

Cub Scout Pack 125

Lakewood Ranch, FL



Welcome Packet
2025/26 Calendar Year

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family, and all are welcome to participate.
- You work with your Scout on their various award requirements, both at home and during meetings.
- Many skills they will learn are family-oriented.
- **A parent or guardian is required to attend all events with their Scout.** This includes our monthly meetings and various outings and special events.

Your Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Den

- Dens are organized by grade level.
- Each Den generally meets twice per month.
- The Den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer) and Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).
- During Den meetings, Scouts will work on advancement requirements for their next rank.
- Den meetings also have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

Your Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Pack

- The “Pack” consists of all the Dens and other leaders.
- The Pack meets once a month – all Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend.
- The Cubmaster (parent volunteer) and Assistant Cubmaster (parent volunteer) lead the monthly Pack meeting.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, special guests, ceremonies, and presentations of awards that the Scouts have earned recently.

The Pack is run by a Pack Committee (group of parent volunteers).

- The committee is made up of a Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Treasurer, Den Leaders and Assistants, Event Chairs, and many other positions.
- The committee generally meets once a month. All leaders and parents are encouraged to actively participate in these meetings.
- The committee plans events, organizes volunteers, and sets the agenda for the coming year.

Cub Scout Pack 125 Overview

Our Pack number is: **Pack 125**

Website: cubscoutpack125lwr.org

Pack email: pack125lwr@gmail.com

Pack phone: (941) 877-0272

Our Scouting Council and District are: **Southwest Florida Council, Manatee District**

Website: <https://www.swflcouncilbsa.org/home/71831>

Our Pack leaders are:

Cub Master	Mika Kaletsch	Michael.kaletsch@hotmail.com
Assistant Cub Master	Jeff Cummings	jeffreymcummings@gmail.com
Committee Chair	Rachel Schwegel	RachelLenoreKramer@gmail.com
Treasurer	Casey Schwegel	monk3151@gmail.com

Our Current Dens are:

Grade Level	Den	Den Leader / Assistant Leader	Email
Kindergarten	Lions	Rachel Schwegel Amanda Bolam	RachelLenoreKramer@gmail.com Amanda.M.Bolam@gmail.com
1 st Grade	Tigers	Scott Rose Stephanie Superty	scottrose0202@gmail.com stephaniesuperty@gmail.com
2 nd Grade	Wolves	Shelly Rodriguez	skrmanus@yahoo.com
3 rd Grade	Bears	Matt Poplaski	whitetips13@aol.com
4 th Grade	Webelos 1	Lydia Super Cassandra Laundrie	Lnjcs2@gmail.com claundrie1089@gmail.com
4 th Grade	Webelos 2	Ron Laughlin Hiba Hamadeh	ronlaughlin0414@gmail.com Hiba.Hamadeh@gmail.com
5 th Grade	AOL (Arrow of Light)	Lauren Alt Mika Kaletsch	lauren.alt77@gmail.com Michael.kaletsch@hotmail.com

Getting Started

- Complete the online Cub Scout application and pay the registration fee (see Page 15).
- Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and your Scout can get the most out of it.
- Purchase a Cub Scout Handbook now and begin doing the activities with your Scout. The first item your Scout will need to work on is the “Bobcat” rank, which can be found in the front of the Cub Scout Handbook.
- Read with your Cub Scout the “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse Guide” pamphlet found at the front of the book. Sign the last page and give it to your new Den Leader.
- Scouting is more fun with friends! Any child in grades K-5 can be a Cub Scout at any time, not just during our recruiting period. Talk with other parents and Scouts and have them join your Scout’s Cub Scout Pack now to make Cub Scouting even more fun. Your Scout will be recognized as a “recruiter” by the Pack & earn a special patch if they recruit a friend to join.
- Consider being a Cub Scout leader or Pack Committee member for your Scout’s Cub Scout Den. **Your Scout’s experience in Cub Scouting depends on your involvement.** Details are on the following pages.
- Purchase a Cub Scout uniform for your Scout to wear. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your Scout grows. The following website explains the uniform components:
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform/>
- Visit Scoutshop.org for all of your uniform needs and more.

