



Welcome to

The
Lindsay Cub Scouts
Pack 4377
Lindsay, Oklahoma

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The Lindsay United Methodist Church

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Last Year's Lindsay Cub Scouts

A Little Boy Scout History

In the world, each country has its own independent Boy Scout organization. Every person in the world who is a member of their country's Boy Scout organization is allowed to wear the Boy Scout world crest on their uniform.



World Crest



Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scout organization in the United States of America is called the Boy Scouts of America which is abbreviated as BSA. The basic organizational unit of the Boy Scouts of America is a council. The Lindsay Cub Scouts is a unit of the Last Frontier Council based in Oklahoma City which consists of roughly the western half of Oklahoma. There are a total of 3 councils in Oklahoma. Units of a council can be Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Explorer posts, Venture posts, or Sea Scout ships. The Boy Scout troop in Lindsay is Troop 4377 and the Cub Scout pack in Lindsay is Pack 4377.



Cub Scout Logo

The Lindsay Cub Scouts is a pack. A pack consists of several dens of such types as Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, 1st year Webelos, and 2nd year Webelos.

And now for a little local history. There used to be 2 packs in Lindsay. Pack 377 sponsored by the Lindsay United Methodist Church and Pack 391 sponsored by the Lindsay First Christian Church. Both were members of the Black Beaver Council based in Lawton, Oklahoma. Pack 391 folded sometime between 1970 and 1990. Pack 377 continued on, but its council, the Black Beaver Council folded between 1990 and 2000 and was absorbed by the Last Frontier Council. But, at that time there were at least 2 packs with the number 377, so they added a 4th digit and Pack 377 in Lindsay became Pack 4377 and Pack 377 in Edmond became Pack 2377. Because there is now only one pack in Lindsay, our pack can now be called the Lindsay Cub Scouts.

You do not have to be a Methodist to be a member of the Lindsay Cub Scouts which is sponsored by the Lindsay United Methodist Church. We are truly thankful to the Church which provide their buildings and vehicles to us as a ministry and outreach to the community of Lindsay. We try to always have a member of the Church on our staff and they always strive to make sure non-Methodists are members of their scouting ministry.

We, as Lindsay Cub scouts, are forever grateful to the Church for putting up with the stress and expense that we must regrettably inevitably cause. Because of this inevitable problem, we try to show our thankfulness to them by being extra careful with their stuff and by showing up to the Church on Scout Sunday in February every year. If we can't show up one measley time per year in the church that supports us all year long, we don't deserve to participate in the ministry that they provide for us free-of-charge. Think about it!! Be there on Scout Sunday in February!!



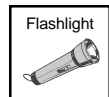
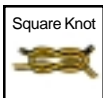
General Rules

- #1 Rule of Life: Safety First.
- #2 You must stay within eyesight of an adult or a leader except upon arriving or leaving.
- #3 No running, throwing, touching other people's stuff, disrespecting, or making a mess, without permission.
- Stay with the group.
- Every scout must have a uniform, a handbook, and a vinyl bookcover.
- There are no den meetings on days when there is no school.
- Den meetings are once a week on either Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays depending on when your den leader decides to have them.
- If you can't attend a meeting, call John Geffre and leave a message why you didn't make it. You may be called to find out why you weren't there. The reason is that we've had trouble with kids being dropped off at a scout meeting but not going to it. The parents thought they were at the meeting but the kid was running around town for an hour, unsupervised. Not a good deal.
- Pack meetings are once a month if and when we decide to have one.
- Special events happen all the time, at unpredictable times, and are often decided upon at the spur of the moment. Sorry about that.
- Uniforms should be worn at all scout events. Handbooks should be brought to all den meetings (not pack meetings or special events.)
- Our policy on wearing Cub Scout caps indoors has not been decided at this time. This is the first year we are allowing caps. The boys want to wear them, so we will try them for at least this one year.
- Keep all your Cub Scout stuff in one pile. 10"x12"x15" boxes are available from John Geffre for \$1.50 to put all your Cub Scout stuff in. Keep your handbook, neckerchief and slide in your Cub Scout box.
- Scout items can be bought for the same prices that you could buy them from their original sources at Geffre's Home Furnishings by calling John Geffre ahead of time at 405-756-6091 (leave a message).



Handbook Calendars

- The calendars are free and are given to the scout when he buys his handbook and vinyl bookcover.
- The calendar fits in the vinyl bookcover in the back cover of the handbook.
- The calendar will be a sticker book of all the Cub Scout activities for the year. Years later, the scout can open up his old scout handbook and open up the calendar and remember every event that happened.
- This year a new and different sticker will be given out for every event that a scout attends, if the scout also wears his uniform and brings his handbook (if it is a den meeting.) If he doesn't, he will get a generic "I was there, but I didn't wear my uniform or bring my handbook" sticker.
- Stickers will be given out at the next den meeting after an event.
- There are other stickers which can be earned such as skill stickers, scavenger hunt stickers, and special stickers. These other stickers should be stuck to the calendar touching the event sticker for that day.
- At every meeting, it will be announced ahead of time and scouts can write it in their calendars how they can earn other stickers the following meeting.
- Skill stickers can be earned by performing the announced skill at the next meeting such as tying a square knot, saying the Cub Scout Promise, or making an origami canoe.
- Scavenger hunt stickers can be earned by bringing the announced object to the next meeting such as a flashlight, a waterbottle, or a backpack.
- Special stickers can be earned for such things as catching a fish, staying overnight, or helping beyond the call of duty.



