



Cub Scout Pack 654



PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



Cub Scouting Goals

This guide is intended to give parents an overview of Cub Scout Pack.

Background

For more than 75 years, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade. Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.



Purpose

The goal of Scouting is to help a Scout grow in both physical and mental ability, to introduce new skills and activities and to have fun. The program is structured around family participation. The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America – to build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Character Development | • Respectful Relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth | • Personal achievement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Citizenship | • Friendly Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sportsmanship and fitness | • Fun and Adventure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family understanding | • Preparation for Boy Scouts |

Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law for Boy Scouts and the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack for Cub Scouts

Parent Participation

The pack is a family-based organization and is run by parents who volunteer as den leaders, assistants, and committee members or as planners for a special event. To successfully achieve the goals of Scouting, the involvement of all parents is needed. Please be prepared to volunteer. Your participation benefits everyone.

Cub Scout Values

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty,
brave, clean, and reverent

Cub Scout Motto

“DO YOUR BEST”



Charter Organization

St Michael's Church in Poway, CA the Charter Organization for Pack 654. It is their obligation to provide the pack with a meeting place and offer support as needed. It is our responsibility to consider how our actions as a Pack reflect upon the Charter Organization. We are expected to offer our time and energy to the Charter Organization on occasion for service projects. Scouts and their parents do not have to be members of St Michaels School to participate in Pack 654.

Meetings

Den Meetings

Individual den meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the Den Leader. Dens typically meet bi-weekly at a designated area (normally St. Michaels School). Unless announced in advance, Den meetings are on the same day and time. Den meetings normally last for 1 hour. A Cub Scout Den can be organized in many ways, but all Dens must have TWO-DEEP Den leadership. That means that every Den has to have two adults/parents present at all meetings. At least one of the leaders must be fully trained.

Pack Meeting

Pack meetings (involving all dens) are held each month at a predetermined area (normally at St. Michaels School Gym). One parent is required to attend with their Scout; however, the whole family is welcome. Pack meetings normally last 1 hour. The Pack Meetings include openings, skits special guests (mad science) and closings presented by different Dens.

Costs







Registration cost (Dues) typically range from \$135-\$175 per Scout/Year. Dues are to be paid to the pack treasurer in a timely fashion and normally requested at the beginning of the school year. Dues include the annual BSA registration fee, rank advancements, activities, supplies, adventure loops, pins, and snacks.

To lessen a financial burden on the parents, Pack 654 conducts Fundraiser. Scouts are not required to participate in any fundraiser; however, it is recommended. Please keep in mind that for a quality program, there must be funds available to cover activity costs and operating expenses. Fundraising reduces out of pocket expenses for parents.

Membership Registration



Items 1, 2, 3 & 6 also applies to returning scout families.

1. Complete Membership Registration Form*	 See next page.
2. Complete Annual Health Form A&B**	
3. Complete Family Talent Survey****	
4. Watch New Parent Orientation video	
5. Request ScoutBook login (advancement software & calendar)	
6. Check Pack Calendar for schedule and events (Available in ScoutBook for full view, pack website has limited view) - & - SDIC Activities & Civic Service page, here .	

* submit all forms to your Den Leader, Cubmaster or Pack Treasurer

** **Annual Health Form:** http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
Your Den Leader is responsible for this form as part BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines.
FAQs here: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

*** **Family Talent Survey:** <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/FamilyTalentSurveySheet2008.pdf>
This form will assist your Den Leader and pack leadership in knowing your family's interests. This will help in planning of den & pack activities.

Cub Scout Pack 654

FAMILY NAME _____

SCOUT NAMES:

LEVEL (CIRCLE ONE):

	LION	TIGER	WOLF	BEAR	WEB1	WEB 2
	LION	TIGER	WOLF	BEAR	WEB1	WEB 2
	LION	TIGER	WOLF	BEAR	WEB1	WEB 2
	LION	TIGER	WOLF	BEAR	WEB1	WEB2

<u>ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE and ANNUAL PACK MEMBERSHIP DUES:</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>If Paid By Oct 4</u>	<u>If Paid After Oct 4</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
LION Cub Scouts*	_____	@\$135	@\$145	=	_____
All Other Scouts Cub Scouts* (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)	_____	@\$165	@\$175	=	_____

<u>Optional Boy's Life Subscription</u>	<u>QTY</u>	\$12	=	<u>Total</u>
12 month Subscription	_____		=	_____

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE =====

* Scouts NEW to Pack 654 need to complete a New Scout Registration form at the first pack meeting*

Make Check payable to **BSA PAK654**

The Scout Uniform



The purpose of the Scout uniform is twofold: By dressing alike, Scouts show they are equals. The uniform is also a sign to others that the Scout is a person who can be trusted.

