



# Pack 136

# Newsletter

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## The Scouting Year Has Begun!

Hello Pack 136!

It's time to get back to active Scouting! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are happy to be back in school. Welcome back to our veteran families, and welcome new families! We hope this year will be a great year of discovery and adventure for your children. We have an active three months coming up on the horizon, with our Pack and Den meetings, Raingutter Regatta and October Campout. Be sure to read our newsletters, attend Pack meetings and get signed up for our GroupMe for both the Pack and your Den to stay informed about activities, any time or location changes, and everything your scout needs to know to complete their rank requirements for the year.

Our website has most of the information needed to pursue the Cub Scout program, both at Den meetings and at home. Don't forget, all of the information each grade/rank needs to complete their required work for the year is under the Parents' Resources and Rank sections of the website. **All of the rank pages have been updated with the handbooks, manuals, den meeting plans and YouTube videos.**

Next, we remind our parents that all of your leaders and Pack committee are volunteers and **we need help!** Many of us have been wearing many hats for a while now, and several of us will be moving on to the troop as our children cross over from the Pack in December. We need parents willing to step in, no matter how small a role. If interested in volunteering as an event coordinator, Committee member or lending a hand at events, please email the Committee (on the right) Let's get Scouting y'all!

The Committee



## 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 **GroupMe** communication group, contact [pack136.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:pack136.stgeorge@gmail.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **9/9 Pack Meeting**  
**6:30 @SGS**  
**Cafeteria**
- **9/14 Committee Meeting via Zoom**  
**4pm**
- **9/21 Raingutter Regatta @ SGS**  
**Cafeteria 2:00pm**
- **10/3-5 Pack/Troops Campout @ Camp**  
**Avondale**
- **10/12 Committee meeting**
- **10/14 Pack Meeting**

## HOW TO JOIN

Do you have friends who want to join Cub Scouts? Are you a new family interested in joining? Welcome aboard! Follow these steps to get started (Please complete this process before September 13<sup>th</sup> if possible) :

- 1) Fill out a [Youth Application Form](#) for each child or visit the [Join Us section](#) of the Pack website
- 2) Dues are \$200 for 12 month without Scout's Life magazine subscription, \$215 with Scout's Life.
- 3) Venmo payment to Treasurer at [@Cubscouts-StGeorge](#) or make checks payable to "Pack 136" to turn into the Treasurer or Cubmaster. Information on how to send money to the Pack at [this link or instructions under Parent Resources on Pack Website.](#)
- 4) Visit the [Baton Rouge Scout Store](#) at 9644 Brookline Ave. 70809 to pick up a uniform for your Scout's rank and a handbook. For used uniform options, check eBay.
- 5) Visit our website's [Parent Resources](#) and [Calendar](#) sections to learn more about our Pack and Scouting!



## PACK LEADERSHIP

**For the 2024-2025 Scouting year, the Pack leadership is as follows:**

Chartered Organization Representative = Peter Giambrone

Committee Chairman = (interim) Peter Giambrone

Cubmaster = Patrick McCune

Assistant Cubmaster = Gabriel Rodriguez

Treasurer = Kelly Moore

Secretary / Adult Training = Ashley Michel

Advancement Chair = Christien Lee McCune

Lion Den Leader = TBD

Tiger Den Leaders = TBD

Wolf Den Leader = TBD

Bear Den Leader = TBD

Webelos Den Leader +Gabriel Rodriguez

Arrow of Light Den Leader = Patrick McCune

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Raingutter Regatta

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 2:30pm at St. George.

The Raingutter Regatta is a racing event for Cub Scouts that is the sailboat equivalent of the Pinewood Derby. Each Scout makes a boat from a sailboat kit with everything you need to participate. **These are purchased at the Scout Shop on Bleubonnet Dr. We will also have kits to purchase for \$8 at the September Pack meeting.** Within the basic design rules, Scouts are free to paint and decorate their sailboats as they choose. (No water based paints!) You must only use what is in the kit, no weights or extra modifications.