Campouts

- On all pack campouts, every family must have a designated adult at the campout. This designated adult has to be at least 18 years old and does not have to be related to the scout. This adult can be responsible for 2 or more scouts from one family only.
- On district campouts there has to be a 6 to 1 ratio of adults to scouts with a minimum of 2 adults (12 scouts = 2 adults, 13 scouts = 3 adults.)
- Spending the night in a tent with someone else is called “tenting” with them. Scouts can not tent with an adult who is not their designated adult.
- Three scouts to a Cub Scout tent is OK, but it is crowded and uncomfortable in hot weather. Two scouts to a tent is much better.
- It is a wise rule that no one gets to play in the campfire with a stick. The reason is that later, the stick gets grabbed by the wrong end and burns someone’s fingers or gets laid on the ground and burns someone’s feet.
- There is absolutely no running or throwing things for safety reasons. This rule can be broken only under the watchful eye of an adult for reasons of playing a game or practicing a skill.
- There can be no swimming in non-regulated waters for a reason that has become all too obvious to the Boy Scouts of America, people drown, and they drown on a regular basis.



Money

- Scout registration is \$10.00 per year. An optional monthly Boy's Life magazine subscription is \$9.00 per year. Registrations and subscriptions are due in February of each year. When a new scout joins, he pays the fraction of the year which pays him up to the next February.
- Each scout pays at the beginning of each year, \$5.00 per year, that goes into the pack's general fund. All the leader's handbooks, emblems of office, registrations, and entry fees come out of the general fund.
- Money is kept in each scout's individual account. Please keep your account above zero.
- Money can be earned in fund-raisers activities. 90% of the profit goes into the scout's personal account, not the general fund. the remaining 10% of the profit goes into an account called Friends of Scouting. This Friends of Scouting money is sent to our local council, The Last Frontier Council, to help pay for their support. No money is kept for our pack's general fund.
- It is to your personal advantage to earn as much as you can during fund-raisers because 90% of the profit is to be used for you alone in the following way:
- Money can be drawn out of the scout's personal account to pay for regular Cub Scout expenses such as his registration, uniforms, handbooks, craft supplies, trip gas money, camping food, scout camps, etc. Any money left over can be spent for Cub Scout related items such as sleeping bags (camping equipment), bicycles (Bicycling belt loop), telescopes (Astronomy merit badge), football cleats (Flag Football belt loop), fishing rods (Fishing belt loop), etc.
- This year we are thinking of having 2 fund-raisers. Christmas Wreathes in October and Krispy Kreme Doughnut Discount Cards in the spring.



Uniforms

- Uniforms can cost between \$15 and \$60, depending on the size of the scout and what grade he is in.
- If you earn enough money during the fund-raisers, your uniform will cost you nothing.
- Uniforms can be bought on a payment plan. Talk to John Geffre if you need this option.
- If you need to trade in a uniform for a bigger one, you can sell your old one for half price.
- This year we will start building up a collection of used uniforms that will be handed down from scout to scout at no charge. But if the uniform is lost or damaged, half price of a new replacement must be paid for.

Website

- Our pack's website is "www.lindsayscouts.com" which Darryl Arter registered for us and paid for himself. Thanks, Darryl.
- On this website you can find our calendar of events, pictures of our pack's activities, your advancement records, personal money accounts, and personal web pages.
- Ask us how to get to the personal web pages, they are not available to the general public for security reasons.
- When you are ready to create your own personal web page, contact John Geffre to find out what you need to do. It can be as simple as handing a picture of yourself to him. He will scan it and give you the picture back. Later, you can go on the web and show your friends your picture on the web.



Rules for Advancements

Scouts are encouraged to work on badges and requirements outside regular den meetings and activities. Scouts who have lots of badges earn most of them on their own. In most cases you will not be able to earn the badge for your rank unless you do some work outside den meetings. If a requirement says to tell your den about something, you can discuss it with your parent or guardian instead. If a requirement says to make something (project, list, report, etc.) turn it in to your den leader (be sure to put your name on it). If a requirement says to go somewhere, bring a picture of yourself at that place. We will start having a table at pack meetings to display these items. You can take them back home after the pack meeting.

All requirements completed outside den meetings should be listed on a sheet of paper and turned in at the beginning of a den meeting. The completed requirements will be recorded on the Meeting Record Sheet, the list you turned in will be signed by an adult at the meeting and returned to you. In your book where it says "recorded by the den leader" the parent should fill in the date the requirement was turned in at the den meeting. The book is for you to fill out, not the den leader. Pack records will show the date on the record sheet as the date of completion. Requirements completed in den meetings will be recorded by the den leader on the Meeting Record Sheet.

The requirements are different for each rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelo) in Cub Scouts you need a book to understand what these requirements are. You also need a book so you can find out what you need to work on to earn advancements.

First year Cub Scouts (except Tiger Cubs) must earn their Bobcat Badge before any other advancements can be awarded. Parents have to sign the requirements and turn it in at a den meeting. You can work on other badge requirements before you get your Bobcat Badge, but you cannot receive the other badges. Tiger Cubs must earn their Tiger Cub Badge before they can earn a Bobcat Badge.

You cannot count things you have done before you joined Cub Scouts toward completion of requirements.

In our pack, the only Scouts who 'cross-over' in the spring are second-year Webelos who are going into Boy Scouts. Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, and first-year Webelos keep the same rank until September 1. Activities completed during the summer count toward advancements for the previous year. Example: If you were a Wolf during the 2002-2003 school year, activities during the summer of 2003 count toward Wolf advancements. You cannot work on Bear requirements until the first day of school in 2003.

You can only work on advancements for one rank at a time. If you completed requirements over the summer, you need to turn them in before you turn in anything for the new school year.

If you have questions, about advancement rules please call John Geffre at 756-6091 (leave a message) or Perri Downing at (home) 756-3870 or (cell) 756-6740, and leave a message. We will call you back if we aren't available when you call.