The uniform should be worn for all ceremonial and indoor activities, such as pack meetings and during special outdoor occasions, like the Blue and Gold dinner.

The Scout Shop Store staff can assist you in purchasing the correct uniform items. The store is located at **1207 Upas St., San Diego, CA, 92103**. The store website also is very helpful, www.sdicsa.org/ScoutShop/

What to buy:

- o Uniform shirt (blue for Cub Scouts, blue or tan for Webelos) including patches:
 - San Diego Imperial Council shoulder patch
 - World Scout Crest emblem
 - Pack numbers (RED) "6", "5", "4"
- o Optional:
 - Uniform shorts or pants (SMS School pants acceptable)
 - Uniform socks
 - Scout hat
 - Blue scout belt & belt buckle (highly recommended)
 - Neckerchief slide
 - Patch vest (red)
 - Den number is not applicable

What will be provided by the Pack:

- o Scout Handbook
- o Neckerchief
- o Rank, advancement patches, pins, Adventure belt loops, awards..etc.

Additional information regarding Scouting Uniform and placement of Scout patches can be found at the following: <http://www.sdicsa.org/scoutshop/Docs/CubScoutUniform.pdf>

Full BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia is available here: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Media/InsigniaGuide.aspx>

Obligations

The Scout's Obligations to the Pack

- ☐ Do My Best in everything I do.
- ☐ Obey the Pack's rules and regulations.
- ☐ Obey Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders, follow their rules and regulations.
- ☐ Work on my achievements and electives and advance in a timely manner.
- ☐ Participate in Scout activities whenever possible.
- ☐ Respect others, their rights, and their property at all times. Show respect for the BSA.
- ☐ Treat the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance with equal respect.
- ☐ Be on time for all meetings and functions; it is not fair for the others have to wait.
- ☐ Call my Den Leader or ask my parent to call if I cannot attend a meeting or function.
- ☐ Keep my uniform clean and in good repair with all my insignia properly placed.
- ☐ Wear my uniform proudly to all events and functions unless told otherwise by my Den Leader.

Parent Role & Responsibility to the Pack

In joining Pack 654, each parent or adult family member agrees to support their son in the following ways:

- ☐ See that your son has the proper uniform and handbook;
- Work with your Scout on his achievements and electives. Scouting is a “family affair”.
- ☐ Escort your son to his den meeting location.
- ☐ Accompany your son to the monthly pack meeting. The entire family is welcome.
- ☐ Return forms and permission slips as asked; Ensure payments for activities are paid in a timely manner.
- ☐ Support your Den Leader & pack leaders when asked. Agree to serve in some leadership capacity as called upon;
- ☐ Volunteer & become involved. The more involved you are, the more your Scout will enjoy.

The Pack's Obligations to You and Your Scout

- ☐ Provide a solid Scouting program in which you and your Scout both can take pride.
- ☐ Provide the means of advancement in a timely manner for the Scouts.
- ☐ Provide quality trained Den Leaders.
- ☐ Provide the opportunity to participate in various outings and activities.
- ☐ Provide a safe Scouting environment and meeting place.
- ☐ Communicate news and current Scout events to you in a timely manner.



Code of Conduct

The Cub Scout program is a privilege, not a right, for those boys and their guardians willing to accept the high standards of Scouting with the required behavior. The Pack's Code of Conduct is necessary to ensure that Scouting's high ideals are fulfilled by all participants.

Code of Conduct

Scouts are required to use the following Code of Conduct.