Meetings and Other Events

Our Pack meets at:

Harvest United Methodist Church
14305 Covenant Way
Bradenton, FL US 34202

Pack meetings are held once per month on Monday from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Check the Pack 125 calendar on Scoutbook for the dates and latest information!

Den meetings:

Den meetings are held twice per month on Monday at the Harvest United Methodist Church from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Check the Pack 125 calendar for dates. Additionally, your Den leader will arrange Den meetings via email, Scoutbook, and phone. Keep an eye out for the latest plan!

Hikes, camping trips, and outings:

We typically go on several camping trips throughout the cooler months and then a museum or other local attraction overnighter as the weather gets warmer. There will also be several day hikes and possibly other day trips throughout the year. Attendance for all events is optional but highly encouraged.

Special Events:

Throughout the year, we will be holding several special events. These include:

- Blue & Gold Banquet
- Service Projects
- Raingutter Regatta
- Pinewood Derby
- ...and more!

Summer Camp:

Each year, the Southwest Florida Council runs a week-long day camp at Camp Flying Eagle, typically in June. All Scouts are welcome to attend. Fees for this camp are NOT included in your yearly Pack 125 dues, but tend to be under \$100 for a week of full-time camp.

Uniforms

Pack 125 Scouts will need two uniforms – a ‘Class A’ uniform and a ‘Class B’ uniform.

The Class A uniform consists of:

- Cub Scout button-up shirt, long or short sleeve:
 - Scouts in Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo Dens wear the blue Cub Scout shirt.
 - Scouts in the AOL den wear the khaki Cub Scout shirt.
- Patches for uniform (see next section).
- Neckerchief and slide.
- Hat (optional).
- Blue shorts, skorts, or pants (optional BSA official) – green for AOLs.
- Scouts will also need a belt, as many awards that they will earn are ‘belt loops.’
- Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo color: Blue.
- AOL colors: Khaki and green.
- **Note:** *For both the neckerchief and hat, each Den level has its own color. The employees at the Scout Shop can help you choose the correct one for your Scout.*

All other clothing items for the Class A uniform are left to the discretion of the Scout and adult. Regular street or exercise clothes are perfectly fine. There are official Cub Scout pants, shorts, skorts, and socks, but Pack 125 does not require them.

The estimated costs (as of August 2025) for a **new** Class A uniform, that can potentially be worn for several years, are:

Shirt	\$33
Shorts / Skort / Pants	\$28 / 33
Neckerchief	\$13
Slide	\$8
Patches	\$15
Hat	\$23
Belt	\$15
Socks	\$8
Total:	\$143 / \$148

Uniforms

Patches for Class A Uniform:

The following patches will be needed for the Class A uniform:

- Southwest Florida Council patch (left shoulder)



- Pack Numbers 1, 2, and 5 (left shoulder) – Pack sells a custom patch for \$5



- American Flag (right shoulder, should come pre-sewn on uniform)



Uniforms

The Class B uniform consists of:

- Pack 125 T-shirts that are typically used at camping events and handed out in December as Christmas gifts.

Uniform Bank

Pack 125 maintains a collection of gently used uniform parts, which are available to any Pack 125 member at no cost. We typically bring the uniform collection to the first few Pack meetings of the new school year. When your Scout outgrows their uniform, please donate it to our uniform bank!

Other Notes

New Class A uniforms can be purchased at the local Scout Shops.

New Class B t-shirts are included for Scouts in their annual dues and are typically provided in December each year.

Ranks, Advancement, and Awards

Throughout the Scouting year, each Den will work on completing the advancement requirements for their current level. The Lion Den works on the Lion rank, the Tiger Den on the Tiger rank, and so on. Scouts will also have the opportunity to earn special awards as part of Pack events, Den events, or on their own.

Upon joining Cub Scouts, a Scout will first earn their Bobcat rank, regardless of which Den they are in, and then will begin working on their rank advancement with the rest of their Den. Scouts do not need to earn any of the earlier ranks to earn their current rank.

Pack 125 uses the scoutbook.com website to track advancement. You will need to register an account in order to help your Scout through the advancement process. Scoutbook can be challenging to use for new parents. Please ask your Denleader for help if needed.



