



***Scout Guide
2025-2026***

WELCOME TO PACK 8

This guide provides essential information and step-by-step instructions to help new parents get started with the Scouting America journey. From registration and required paperwork to communication tools like Scoutbook and our activity calendar, everything you need is outlined here. Our commitment is to ensure that all scouts have access to this invaluable program, regardless of financial circumstances, while fostering a community where every parent can actively participate in their child's scouting adventures.

We are very happy to have you join our Scouting community. Please follow the instructions below, and feel free to email packcubscouts8@gmail.com with any questions. To register your scout (new scouts only), please do so online:

- Apply Online at www.myscouting.org – (click the “New to Scouting — Create Account” link and then follow the “Register a Youth” instructions”)

It is important that the Scouts “Parent” information is filled in correctly as this will be the main contact for your Scout with National BSA and the email will be used to set up your Scout with his Scoutbook account with our Pack. Scoutbook is used by the Pack for rank advancements, communication between parents, Scouts and adult leaders, access to the Pack calendar and RSVPing for all Pack activities/campouts.

[BSA Medical Forms](#) (Parts A & B, please include copy of insurance card)

The BSA Medical Forms Parts A and B (2 pages) need to be filled out and turned in before any outings are taken with the Pack. Please do not forget to include a front and back copy of your Health Insurance card with your BSA Medical forms. Also, while filling out the 2nd page of the BSA Medical forms Part B, please include the date of Immunizations or you can include a copy of the scout's immunization records. *The Pack will need a form for each participating scout, parent, and sibling.* These forms need to be handed into the welcome table at our next meeting. Please do not scan and send them over.

PAYMENTS:

BSA Annual Registration / Renewal Fee	\$154.95
Optional monthly subscription to Scout Life magazine	\$15
Pack 8 Activity Fee (paid to the pack)	\$190
Pack Spring Activity fee (if you decide not to participate in the annual fundraiser)	\$100
Adult Leadership Fee (paid by pack)	\$100

PACK ACTIVITY FEES:

Although we benefit from all of National BSA's efforts, the Pack does not retain any of the Registration/Renewal fees directly. In order to pay for all of the activities, outings, camping trips, awards etc. that we do as a Pack, every Scout will be asked to pay Activity Fees. Activity Fees vary from year to year depending on Activities/Camping Trips/Outings that are scheduled by scout leadership for that scouting year. Pack 8 will email families the exact Activity Fee amounts at the beginning of each scouting year and provide instructions for online payment. Pack Activity Fees cover the cost of one scout and one parent for campouts and events. Additional family members are welcome to participate in any event but may incur additional costs. Full payment of activity fee is required for continued participation and eligibility for awards.

Our Pack believes that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in young men today, so they can become the leaders of tomorrow. We never want money to be the reason a Scout cannot join in an activity with the Pack or have money be the reason they don't join the Pack at all. If you are in need of financial assistance please contact Brittany Lee, the Pack Committee Chairperson, at brittanylee@yahoo.com. All financial conversations will be kept confidential.

SCOUTBOOK:

Scoutbook is our online platform used for communication, scheduling, rank advancement, adventures etc. Please be sure to create a scoutbook account for both parent and scout in order to receive all information for Pack 8. A Scoutbook tutorial can be found at <https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org/knowledge-base/scoutbook-tutorial-for-parents/>

TRANSFERRING SCOUTS:

If your Scout is transferring from another Pack and has an unexpired membership certificate (BSA ID number) with that Pack, then there will be no charge for the Application process with Pack 8. Transfer scouts can complete the transfer application online in your my.scouting.org account.

Please have your Scout's BSA ID number, the previous Council's number and the previous Pack's Unit number as these will be needed to complete the BSA Youth Application. Please let me know if your Scout is transferring to our Pack, and we can make arrangements to provide you with an Application packet to complete.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

All new members and current members renewing will have a 12-month membership and their renewal month will be the anniversary date of joining (or renewing if they were already members).

All National BSA Registration/Recharter fees go to National BSA to pay for the cost of essential services, including program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved scouting activities, youth protection and other local council resources. National BSA also continues to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members through online registration, Scoutbook, and other national initiatives that bring us all together.

PACK FUNDRAISING:

Our Pack also has a fundraising event each year that all Scouts will be expected to participate in. This helps the Pack keep the costs down for all and allows us to be one of the most active packs around. If your Scout chooses not to participate, the spring activity fee of \$100 will be invoiced to the parents.