- 1) Always attempt to be on time
- 2) When wearing the Scout uniform, wear it with PRIDE
- 3) Always behave and follow instructions
- 4) Always DO YOUR BEST.**
- 5) Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated
- 6) Destruction of public, private, or personal property is strictly prohibited

Disciplinary Procedures

Failure to follow the established rules and regulations and Codes of Conduct may include, but are not limited to the following actions:

Disruptive or inappropriate behavior will result in a warning, followed by a timeout or removal from the activity. In cases of repetitive behavior, guardians will be requested to take the Scout home early. Destruction of property will result in the Scouts immediate removal from the activity. Guardians of Scouts are financially responsible for their child's actions.

Local Organization

Pack 654 consists of age-specific dens:

- **Tiger** Cub Den is for first grade boys.
- **Wolf** Den is for second grade boys.
- **Bear** Den is for third grade boys.
- **Webelos** I Den is for fourth grade boys.
- **Webelos** II Den is for fifth grade boys



Advancement Trail

On the advancement trail, a Cub Scout progresses from rank to rank, learning new skills as he goes. Each of the ranks and awards in Cub Scouting has its own requirements. As you advance through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging, to match the new skills and abilities you learn as you get older. For more information on advancement, visit CubScouts.org.

Bobcat

No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can advance to the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos. A boy must complete the Bobcat requirements, which include:

- ☐ Learn and say the Cub Scout motto, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law and tell what they mean;
- ☐ Show the Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake and tell what they mean; and
- ☐ With your parent or guardian complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.



Tiger

The Tiger rank is for boys who are in first grade or are age 7. To earn the Tiger badge, a boy must complete six required adventures with his den or family and one elective adventure of his den or family's choosing. As the boy completes each adventure, he will receive the adventure loop for that adventure, which he can wear on his belt. When the boy has completed the seven required adventures, he can receive the Tiger badge. The Tiger badge is given to the boy's adult partner at a pack meeting. Then, during a grand ceremony, the adult gives the badge to the boy.



After he has earned the Tiger badge, a Tiger Scout can work on the remaining 12 Tiger electives until he finishes first grade (or turn 8 years old). He can choose elective adventures that may show him new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Wolf

The Wolf rank is for boys who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. His parent or guardian and den leader approves each requirement by signing his book, and the boy receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the boy has met all requirements, the Wolf badge is presented to his parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. During an impressive ceremony, the parent or guardian then presents the badge to the boy.



After he has earned the Wolf badge, a Wolf Scout can work on the remaining 12 Wolf electives until he finishes second grade (or turns 9 years old). He can choose elective adventures that may show him

new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Bear



The Bear rank is for boys who have finished second grade (or who are 9 years old). To earn the Bear badge, a boy must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure. His parent or guardian and den leader approves each requirement by signing his book, and the boy receives an adventure loop for each adventure. When the boy has met all requirements, the Bear badge is presented to his parent or guardian at the next pack meeting. During an impressive ceremony, the parent or guardian then presents the badge to the boy.

After he has earned the Bear badge, a Bear Scout can work on the remaining 12 Bear electives until he finishes third grade (or turn 10 years old). He can choose elective adventures that may show him new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Webelos



Webelos dens are for boys who have completed third grade (or reached age 10). Webelos Scouts get to work on the five required Webelos adventures and choose two of the 18 elective adventures that are shared by the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks.

When a boy has done the requirements for an adventure, the Webelos den leader, rather than a parent, approves most of the adventures. For each adventure a boy completes, he receives a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat. After completing seven adventures, including five required adventures and two elective adventures, a Scout can receive the Webelos badge.



After he has earned the Webelos badge, a Webelos Scout can work on the remaining 18 shared Webelos and Arrow of Light electives until he finishes fourth grade (or turns 11 years old). He can choose elective adventures that may show him new hobbies and teach him skills that will be useful during his Boy Scout years. When he completes an elective adventure, he receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt.

Arrow of Light

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to become a Boy Scout. Scouts must complete four required adventures and three elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light rank. For each adventure a boy completes, he receives a pin to wear on the Webelos colors or on his hat.



The Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a boy graduates into a troop. Adult leaders who earned the Arrow of Light rank when they were young may also show their achievement by wearing a special square knot on their adult uniform.