BOBCAT (Earned by ALL Cub Scouts)

All Scouts earn the Bobcat badge. Scouts will learn the Cub Scout Oath, Law, Salute, Sign, and Motto. In addition, the Scout must demonstrate an understanding of the core values of Honesty and Trustworthiness and explain their importance.



LION (Kindergarteners)

A Cub Scout in Kindergarten who completes (6) Required Adventures and 2 electives will earn the Lion Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack or Den meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Lion Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on Elective Adventures. The Den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You, as the Parent/Guardian, are their Adult Partner.*

Ranks, Advancement, and Awards

TIGER (First Graders)



A Cub Scout in First Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (2) Elective Adventures will earn the Tiger Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack or Den meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on additional Elective Adventures. The Den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You, as the Parent/Guardian, are their Adult Partner.*

WOLF (Second Graders)



A Cub Scout in Second Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (2) Elective Adventures will earn the Wolf Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack or Den meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Wolf Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on additional Elective Adventures. The Den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You, as the Parent/Guardian, are their Adult Partner.*

BEAR (Third Graders)



A Cub Scout in Third Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (2) Elective Adventures will earn the Bear Badge. A special belt loop will be awarded at a Pack or Den meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Bear Cub, Scouts may earn more belt loops by working on additional Elective Adventures. The Den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*

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WEBELOS (Fourth Graders)

A Cub Scout in Fourth Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (2) Elective Adventures will earn the Webelos Badge. A special pin will be awarded at a Pack or Den meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Webelos, Scouts may earn more pins by working on additional Elective Adventures. The Den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You as the Parent/Guardian are their Adult Partner.*



ARROW OF LIGHT (Fifth Graders)

A Cub Scout in Fifth Grade who completes (6) Required Adventures and (2) Elective Adventure will earn the Arrow of Light Badge. A special pin will be awarded at a Pack or Den meeting for each Adventure completed. After completing the rank of Arrow of Light, Scouts may earn more pins by working on additional Elective Adventures. The Den will be run by a Den Leader and Adult Partners. *You, as the Parent/Guardian, are their Adult Partner.*

After completing the Arrow of Light rank, Scouts who elect to go on to join a Boy Scout Troop will participate in a special 'Bridging Ceremony' that will be held each year in the spring. At the end of the ceremony, the Scouts will be welcomed into their new Girl/Boy Scout Troop. Throughout the year, the local Girl/Boy Scout Troops will hold events for prospective Cub Scouts to learn more about their Troop.

Ranks, Advancement, and Awards

Other awards

Throughout the year, Scouts will have the opportunities to participate in other events and activities which may earn them other awards and badges. These include badges for completing campouts, participating in Popcorn Sales, participating in Religious Emblem programs, and more!



Scout Shops

Southwest Florida Scout Shop

1801 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Phone: (239) 418-1603

Website: <https://www.scoutshop.org/>

Tampa Scout Shop

13228 North Central Ave., Tampa, Florida 33612

Phone: (813) 935-3030

Website: <https://www.scoutshop.org/>

Other Items Needed

Cub Scout Handbook

Each year, your Scout will need the appropriate Cub Scout handbook for their Den. This handbook will guide them through the various requirements and activities to earn their next rank advancement.

Equipment for camping

For our camping trips, you will need to provide camping equipment for you and your Scout to use. This includes:

- Tent, include a tarp for the ground
- Sleeping bags and pillows
- Sleeping pads or air mattress
- Flashlights or headlamps
- Mess kit (plate, utensils, cup)
- Water bottle
- Collapsible chairs
- Personal toiletries
- Sunscreen/Bug spray
- Clothing, including a swimsuit (if the campsite has swimming facilities), a jacket (if the weather is cold), durable shoes, pajamas, etc.
- Camera, binoculars – not required but recommended

For camping trips, the Pack has everything needed for food preparation and typically provides snacks, dinner, and breakfast, so you will not need to bring a stove, cookware, or food for meals. The only food needed are snacks and the dinner for the first night for weekend campouts. Also, we will need your help preparing the shared meals, so please come prepared to help!

Dues and Other Fees

Yearly dues consist of:

1. National dues paid to Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
 2. Pack 125 fees paid directly to Pack 125
1. The 2025/26 national dues are \$85. The national dues cover fees for National Registration, Accident Insurance, Administration. The optional Scout Life magazine subscription is \$15.
 2. In addition, Pack 125's yearly dues are \$150 per Scout. For new families, the prorated Pack 125 dues for the remainder of the first Scout year are \$40 per Scout, due typically at the beginning of the new school year.