The boats are raced in a standard rain gutter track that is ten feet long, placed on a table or saw horses and filled to the top with water. The boats are propelled by blowing the sail with a hand fan. The boat cannot be touched with hands or the fan. The first boat to reach the end of the gutter is the winner. The overall winner is determined by an elimination system.

This is always a fun event and we love seeing the various boat designs every year. Be sure to get those boat kits soon and get started building them! (We recommend trying it in the bathtub before race day!) More resources available on the [Event Resources area](https://scoutpack136.com/event-resources/) of the webpage.

<https://scoutpack136.com/event-resources/>



### October Pack/Troops Campout

**Saturday - Sunday, October 4-5**

The first weekend in October will be our fall campout alongside the St. George Troops 136 (Boys) and 1136 (Girls). Arrow of Light scouts will camp with the troops, and the Pack will occupy its own campsite. There will be lots of fun activities, hikes, rank requirement activities, and possibly even activities with the older scouts. Stay tuned for more details!



## START EARNING THOSE RANK REQUIREMENTS!

Rank advancement and recognition of hard work is how Scouting presents its program to youth. At each grade level, Dens of children in the same grade or age work together towards various skills in Scoutcraft, leadership and personal development. All ranks must complete the required Adventures and one elective to earn the rank patch of their grade level. [On the Pack website under Parent Resources](#) (midway down the page) is information for each rank level, pages that hold all of the information each rank needs to complete requirements, either with the den or at home (So if you miss a Den meeting, **parents** it's up to you to make sure your Scout completes the work!) On each Rank page are YouTube videos, links and resources needed for all required activities. All families should read through [the Parent Resources page](#) on the website and bookmark or [subscribe to the calendar](#).

**Den leaders**, also on the rank pages are the new Den meeting lesson plans. We recommend that these be printed out and activities divided among the parents at each meeting to make sure everyone shares the work in guiding our Scouts to their end goals!

For each completed requirements, scouts can wear the associated belt loop on their uniform belts to show off their progress! Webelos earn pins and wear them on a display ribbon on the sleeve of their uniforms.

<https://scoutpack136.com/parent-resources/>



### REQUIRED ADVENTURES FOR CUB SCOUT BADGES OF RANK

					
Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Webelos 4 <sup>th</sup> grade and continues until the Scout joins a Troop	
Lion's Honor	Games Tigers Play	Call of the Wild	Baloo The Builder	Cast Iron Chef	Building a Better World
Animal Kingdom	My Tiger Jungle	Council Fire	Bear Claws	Duty to God and You	Duty to God in Action
Mountain Lion	Team Tiger	Duty to God Footsteps	Bear Necessities	First Responder	Outdoor Adventurer
King of the Jungle	Tiger Bites	Howling at the Moon	Fellowship and Duty to God	Stronger, Faster, Higher	Scouting Adventure
Fun on the Run	Tiger Circles: Duty to God	Paws on the Path	Fur, Feathers, and Ferns	Webelos Walkabout	Elective
	Tigers in the Wild	Running with the Pack	Paws for Action	Elective	
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## POPCORN TIME!



The Girl Scouts have cookies, and Cub Scouts have popcorn! Our annual popcorn sale is how we fund many of our Pack activities. If every Scout can sell around \$50 or more of popcorn, our Pack can continue to have great adventures throughout the year! Our vendor is **Camp Masters Popcorn** and they have a wealth of great resources for scouts. Click on the link below to navigate to [our Events Resources page](https://scoutpack136.com/event-resources/), and **scroll down to the bottom** see the order forms and prizes, as well as a getting started guide. Let's move that popcorn, scouts!

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Scouting is only possible with the enthusiastic involvement of parents and caring adults. The Cubmasters, committee members, Den leaders and event coordinators are all volunteers. Many of us make the effort to find time in our own busy schedules to make the Pack run smoothly and make Scouting fun not just for our own children but for yours. However, in recent years, it has become more difficult as only the same handful of parents end up volunteering and running everything. Many of us have older children who will be moving to the Troops soon, and we need to start bringing up the next generation of leaders. The Pack has the following positions open, and in the past two years, without adequate volunteers to run them, these events have become lackluster, or in some cases not done at all.