Advancement Tracking

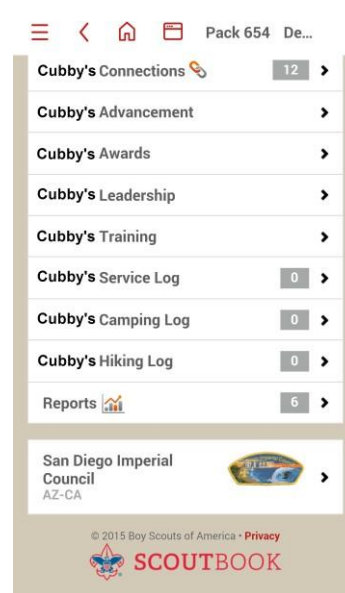
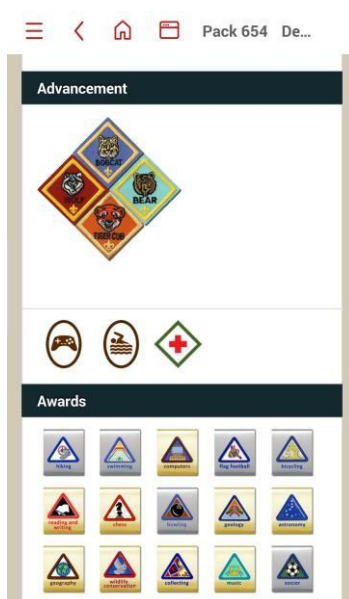
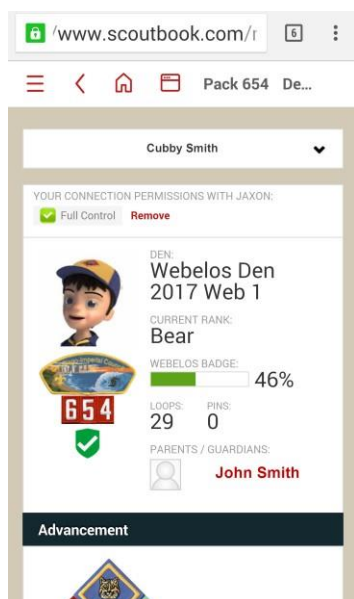


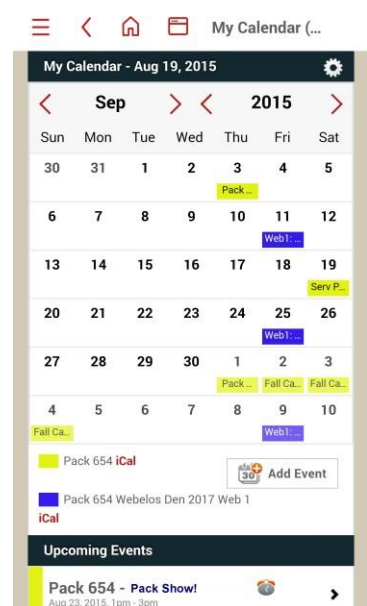
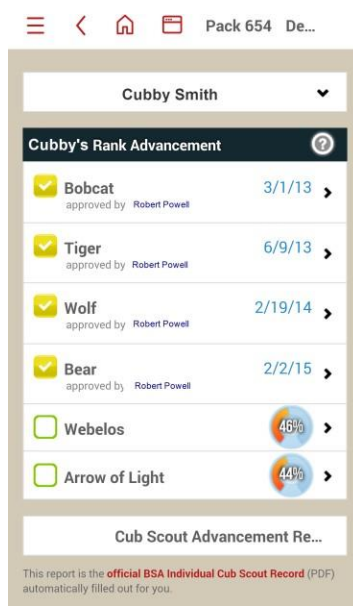
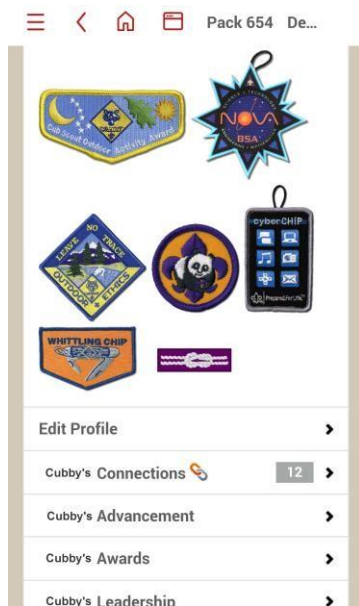
[ScoutBook](#) is used to track your cub's progress throughout the year.

