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Cub Scout Pack 202

2019-2020



To Register a New Scout: <https://my.bsa.us/028paa0202mb>

To Pay Annual Pack Dues (via Paypal) montclair.pack202@gmail.com
(\$87 for new Scouts, \$120 for returning Scouts)

Pack 202 welcomes boys and girls grades K-5 and their participating families of all backgrounds and compositions. No Scout will be turned away due to financial hardship.

Welcome to Pack 202

Thank you for joining the great adventure of Scouting! We believe that your family's experience will be rewarding and enriching. Founded in 1934, Pack 202 is one of the oldest continuously chartered packs in the United States.

This booklet should answer most of your questions and inform you of pack policies. However, feel free to ask leaders for additional information at any time: pack202oakland@gmail.com

Pack 202 is an all-volunteer organization. We succeed because of the generous volunteer efforts of all Scouts and their families. With increasing involvement in the program, you'll find enthusiasm infectious. You will find opportunities for growth, not only for the Scouts, but for yourself.

Cub Scouting is part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the largest youth organization in the United States. Founded in 1910, it is believed that over 110 million Americans have been members. As of 2015 it had a registered membership of over 2.4 million youths and 1 million adult volunteers.

Cub Scouting is part of the Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), available to boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade and their families of all backgrounds and compositions. Its membership is the largest of the three BSA Scouting Divisions (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing). Cub Scouting is part of the worldwide Scouting movement and aims to promote character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Organization of Pack 202

Pack 202 is run by the Pack Committee. The Committee operates under a charter issued by the San Francisco Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Pack Committee consists of:

- Cubmaster
- Den Leaders
- Pack officers
 - Committee Chair
 - Treasurer / Registrar
 - Quartermaster
- Any other interested Adult Partners or other adults.

St. Theresa's Church sponsors the Pack. However, membership in the pack is open to boys and girls regardless of their religious affiliation and Cub Scouts and Pack 202 does not favor any particular affiliation. Pack meetings take place at Chabot Elementary School. However, membership is open to boys and girls regardless of where they attend school.

The Pack Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, in the evening, at Crogan's in Montclair. If you are interested in attending a Committee Meeting, please contact the Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chair for location, time and date information.

The Scouts in Pack 202 are divided into Dens, with approximately eight to fifteen Scouts in each Den. The Pack has a varying number Dens each year based on the numbers and ages of the Scouts in the Pack.

All of the Scouts meet at the Pack meeting, once a month, on the second Thursday of the month. The Pack leadership plans the Pack meetings. The Dens meet once a month or more, often the fourth Thursday, though it can vary as determined by the members of each Den. The Den Leadership plan the Den programs.

Pack registration and Dues

All New Scout families need to complete online registration at <https://my.bsa.us/028paa0202mb>. Returning Scouts do not need to complete registration. All Adult leaders need to fill out Adult Leader Registration Forms.

For the 2019-2020 year, Pack dues are \$120. New Scouts will pay \$33 at registration and the balance of \$87 to the Pack Treasurer. Returning Scouts will pay the full \$120 to the Pack Treasurer. Dues should be paid no later than the October Pack meeting. Checks should be made payable to Montclair Pack 202 and indicate the name of the Scout for whom they are paid, Payment can also be made via PayPal to Montclair.pack202@gmail.com

Principal items covered by dues (approximately):

- \$33: BSA National Registration
- \$21: Pack Campouts
- \$15: Pack Picnic, BBQ, Blue & Gold Dinner
- \$16: Pack and Den Meeting Expenses
- \$18: Awards and Advancement
- \$17: Pack Management, IT, Scholarship

Advancement

Each Den is associated with a grade in school and comprised of boys and girls of approximately the same age:

- Kindergarten -- Lion
- First Graders--Tiger
- Second Graders--Wolf
- Third Graders--Bear
- Fourth Graders--Webelos I
- Fifth Graders--Webelos II / Arrow of Light

All Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat badge first. They then may earn the badge that corresponds to their grade level. Aside from the Bobcat badge, Scouts need not and should not go back to earn badges for a younger age.

Cub Scouts' highest rank is the Arrow of Light badge. It may be earned only by a Webelos II in the fifth grade. Except for the Religion Award, it is the only Cub Scout award that may later be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

Handbooks detailing the advancement requirements for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos are available from the Scout shop. Families should purchase the books, review the requirements, and keep track of their Scout's advancement in the book, reporting all progress completed to their respective Den Leaders. When the Scout has earned a rank or badge, inform the Den Leader, so that the award can be presented at the next Pack meeting. Encouraging and recognizing a Scout's achievement builds his/her self-esteem. Every Scout in the pack should advance one rank each year.

