



# Pack 136

# Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

Greetings Pack 136!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, are keeping safe and healthy, and ready to keep on pursuing their Scouting adventure!

Everyone should have **Youth Protection** done by this point. If your scout has not yet done this, please make this a priority. This is typically done at home and is the responsibility of the parents, so be sure to let your den leader know when you have completed it.

During the last several weeks, our outgoing leadership has been busy at work securing Pack 136 for the coming year. We are pleased to announce that we **WILL** be able to recharter the Pack for 2026! We are very grateful to all parents and leaders who stepped up to help, and we are excited about our adventures moving forward. More information will be given at the January pack meeting, where we also will have a visit from representatives of the Bluebonnet Swamp.

In February, our Pack will have the opportunity to attend a special mass for Scouts at St. George Catholic Church, and the new committee is in the process of planning out Pack meetings and events for the rest of the year. All parents who are interested in helping to plan are invited to attend the committee meetings.

At a yet-to-be-determined date, we will prepare for Pinewood Derby by holding our **Pinewood Derby Car Building** event at the Scout House. Any parents who have woodworking tools (saws, drills, ect.) to bring and share please do!

Our Pinewood Derby will be coming up in March. This event cannot happen without parent participation and volunteers. We will need help wrangling cars, putting the track together, ect., so if you would like to help, let a member of the committee know.

Happy 2026, Pack Families!

## PACK INFO

- "Like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Pack136StGeorge/>
- Visit our website at: <https://scoutpack136.wordpress.com/home/>
- Join the Pack's **Band & GroupMe** communication group, contact [ashleyxf@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyxf@gmail.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **1/13 Pack Meeting @ SGS Cafeteria (Bluebonnet Swamp visits)**
- **1/18 Committee Meeting via Zoom (All welcome to attend)**
- **2/8 Scout Sunday Mass 11:30 (Time might change)**
- **2/10 Pack Meeting**

## Religious Emblem Awards

Our Pack participates in the religious emblem program, in which scouts have the option to pursue a special award in their religious faith of choice through extra effort and work in this program. For any scout who might want to pursue the award, please email the pack leadership. However, now is the time to start thinking about pursuing the award, and if your scout wants to register, please let any member of the committee know. Workbooks for the award are available at the Baton Rouge Scout Shop.

Most religions and denominations are represented in this award, and for those pursuing the Duty to God requirement for their rank, this fulfills a large portion of the rank requirement. Once completed, the scouts who pursue the Catholicism award will take part in a special awards ceremony with Bishop Duca at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Those pursuing other denominations can speak with their religious representative on receiving the award.



## January - "A Scout is Friendly"

This month's theme is "A Scout is Friendly. From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own."

In what ways can you be friendly or a friend to someone? If a Scout pre-judges someone on their skin color, language, clothes, looks, family name, or other superficial aspect, then he is not following the Scout Law.

Friendship is a mirror. When you have a smile on your face as you greet someone, you will probably receive a smile in return. If you are willing to be a good friend, you will find friendship reflected back to you.

A scout can be friendly by sharing with someone, by offering a kind word to someone having a bad day, by doing something nice for someone, and by making friends with the new kid in class.

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## OUR NEW LEADERSHIP!

We are very grateful to all who responded to our calls to help fill in the committee positions that are needed to keep Pack 136 rolling along! Below is a list of our new leaders moving forward this year:

**Cubmaster:** Duties will be shared by all leaders until June

**Assistant Cubmaster:** Jason Miller

**Advancement Chair :** Codey Fontenot

**Treasurer :** Seth Bagwell

**Committee Member :** Josh Kirst

**Committee Member :** Karen Bordelon

**Committee Chair :** Ashley Michel

**Lion Den Coordinators:** Brandon Lacroix and Mandy Peters

**Tiger Den Coordinator:** Eric Bordelon

**Wolf Den Coordinator:** Codey Fontenot

**Bear Den Coordinator:** Dragana Kirst



## Scout Craft

If your scout has trouble remembering the Scout Law, why not try making a mnemonic keychain?

You can use a different colored bead to represent each part of the Scout Law, or even use beads with letters on them, each letter being the first of each Point ("T" for Trustworthy, ect.)



Another great bead craft is to create these little rank keychains. Your Scout can craft a keychain depicting their current rank and hang it from a school backpack or scouting bag.