The following year's Pack fees are due by November when we re-charter and cover January to December of the following year. For Scouts signed up before 8/1/2023, the combined Pack and national dues are \$250 (including Scout Life magazine) collected by our Pack in November. For Scouts signed up on or after 8/1/2023, the Pack fees are \$150, collected by our Pack in November, and \$85 (plus \$15 optional Scout Life magazine) national dues are paid separately 1 year after initial registration with BSA.

Make checks payable to "Cub Scout Pack 125". Electronic payments can be made via our Pack 125 website: <https://cubscoutpack125lwr.org/>

Scouts who are not current on their dues will not be able to complete their ranks until they bring their account to date.

The yearly Pack dues cover the following items/events:

- Unit Re-charter Fee
- Accident Insurance
- Advancements (Belt Loops and Rank Patches)
- Blue and Gold Banquet
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Holiday Celebration (December Pack Meeting)
- Class B T-Shirts
- Upkeep of the Pack's Trailer and Camping Gear
- Misc Program Costs

Individual Dens may also attend special events that are not covered by the Pack dues.

Fundraising Opportunities

Popcorn Fundraiser (September – November)

In-person popcorn fundraising kicks off in September and goes through early November each year. Scouts are expected to try their best to sell popcorn and to feel a sense of accomplishment for their efforts. Sales can occur online, in person, or at a Storefront the Pack sets up. As shown in the table below, pack dues are fully paid if a scout sells \$1,000 in popcorn, summer camp is paid for by selling \$1,250, and \$50 in camp cash credit is earned for every \$250 earned above \$1,250.

In addition to the below incentives offered by Pack 125, there are Council Level Prizes.

Scouts Selling at least (no rounding)	Annual Pack Dues will be	Pack Bonus Prize
\$ 0	\$ 150.00	
\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	
\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0	
\$ 1,250.00		Cost of District summer day camp (\$95.00) paid by Pack
\$ 1,500.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit
\$ 1,750.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit
\$ 2,000.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit
\$ 2,250.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit
\$ 2,500.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit
\$ 2,750.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit
\$ 3,000.00		\$ 50.00 camp cash credit

Camp Cards Fundraiser (March – April)

Camp Card fundraising starts in March and goes through the end of April each year. Scouts can help the Pack earn additional funds to be used for extra events or upkeep/replacement of aging equipment. Camp Cards are cards with local business discounts on them. A buyer purchases them from a Scout and can use the card for discounts at various businesses.

Positions in the Pack

All leadership positions within Pack 125 are served by parent volunteers. As current leaders move up and on to Boy Scouts, new positions in the Pack and Committee become available. Please check with the Committee Chair to see what is open. We can use all the help we can get. There may just be a position that suits you!

ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR - Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia.

CAMPING COORDINATOR – Arranges and plans meals for Camping trips, as well as any other outing that requires food.

COMMITTEE CHAIR - The Committee Chair is the behind-the-curtain facilitator of the Pack and helps organize and recruit parent volunteers for various positions.

CUBMASTER / ASSISTANT CUBMASTER - Help plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. The master of ceremony.

DEN LEADERS / ASSISTANT DEN LEADERS – Coordinate and carry out the monthly Den meetings and help coordinate the Scouts in their Den at the various events. Helps assist the Scouts in completing the requirements for their next rank.

PARENT HELPERS - Each year the Pack undertakes several short-term projects such as Scouting for Food, Service projects, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Camping trips. Parents are expected to contribute at least 10 hours/year to help the Pack.

NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR – Helps register Scouts each year, completes paperwork for the re-chartering process, and collects and submits dues and paperwork from each Scout.

SECRETARY – Takes minutes at the Pack Committee meetings and records key decisions, action items, and important Pack history items.

TREASURER - Keeps all financial records for the Pack. Includes tracking of the Pack bank account, financial records for each event.

OTHER COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS – Recruitment, Fundraising Chair, and more.

For more information on these positions, please reach out to our Committee Chair or Cubmaster.