Communication

Pack 202 uses Scoutbook.com to communicate with parents, and to track events and advancement. After you register online (as described above), Pack 202 will invite you to a Scoutbook membership. Once you accepted the invitation to join Scoutbook, you will be able to access calendars, rosters, and contact info for Pack leadership.

Full Calendar of Pack 202 Activities can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2HrEzoa>. This is a public calendar and can be easily added to your Google Calendar.

Pack Programs

In general, Pack 202 provides Scouts and their families with 4 opportunities to participate in Scouting each month:

- Pack Meeting – 2nd Thursday
- Den Meeting – often 4th Thursday, though varies
- Monthly Pack Hike – weekend
- Other Pack events:
 - Overnights
 - Service Projects
 - Sporting Events

Unless otherwise announced by Pack leadership, all scouts should be in uniform at scout events.

Regular Pack Meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month during the school year. Meetings are held at Chabot Elementary School's Multi Purpose Room (MPR). Chabot is located at: 6686 Chabot Rd, Oakland, CA 94618. Meeting's run from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Meetings usually include announcements, ceremonies and awards for Scouts advancing, and games.

Blue and Gold Banquet: The banquet celebrates the anniversary of Cub Scouting. Scouts make centerpieces for the Den's tables, and we have a uniformed service member **conduct a uniform inspection** at this potluck banquet held at the Pack meeting in February.

Pinewood Derby: Scouts build cars using kits they receive at the February Pack meeting. A workshop is opened to Scouts to help them during two weekends in February and March. Cars are raced at the Derby in mid-March. Scouts receive awards for fastest cars, most original cars, etc. Winners can advance to regional events.

At least one Adult Partner or guardian should always accompany a Scout to the Pack meetings. We invite the whole family to come out and support their Scouts. Pack meetings are a family event. Adult Partners are requested to participate with their scouts in the Pack meeting.

Day Summer Camp for all Cub Scouts, operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council: at local parks in the Bay Area. Scouts work on Advancements and other related activities. Registration and information for all Day Summer camps are done by the Adult Partner online at www.sfbac.org

Overnight Summer Camps operated by the San Francisco Bay Area Council at Wente Scout Reservation, near Willits, and at Camp Royaneh in the Russian River area. Scouts work on Advancements and other supervised

Activities (i.e. hiking, archery, swimming, crafts and bb gun shooting). Registration and information for all Overnight Summer camps (Resident Camps) are done by the Adult Partner online at www.sfbac.org

Den Programs

Dens meet using a schedule set by the participants in the Den, though often it is the 4th Thursday. Meetings are held once or more a month (depending on the Adult Partners' schedules). The intensity of the activities depends on the age of the Scouts and is intended to be age appropriate. Meetings for younger scouts might be just an hour. Older cubs might meet for an hour, have an all morning meeting, or even a day long adventure. Meetings take place at a Scout's house, or a location agreed upon by the Den participants (i.e. school, park, tour location, etc.). Each Adult Partner should host at least one Den Meeting during the year.

Although the Den Leader takes lead responsibility for each Den, responsibilities for Den activities should be shared among the adults. Adult Partners or guardians shall remain with their Scout at all time at all Tiger meetings. For older Scouts, coverage should be coordinated among the Adult Partners. However, we encourage the Adult Partner or guardian of each scout to attend all Den meetings. No Scout Function and/or Den meetings shall occur unless there are at least two adult leaders over twenty-one present. Additional adults are helpful in keeping meetings running smoothly, and make the meeting more fun for all.

Typical Den meeting activities might include:

- A crafts project
- Games
- An opening or closing ceremony
- Trips to points of interest in the community
- Outdoor adventures
- Activities that help Scouts earn the next badge

The advancement activity for each rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos) is a source of many activity suggestions. Additional ideas come from Council trainings that all adults in the Pack should take. Other ideas come from asking other Dens what they have been doing. If you need suggestions, contact the Cubmaster. The District Office holds monthly Roundtable Meetings which provide program ideas for each month along with materials to use at Den Meetings. Please contact the Cubmaster if you are interested in attending a Roundtable.

Den leaders are responsible for the safety of the Scouts. They should make sure that all necessary permission slips, medical releases, and trip permits are obtained. They should make provision for first aid kits when appropriate. Details on such requirements are available at leader training. For more information, contact the Cubmaster. Most important, the Den activities should be enjoyable for both the Scouts and the adults leading the meetings. Keep it simple, make it fun.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

The use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted:

- at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America; or
- at any activities of the Boy Scouts or Pack 202 which involve the participation of youth members; or
- while in uniform.