Looking for a few task to help your scout complete? Log on to [ScoutBook](#). It works on most smart phones and mobile devices.

Parents are expected to mark completed requirements for family oriented requirements. Den Leaders will complete requirements covered in den meetings.

Contact your Den leader or Cubmaster for access.





Other Awards Cub Scouts Can Earn

Besides the advancement awards and the adventure loops and pins, Cub Scouts may earn other individual awards.

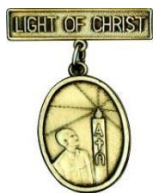
Check BSA site here: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/cubscouts/cubscouts/uniformsandawards/other.aspx>



Religious Emblems

Pack 654 is a Catholic faith based scouting unit. We encourage our scouts to earn their religious emblem award. In all Cub Scout rank level requirement, the handbook recommends earning the religious emblem of the scout's faith.

An invitation from St Michael's Scouting **Religious Emblem coordinator** will be sent out during Fall/December timeframe. The emblem coordinator will guide your family and scout on how to complete his emblem requirements. The program involves a registration, workbook, activities at home & church, meeting with the Parish Priest & will conclude with a Diocese or Parish level recognition & celebration Mass by the first week of June.



Light of Christ

Designed for 6-7 yr old
Cub Scouts



Parvuli Dei

(Children of God)

Designed for 8-10 yr old
Cub Scouts.



By completing any of the Religious Emblems, the scout is also entitled to wear the **BSA Religious Knot**. This can be worn on top of the left pocket flap on the cub scout uniform. This can also be worn when he continues to Boy Scouts and as an Adult Leader.



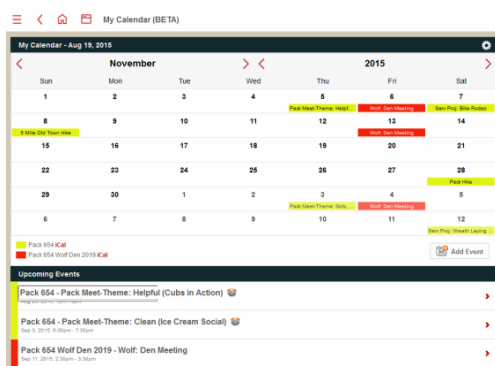
National Catholic Committee on Scouting®
Delivering Catholic Youth Ministry Through Scouting Programs

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems/index.php>
Diocese of San Diego Committee on Scouting: <http://ccsbsa.weebly.com/>

Pack & Den Calendar, Activities and Events

Scouting schedules such as Pack, Den meetings and events can be viewed at the following:

- Scoutbook calendar
- Pack website <http://pack654poway.ScoutLander.com> , 'Calendar' tab
- Council events <http://www.sdicsa.org/ACS/>



Scoutbook Calendar
(RSVP feature, detail event description..etc.)



Pack Website Calendar
(Public, limited view only)

Pack & Den Communication



We use parent's email address registered in ScoutBook to send Pack and Den communication. The pack leaders will periodically send out reminders and other pertinent scouting information. Your den leader will also send your den level communication in ScoutBook.

Provide your email address to your Den leader or Cubmaster to sign up in ScoutBook.

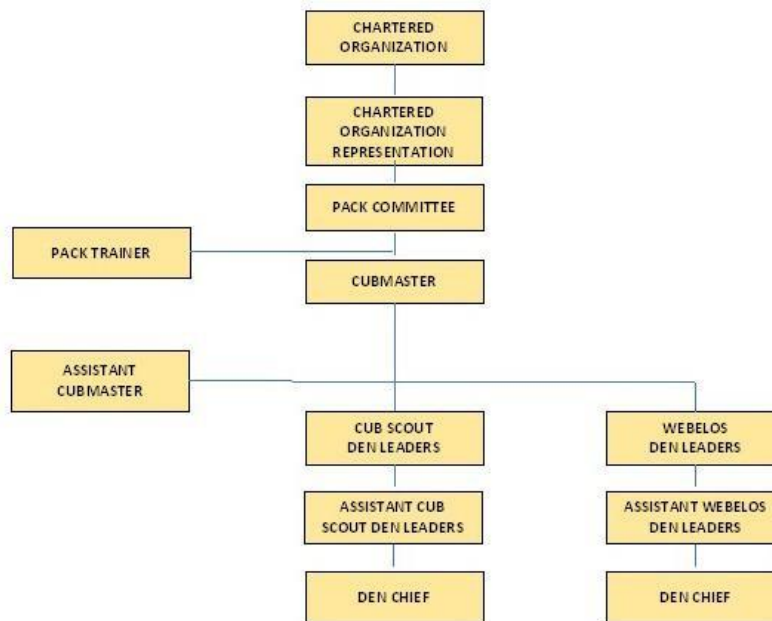
Your email address will be added to the appropriate den in Scoutbook. Each den is primarily identified by rank and the year your group will graduate in Cub Scouting. Note that families with multiple scouts in the pack will be associated to each den.

