

NEW PARENT GUIDE

PACK 483

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WELCOME TO PACK 483

Allow me to be the first to officially welcome you and your family to Pack 483 at Redeemer Church. My name is Ryan Jones and I am the Chartered Organization Representative for Unit 483. Over the last four years I have watched my oldest son, Jackson grow with the Pack, learning exciting new things, exploring his limits, and making great new friends. I am happy to know another group of families is making the choice to join us and experience the joys of Scouting.

This year marks a new beginning for the entire Unit as we have changed homes from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to Redeemer. While we will miss Sacred Hearth and look back on our time there with fond memories, we are truly excited to start this new chapter with an active and growing community in the heart of Manvel. Redeemer has been my family's church since a few months before officially opening its doors in October of 2016. It's a vibrant church community bursting at the seams to spread our Lord's blessings and I sincerely hope you choose at some point to join us on a Sunday morning and see what we are all about. As such, words hardly describe how excited my entire family was to bring together our two favorite organizations and I gladly accepted the role as the head of Unit 483 once the transition was completed in June.

I would like to personally thank Ricky Torres, who has literally spent the majority of his life as a part of Unit 483 and in many ways single handedly kept it alive during the lean times in the past. Ricky has spent over 30 years as part of the leadership of our Scouting organization and he continues that history today serving as our Pack Treasurer and trusted advisor to the new guy they just threw the keys to. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Scott Stephenson, the former head of Unit 420, which was retired to make room at Redeemer for Unit 483. Scott had singlehandedly kept his group alive for the last few years and has graciously taken over the role of advisor to our Unit's leadership. We, of course are happy to have the former members of Pack 420 as a part of Pack 483.

For those of you completely new to Scouting, I know it can seem a little intimidating at times, I was right there with you four years ago when I walked into Sacred Heart with Jackson. It may feel at this moment that there are so many new things to wrap your head around; just the new words seem endless. Strange words like Den, Pack, Adventures, Advancements, Bears, Tigers, Webelos, and on and on. Trust me when I tell you that you will have it all down before you know it and you will be telling people that 'I used to get Pack and Den backwards all the time.' One day you just realize that it's all second nature.

I feel it's important to mention up front that Scouts is the only extracurricular activity I know of that encourages its members to do other things. If your son or daughter wants to play sports, be part of an academic team, or take on any other pursuit that interests them, Cub Scouts supports it and is designed to be done at home as easily as during the meetings. We encourage our members to grow in every possible way and celebrate their varied interests.

Cub Scouts is many things; an introduction to the outdoors, a host of new vocabulary words, and a brand new group to associate with, but more than anything else Cub Scouts is supposed to be fun! That is the ultimate goal of the organization and I hope you are ready to have some with us.

Thank you for becoming a part of Pack 483,

Ryan Jones
Chartered Organization Representative for Pack 483

UNIT 483 ORGANIZATION

THE UNIT

Unit 483 is made up of Pack 483 and Troop 483. Pack 483 includes boys and girls in kindergarten through the 5th grade. Young men and women do their scouting in the Troop until they reach 18 years of age or graduate from high school. For almost 70 years, Unit 483 has brought scouting to the Manvel area.

THE DENS

A group of about six to twelve boys or girls of the same age make up a Den. Dens meet several times a month to work together on various age appropriate activities as part of the Scouting Program.

- **The Lion Den - Kindergarten**
- **The Tiger Den - 1st Grade**
- **The Wolf Den - 2nd Grade**
- **The Bear Den - 3rd Grade**
- **The Webelos Den - 4th Grade**
- **The Arrow of Light Den - 5th Grade**

THE DISTRICT AND COUNCIL

Pack 483 is part of the Thunderbird District, encompassing all of Alvin ISD, Angleton ISD, and Danbury ISD. The Thunderbird District and three other districts combine to form the Bay Area Council, based out of Galveston, TX, serving both Galveston and Brazoria counties.