Many find that volunteering for just one event or a smaller position during the Scouting year is not only a lot of fun, but it also is great for the kids to see their parents in positions of leadership and helping to run things. Please look into the following positions and consider volunteering this year:

- **Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmasters:** Every Scouting unit needs its leaders! Our Cubmaster Patrick McCune will be moving on with his youngest son in December. Our Pack will need some willing unit leaders to step up and help us keep this great program going! All training, materials and a lot of help from veterans are provided!
- **Advancement Chair:** Christien Lee McCune will also be moving on this year, and we will need a unit Advancement Chair to make sure all of the records of the scouts in Pack 136 are up to date in the online Scoutbook system.
- **Treasurer:** The unit treasurer keeps track of expenses and finances for the unit, and is a member of the committee.
- **Popcorn Kernel:** Coordinates the Popcorn Fundraiser by explaining the process to the Pack, handing out and delivering order forms, picking up popcorn from Scout office and distributing to Pack, organizing show and sell events.
- **Blue and Gold Banquet Committee (3 positions):** Helps plan and execute the February Blue and Gold Banquet and its events and entertainment, which celebrates the birthday of Scouting.
- **Religious Emblem Coordinator:** Responsible for educating, motivating, evaluating, and expanding the usage of the optional *religious emblems* programs, and familiarizes scouts with the available awards for their faith. Coordinates with local Council on the awarding of these medals.
- **Campout Logistics Committee:** Helps Pack Committee plan and execute the winter campout, with cooking, activities, collecting the Medical forms and maintaining campsite.
- **Spring Campout Logistics Committee:** Same as above, but for the spring campout.
- **Derby Committee (Pinewood and Regatta, 3 positions):** This committee helps to facilitate and put on our Raingutter Regatta (Fall) and Pinewood Derby (Spring) races, which includes checking in boats and cars and running the design contests.



- **Den Leaders:** Every Den needs a leader, (especially our newest scouts will need one too! Lions is a great age to start scouting, and one of the easiest times to be a Den Leader.) Must complete required online training and background check, and coordinates the monthly Den meetings. All materials and training are provided.

## LEADER& ADULT TRAINING

### Pack leaders,

St. George would like us all to make sure we are thoroughly up to date with our BSA Council Youth Protection and Diocese Youth Protection. Be sure that the committee has current copies of your YPT course completion certificates for both.

### New Leaders

First thing that needs to be done is (if you don't already have one) create a username and password at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). (this is the same login used for Scoutbook)

Watch the BSA Youth Protection program. It's usually featured pretty noticeably on the home page, but if not, go to menu, my training, and youth protection is the first thing you should see in My Training in the middle of the page.

We have copies of all the Den Leader handbooks for each rank at the Scout House if anyone needs to borrow one, and PDF versions of the books are under Leader Resources on our webpage

<https://scoutpack136.wordpress.com/leader-resources/>

Fill out an Adult Application form, if you have not already (the Pack pays the registration fees for adult volunteers):

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

Because we are chartered by a Catholic Church, everyone working with the children also has to pass the Diocese training. That can be found at the link below. Watch the Code of Ethics and Safe and Sacred Training for Adults videos, and fill out and turn in to Mike Nolan the EAPPS Application for Volunteers. (The church and the pack both need copies of the completion certificates)

<https://diobr.org/child-youth-protection>

Send a message to the Pack email if you have any questions.

All resources are available on the Pack website under **Leader Resources**.

## 2025-2026 Dues and Fees

This year, the National Organization (Boy Scouts of America) is trying a new dues system. There will no longer be any prorated fees. This means that when you join, regardless of where in the year, you pay for the year. So if you join in August, you pay through August 2025.

Nat'l Reg. Fee	\$80
New Scout Joining Fee (New Scouts only)	\$25
Istrouma Council Fee	\$40
Pack 136 Fees	\$55
Scout's Life Magazine Subscription (optional)	\$15

New Scouts Total (Without Magazine)	\$200
New Scouts Total (With Magazine)	\$215