UNIFORMS:

All new scouts to the Pack will receive a BSA Scout Book, neckerchief, and one Class B t-shirt. Families are responsible for purchasing their Scout a BSA Scout Uniform. The official BSA Scout Uniform (Class A) is required at scout meetings and most functions. It consists of a scout uniform shirt, scout pants or shorts or similar blue pants or shorts, scout belt and scout socks. The patches will include council, and unit (Pack 8). Scout uniforms may be purchased at the Scout Shop located at 2121 Westinghouse Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28273 or at the Mecklenburg County Council store at 1410 E 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204. The Scout Store employees will be able to help families purchase the correct uniform for Pack 8.

Den	Uniform
Lion	Class B: Pack 8 t-shirt, blue shorts
Tiger	Class A: Blue button up uniform shirt, blue shorts or pants, neckerchief, scout belt Class B: Pack 8 t-shirt Optional: rank scout hat, scout socks
Wolf	Class A: Blue button up uniform shirt, blue shorts or pants, neckerchief, scout belt Class B: Pack 8 t-shirt Optional: rank scout hat, scout socks
Bear	Class A: Blue button up uniform shirt, blue shorts or pants, neckerchief, scout belt Class B: Pack 8 t-shirt Optional: rank scout hat, scout socks
Webelo	Class A: Blue button up uniform shirt, blue shorts or pants, neckerchief, scout belt, adventure rank colors Class B: Pack 8 t-shirt Optional: rank scout hat, scout socks
AOL	Class A: Khaki button up uniform shirt, green scout shorts or pants, neckerchief, green scout belt Class B: Pack 8 t-shirt Optional: BSA green scout hat, scout socks

PACK MEETINGS:

We meet twice a month on Sundays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the St. Matthew Catholic Church New Life Center at 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277. Please check the Pack calendar once you are set up in Scoutbook to verify meeting dates and times and to see all other scheduled activities/outings/camping trips for the Pack.

GETTING INVOLVED:

The Pack is run by parent volunteers and we can't do it without the help of EVERY parent. Pack 8 **requires** that each parent volunteer to help a minimum of two times during the year. Events include Mega Kick Off, Helping with camping, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold, Crossover, Graduation, etc. This will ensure that our events and meetings continue to help our scouts enjoy the scouting program.

Adult leaders: Pack 8 is a ministry of St Matthew Catholic Church. Adult leader volunteers must register with both Scouts BSA and St. Matthew Catholic Church, complete background checks with both organizations, and must complete and comply with Youth Protection Training and protocols of both organizations. Experience has proven that when parents get involved in Pack activities, the likelihood of the Scout continuing in the program increases.

To get involved as an adult leader, please submit an adult application online and complete the Youth Protection Training in your myscouting.com profile. You will also need to complete CMG Connect (<https://charlotte.cmgconnect.org/>) training for St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Please be sure that once training is complete in CMG Connect, you are staying up to date on your certification.

Scout Conduct

Scouts must be accompanied by a parent to all events. Parents are responsible for making sure their scout acts appropriately and follows rules and regulations of the event. Please support the Den Leaders in making sure your scout is following the Scout Law. Scouts that are disruptive and unable to follow the Scout Law will be asked to leave the event.

Advancement

Over the course of the scouting year, scouts will work to earn adventures that help them progress through their ranks. These are worked on at each den meeting, outing, or event but can also be done at home. Advancements will be awarded at the Pack meetings or Graduation. After completion of the required adventures and the required number of elective adventures, the scout will progress in rank.

Communication

Pack 8 will communicate with you via email through Scoutbook. We distribute a monthly newsletter with information you will need for upcoming events. We use Sign Up Genius for volunteering and RSVP purposes. To easily get in contact with your den leader or Pack leader, we use the REMIND APP. This is particularly helpful for campouts, outings and quick distribution of information. After downloading the REMIND App, you will be prompted to enter a special class code. The codes are below. Text your class code to 81010 to sign up.

Den	Class Code
Lion	@2cd67a
Tiger	@dhe6b3k
Wolf	@gkhf8b
Bear	@9df8k3
Webelo	@434cee
AOL	@9g27bd

You can contact all leaders through scoutbook, or through their email below.

Name	Position	Email
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