Sample of 2020 den: "This is the St. Michael's Cub Scout Den for boys who will "graduate" Cub scouts in 2020 (in the second semester of 5th Grade)"

Pack Organization



Pack leaders strive to provide a quality Cub Scouting program. This can only be accomplished by dedicated, involved parents and trained volunteer leaders.



Refer to: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Leaders/About/ThePack.aspx>



Special Events and Programs

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is an exciting project where a parent helps the boy build a model race car made from a block of wood. Your Pack Leader will give you more details, including when the big race will be held.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This party celebrates the birthday of Cub Scouting and is usually held in February. The Banquet is usually a covered dish dinner that often includes a special program or entertainment.

Summer Camping Programs

Depending upon the age of your son, he can attend Cub Scout Day Camp or Webelos Resident Camp. These programs are held at Council Camps or in the local area. All programs offer exciting summer time activities that include swimming, crafts, games, nature, bb guns, archery, sports, songs, and skits. During Day Camp, boys return home every day, but during Webelos Resident Camp, they camp overnight in tents.

BSA Family Program

The BSA Family Program is a series of activities designed to help strengthen all families --- whether two parent, single-parent, or nontraditional. All family members are encouraged to participate and may earn the BSA Family Award.

Drug Prevention

When a boy has positive, supporting elements in his life pattern, he is much less likely to become involved with drugs. The BSA has a resource called "Take a Stand against Drugs" that helps leaders and families talk to youth about drugs. It is available through

Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults, Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Magazine subscription is \$12.00 per year (pro-rated at \$1.00 per issue). Compare this to the cost of a comic book!

Reference



San Diego-Imperial Council (SDIC)

Activities Page: <http://sdicbsa.org/ACS>

Fly With the Eagles and Other Famous Scouts - How many names do you recognize?

- Neil Armstrong – Astronaut & First Man On The Moon (Eagle Scout)
- ☐ Michael Jordan, basketball Hall of Fame
- ☐ Hank Aaron, baseball Hall of Fame
- ☐ Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft (Life Scout)
- ☐ John Glenn, astronaut, first man to orbit Earth
- ☐ Harrison Ford, Star Wars (Hans Solo) - Actor (Life Scout)
- ☐ Bill Clinton, 42nd U.S. president
- ☐ Gerald Ford, 38th U.S. president (Eagle Scout)
- ☐ Dan Janssen, 1994 Olympic speed skating gold medalist
- ☐ John F. Kennedy, 35th U.S. president, first Scout to become president
- ☐ Ronald Reagan, 40th U.S. president
- ☐ Nolan Ryan, baseball Hall of Fame member
- ☐ Steven Spielberg, Oscar-winning filmmaker (Eagle Scout)
- ☐ Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart stores (Eagle Scout)



Important Information

- ☐ My pack number is : **654**
- ☐ My den number is: _____ not applicable
- My den leader's name is: _____
- ☐ My den meets on: _____
- ☐ My den meets at: _____
- My Cubmaster's name is: **Mike Rizza**
- My Cubmaster's email is: **cubmasterpack654@gmail.com**
- My pack's Monthly meeting is on: **1st Thursday of the month**
- My pack meets at: **St Michael's School Gym**
- ☐ My Council is: **San Diego Imperial Council**
- ☐ My Charter Organization is: **St Michaels Church. Poway. CA**
- ☐ My Charter Organization representative: **Chris Vaughan**
- ☐ My Scouting District: **Rancho Mesa**

San Diego-Imperial Council Information

San Diego-Imperial Council Office:

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