

# Pack 996 Information Handout



## Welcome New Families to Cub Scout Pack 996!

This document provides answers to the most common questions and provides an overview of our program.

Join the Fun!



## Overview

Pack email address:      anzapack996@gmail.com

Pack website:            anzapack996.org

Cubmaster:                Brad Cheney

- Leads the entire Pack.
- Responds to the pack email.

## Pack & Den Overview

All the Cub Scouts in Pack 996 participate in both Pack events (where all the kids are involved) and Den activities (where the kids meet with their own grade level).

- **Lion Den**            - Kindergarten
- **Tiger Den**            - 1st Grade
- **Wolf Den**            - 2nd Grade
- **Bear Den**            - 3rd Grade
- **Jr Webelos**        - 4th Grade
- **Sr Webelos**        - 5th Grade

Each Den is led by a parent volunteer, called a “Den Leader.” We may need new Den Leaders depending on how many kids join us this year.

## Boys and Girls:

We have both boys and girls who are in different dens but can participate together.

## Parent and Family Involvement:

All Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops are run by the participating family adults.

- The Cubmaster and Den Leaders organize and lead the activities and events, but:
  - **Adults must be present with their child at all times at all events.**
- We are always looking for additional volunteers! The jobs are not hard and we provide training.
  - Volunteers can help in a lot of small but important ways! Every little bit helps the Pack!

## Pack 996 History:

- Each year, the pack usually includes over thirty Cub Scouts.
- Pack 996 has been operating since the early 1960's.

# **Cub Scouts Events & Activities**

## **Pack Meetings:**

The Pack meets once a month to provide awards and do activities.

- **Who:** Every member of Anza Pack 996
- **When:** Once a month on Friday night from 6:30 to 7:45pm.
- **Where:** In the Anza school cafeteria.
- **What:** Pack Meetings include ...
  - A monthly theme.
  - Awards and recognition for Den activities that have been completed.
  - Group activities.
  - Social interaction for the kids.
  - Updates about upcoming events and projects.
- All Pack events for the year are listed on the Pack calendar.

## **Den Meetings:**

- **Who:** All the Cub Scouts of the same grade level.
- **When:** Dens typically meet about two times a month. Meeting days and times depend upon what the Den Leader and families decide (usually early afternoon).
- **Where:** Den Meeting locations vary depending on the activity, but often begin in a local park.
- **What:** Dens work together throughout the year to complete a set of activities, adventures, and electives in order to earn their new rank. The requirements vary by age-level, but some typical requirements include:
  - Outdoor activities and a hike.
  - A building project or craft project.
  - A service project.
  - A skill-building activity (learning a life skill).
- Den requirements, adventures, and electives are all detailed in the Cub Scout handbooks.

## **Pack Events:**

Above-and-beyond the monthly Pack Meetings, Anza Pack 996 also does a number of special events each year:

- Pinewood Derby - building and racing wooden cars.
- Scouting for Food - collecting food for the needy.
- Caroling for Seniors - singing at a nearby nursing care facility.
- Rocket Camp - building and launching rockets, and camping in Brea, California.
- Blue and Gold dinner - celebrating the birthday of Scouts.
- Raingutter Regatta - building and racing wooden sailboats.
- Campout at Wilderness Park - our end-of-year campout event.
- Outdoor Adventures - hikes, activities, park days, etc.
- Summer Activities - hikes, picnics, beach trips etc.

## **Awards:**

Kids earn awards by completing adventures with their Den. With the completion of the required adventures by the end of the year, they also earn rank advancement. There are also other special awards and prizes for activities completed throughout the year.

## **Registration Information**

### **Cost:**

All fees cover the entire year in Cub Scouts from now until September 2023.

<b>Minimum Registration: 1 Child <u>and</u> 1 Adult</b>	
Each child <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$147 for Council &amp; National Fee for a child.</li><li>• \$25 each for first time registration (National fee).</li><li>• \$45 for Anza Pack 996 awards and supplies.</li></ul>	\$217
Each adult <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$77 for Council &amp; National Fee for an adult.</li><li>• \$25 each for first time registration (National fee).</li></ul>	\$102

\* **All** adults who will attend overnight campouts must register

What is included with this fee:

- All Pack and Den monthly meetings.
- All awards, advancements, and prizes.
- Materials for Pack and Den activities.
- Materials for the Pinewood Derby and the Raingutter Regatta.

### **Additional Costs:**

- Each Cub Scout will need a uniform and a scout book. This usually costs a little over \$100. The Pack has some uniform items that have been donated and can be used for free.
- Activities which include food or camping have an additional small contribution.
- Some optional activities have additional costs (Rocket Camp, for example).

### **Scout Shop**

Uniforms and Scout Books may be purchased online or at the Cabrillo Scout Shop in San Pedro. Directions for how to get there are in the pack website.