Pack 202 prohibits the use of tobacco products in any form at any Den or Pack Activity. However, on overnight encampments, leaders who must smoke may do so out of sight of the Scouts, preferably off site.

Uniform Requirements

Scouts should wear the uniform to all Pack meetings and other scout events. Pack 202 requests that Scouts be in uniform “from the waist up,” wearing the Scout shirt, neckerchief, slide, and hat. The Scout pants, belt, and socks are encouraged, but optional. If the Scout Uniform pants are not worn, the scout should wear clean and presentable blue pants – jeans are OK.

The uniform does these things for a Scout:

- It reminds the Scout to live up to the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout motto, “Do your best.”
- It encourages neat, correct appearance and proper behavior
- It provides the only place for correct display of badges and awards.
- It encourages Cub Scouts to continue into older Scouting programs.
- It creates a sense of belonging.

Adult Partners or guardians are responsible for obtaining the uniform. It is available from the Scout shop and at McCaulou’s Department store. Cost of the uniform varies between \$45 and \$90. In cases of financial hardship, please contact the Cubmaster.

McCaulou’s Department Store
2020 Mountain Blvd
Montclair (510) 339-2210

East Bay Scout Shop
1001 Davis Street
San Leandro (510) 357-0309 or 577-9000 (Front Desk)

If you go to the Scout Shop, they are very friendly and helpful there. Just tell them you are in Pack 202 and they’ll set you up. For example, incoming first graders are Tigers. All you need to tell them is that you have a Tiger Scout, in Pack 202, and that you need a belt, shirt, neckerchief, slide, hat and patches for the shirt, and they’ll get you everything you need. Pack 202 does not use Den numbers.

Please be sure to leave room between the Council Patch and the red 202 numerals for the pack’s Veteran unit bar on the left sleeve.

The East Bay Scout Shop also sells an item called badge magic that helps to get the patches onto the uniform. Some patches may be ironed on if you want, or sewed on.

The Core Values of Cub Scouting

Scouting is an investment in your son or daughter's future. The Cub Scout Program provides a constructive platform for you to spend quality time with your son or daughter at your own pace. It helps guide the physical, mental, and spiritual growth of your child and helps prepare him for the future in age specific and time-honored ways.

The Cub Scout Program has many components but above all, it is about:

Building character;
Achievement; and
Having fun.

The following is some very basic information from the Boy Scouts of America, and describes the basic goals and methods of Cub Scouting.

The Core Values of Scouting:

Character can be defined as the collection of core values possessed by an individual that leads to moral commitment and action. Character is "values in action." The Cub Scouting Character Connections Program identifies 12 core values:

1. Citizenship: Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. Compassion: Being kind and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others.
3. Cooperation: Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal.
4. Courage: Being brave and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.
5. Faith: Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.
6. Health and Fitness: Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies clean and fit.
7. Honesty: Telling the truth and being worthy of trust.
8. Perseverance: Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. Positive Attitude: Being cheerful and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. Resourcefulness: Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. Respect: Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. Responsibility: Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

The Purposes of Cub Scouting Are:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

2019-2020 Pack Calendar

	Pack Meeting	Major Event	Minor Event
Sep	Welcome Meeting --Sep 12, 2019	Kickoff BBQ (w/ 296) --Sep 22, 2019	Cal Football -- Sep 14, 2019
Oct	Halloween Party --Oct 10, 2019	Fall Campout --Oct 18-20, 2019	
Nov	Citizenship --Nov 14, 2019	Scouting for Food --dates TBD (early Nov)	
Dec	Summer Camp in Winter --Dec 12, 2019	Toys for Tots --dates TBD (early Dec)	
Jan	Raingutter Regatta -Jan 9, 2020	Balclutha Overnight --date TBD	
Feb	Blue & Gold Dinner -Feb 13, 2020	Oakland Zoo Overnight --Feb 8, 2020	
Mar	Naturalist / Urban Farm -March 12, 2020	Pinewood Derby --Mar 7, 14, or 21	Peralta Pinewood Derby --dates TBD
Apr	Campfire / Puppet Show -April 9, 2020	Earth Day Service Proj --Apr 18, 2020	Tiger Safari --dates TBD
May	End of Year BBQ -May 21, 2020	Spring Campout -dates TBD	Flag Planting, Presidio -May 25, 2020
		W2 Bridging Ceremony -May 30, 2020	A's Game --date TBD