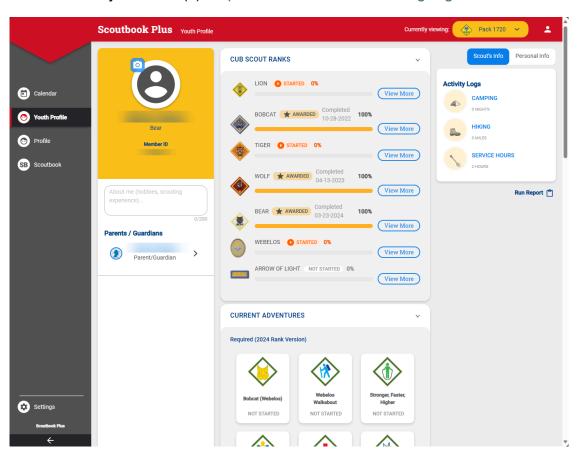
BAND

Our primary method of communication with parents is through the **BAND** app. We use it to share and update our pack calendar and keep everyone generally informed through posts and group chats. Parents can also share and view photos from our activities throughout the year. BAND can be used through the mobile app (iOS and Android) or through a web browser at: https://band.us.

Once we receive your youth membership application, we will send you a link to join our private BAND (invited members only).

Scoutbook Plus

Scoutbook Plus is the online service provided by Scouting America where you can track advancements for your scout(s): https://advancements.scouting.org/.



You can also use the **Scouting mobile app** (search "Scouting BSA" on Apple App Store or Google Play).

Uniform Closet

To help families ease into Scouting without the full cost of new gear, Pack 1720 maintains a **Uniform Closet** stocked with gently used *Class A* Cub Scout shirts available to any family in the pack. Uniforms are offered on a borrow-or-keep basis, depending on availability. If your Scout outgrows an item or no longer needs it, we welcome donations back to the closet so others can benefit.

Safeguarding Youth Training

While not required, we strongly encourage all parents to complete Scouting America's **Safeguarding Youth Training**. This short, online course helps adults understand how to recognize, prevent, and respond to situations that could compromise youth safety—whether during Scouting activities or in everyday life. It reinforces our shared commitment to creating a **safe**, **respectful**, and **inclusive** environment for every child.

By taking this training, parents gain valuable insight into Scouting America's youth protection policies and become even stronger partners in our mission. When more adults are informed and proactive, our pack becomes a safer, more supportive space for everyone.

Learn more about Safeguarding Youth Training on scouting.org.