



St. Faustina Cub Scout Pack 106

Family Welcome Packet

General Information

Hello and Welcome!

We welcome you to Pack 106 and want you to join us in the Cub Scouting program. You will be involved in a year-long program that stresses Character Development, Citizenship, Physical and Mental fitness, AND we do all of the activities in a fun way while having adventures. Pack 106 has a strong emphasis on getting our youth outdoors through camping, hikes and community service. If you enjoy the outdoors and want your cub to learn more about nature, come join us at Pack 106.

To begin with, your cub is a member of Pack 106, which is in the Texas Skies District, belonging to the Sam Houston Area Council. The Pack is made up of dens, which is a group of boys or girls usually in the same grade. Each Den has a specific numeral attached to it, commonly referred to as the 'Den Number'. Collectively, we are Cub Scouts, and are members of Scouts BSA who are also members of the World Scouting Movement.

All Packs have a Chartered Organization, which acts as a 'sponsor', and ours is St. Faustina in Fulshear, TX. Our pack is the primary pack for both Randolph elementary school and St. Faustina Catholic Church, although we are open to any individuals that wish to join us.

If you have any additional questions feel free to reach out to our Cub Master, Chris Ramsey.

Cub Master - Chris Ramsey - 479-806-6146 - cbramsey1979@icloud.com



The Pack

A pack is made of a bunch of dens. Our dens are rank based and divided between girls and boys. Our Pack meets on the third Tuesday of the month (unless noted otherwise). Our meetings start at 7pm SHARP. We start having a gathering game by 6:45. Please show up before 7pm. Our pack does 4 campouts, 3 service projects, a hike and has a ton of fun each year. Our pack is big and our families have a lot of fun. In order for us to stay successful we need help. Here are some ways you can help.

- Monthly Newsletter
- Join the Pack Committee
- Help at campouts
 - Activities
 - Cooking
 - Cleaning
 - Skills
- Become a leader (den leader, assistant den leader, assistant Cubmaster)
- Volunteer for event committees (Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold)

The Den

Lots of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that your Cub Scout Den Leader is a volunteer putting forth his or her time and effort to help your cub 'do his or her best' to earn badges, participate in the fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout program offers. Den meetings usually occur twice a month. It will be up to your den leader's discretion on meeting times.

Remember the BSA stands for Boy Scouts of America, not Baby Sitters of America. Lion and Tiger parents are required to be with their cubs at all meetings and activities. For older cubs, it is up to their den leader for the meetings and all overnights require a guardian.

Please assist them in the following ways.

- Please have your cub to den meetings on time. Your den leaders have many activities planned and it is important to have the whole group together to begin the evening's fun and projects. Early is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable.
 - Be an active parent. Everyone has special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Cub Scouts. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Talent Survey Sheet and return it to your leader. In addition to the boys learning new skills from you, I promise that you will have a good time helping them.
 - Just Fix It! If you think your den leader is not doing something, jump in and help them. As a den leader I have forgotten to hand out badges. This is a great time to not just let me know as a leader I forgot, but to step in and do that role.
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Dues

First Year - \$200 + BSA National Dues.
After First Year - \$180

The pack operates on a July 1 – June 30 year. Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC) operates on a January 1 – December 31st year. When you register in September, in addition to the above costs, you will need to pay a \$25 new scout registration fee and the prorated dues for the remainder of 2022. This is paid when you register online. The dues you pay us will cover all of your SHAC fees for 2023, going forward, you will only pay the pack.

The dues help keep the pack running. These dues pay for the national dues, adult leader dues, pinewood derby car, badges, neckerchief, meeting space rentals, pack meeting material cost. Our treasurer will have a full breakdown of the cost per scout for those interested.

Uniform

Scouts in uniform are more conscious of their role in Cub Scouting, and feel a sense of pride and belonging when wearing one. A uniform provides a proper place for the display of badges earned and a way for him to 'show the world' that he has been rewarded for his achievements.

In addition, Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, visible image in the community that helps to strengthen the important ties between the public and the Scouting organization.

Uniform should be worn to all pack meetings and flag ceremonies. I have my den wear their uniform, but I will leave that to the den leader to decide for their meeting.

Where to Buy

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scout-shop#Scout-shops>

Stafford Office:

12300 Parc Crest Drive, Suite 130
Stafford, TX 77477

Houston Office:

2225 North Loop West, Suite A
Houston, TX 77008

Uniforms, patches, and accessories are available at the scout offices listed above, and they will be happy to assist you. In addition to uniforms, they carry many things you see in the Scout Catalog and then some. Enjoy the time spent there! Just let them know your Cub Scout's grade, den number and that you are with Pack 106. They will hook you up with the rest.



If you prefer to shop online, you may purchase directly from www.scoutstuff.org where the full Scout Catalog is available. We recommend if you are new to scouting to try our local council store first so that our experienced council staff can assist you in finding the proper items. In addition, the Pack might have some 'experienced' uniforms.

Please note we will provide the 106. We have a special 106 patch that comes with your first year dues.

Required Uniform

- Shirt
- Pants
- Belt
- Handbook
- Neckerchief and slide (first year, pack buys after that)

Optional Uniform

- Socks
- Hat

Class B

You will receive your class B at sign up. It is a part of your first year dues. This will be worn during the day time activities and at the discretion of the den leader.

Events

We are an active pack and have many events throughout the year for you and your cub to participate. These events are family activities, we encourage you to bring the whole family but leave the pets at home! In order to have successful and safe events we do have rules and regulations that must be followed. These are in place to ensure if there is an incident the BSA will cover the incident with their insurance.

Some of the rules may seem extreme and you may not follow on your own time. We do ask though while on a Cub Scout campout we follow these rules.



Basic Rules

- All participants **MUST** have a medical form. This includes siblings, mom, dad, ect... There will be forms available on sign up night.
 - https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
- All cubs must have a guardian on a campout.
- No pets.
- No RV.
- Fire Safety
 - Cubs will not be permitted to add sticks to a fire unless asked to by leadership.
 - Cubs will not be permitted to remove sticks from the fire.
 - Cubs will not run around the fire area.
- No riding in the back of trucks.
- As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.
- In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
- No firearms or ammunition
- No drones or unmanned aerial vehicles allowed at outdoor events unless use and flight plan is approved by the Pack Committee
- For further details please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting.
 - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

Sign Up for Events

Events will require you to sign up and pay for. We have a mix of events some free, some inexpensive and some special camps can be more costly (NASA). Here are a couple of guidelines for signing up.

- Pay for event at time of signup, if payment is required.
- You can cancel and get a refund prior to deadline.
- After the deadline we will no longer refund money. You can try to sell the spot(s) to another member.



Software

Scoutbook

We use scoutbook.com as our advancement and scheduling system. This is where you can sign off your cub's progress. We will also use it to schedule our events. Please make sure you are receiving emails from Scoutbook as this will keep you aware of upcoming events.

Facebook

We have a private facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jre106/>

Please consider joining. This is a good way for us to send out information quickly. Facebook is also a great way to share photos of what our cubs are doing.