THE PACK

Combine all the Dens and you have a Pack. The Pack meets once a month to celebrate the accomplishments of the individual members since the previous Pack Meeting and allow the entire group to bond as members of Pack 483. Pack Meetings are held monthly and include games, songs, skits, refreshments, and special recognition of advancements and achievements that each Cub Scout earned during the previous month. Some Pack Meetings have special activities like the Pinewood Derby in January or the Blue and Gold Banquet in February.



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THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION



Every Pack is owned by a chartered partner. Pack 483's Chartered Organization is Redeemer Church, located at 18218 Hwy 6, Manvel, TX 77578. Redeemer provides us with a meeting place to hold our Den and Pack meetings, manages the unit and controls the program of activities to support our goals and objectives. As our Pack members are of a diversity of beliefs, children of all faiths are welcome to join.

At Redeemer Church, **we believe that there is a greater life found through faith in Jesus Christ.** It is our mission to connect all people to that life. On October 16, 2016, Redeemer Church opened its doors with a vision to help people discover a greater life: a life that led to deeper friendships, built stronger families, and made a difference in the world. Since that day, so many people have come to find that life among the people of Redeemer Church and through a relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are wanting more, we hope that you will come discover a greater life here.



Cub Scouts are at that magical age where everything is new and possible and, most important, fun. They build things. Play with purpose. Make friends and work together. The life lessons learned here not only transform today's Cub Scouts into tomorrow's Scouts but also help form a foundation to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles in life.

Cub Scouting is a year-round program developed for boys and girls in kindergarten through the fifth grade, along with their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role. Cub Scouting helps parents make the most of the short time they have to impact the lives of their children.



CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

CLASS A UNIFORM

Class A Uniforms are the official uniforms of Cub Scouts. Tigers, Wolves, and Bears wear blue uniform shirts while Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts wear khaki uniform shirts. Each age group has a specific belt, hat, neckerchief, and slide associated with their level. The sales staff at one of the local Scout Shops can help you with all uniform related questions and help you select all of the necessary patches. They can even arrange all of the sewing for a small fee. Pack 483 only asks its members wear the official uniform shirt with appropriate patches, belt, hat, slide, and neckerchief. Any pants or shorts with beltloops can be worn with the above items. Lion Cub Scouts wear a specially appointed T-Shirt and hat as their uniform.



CLASS B UNIFORM

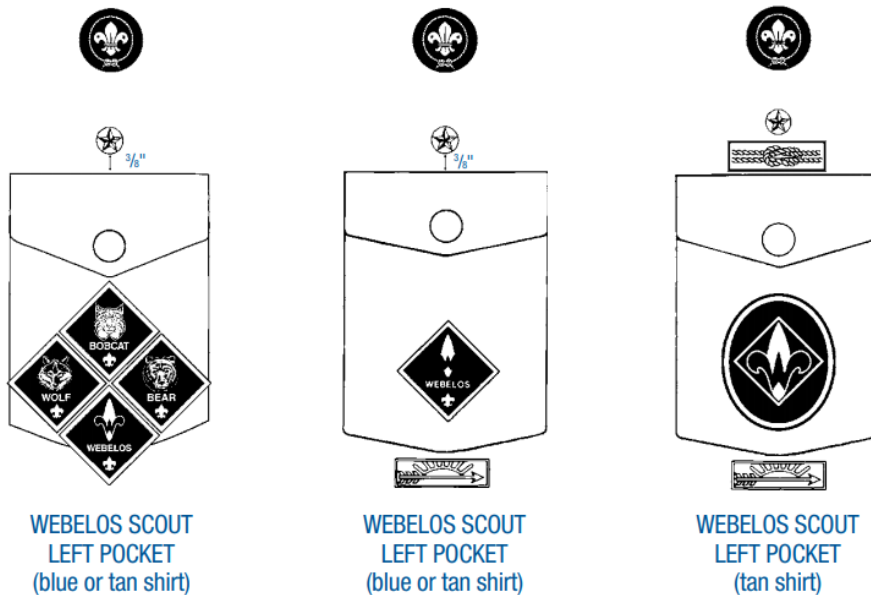
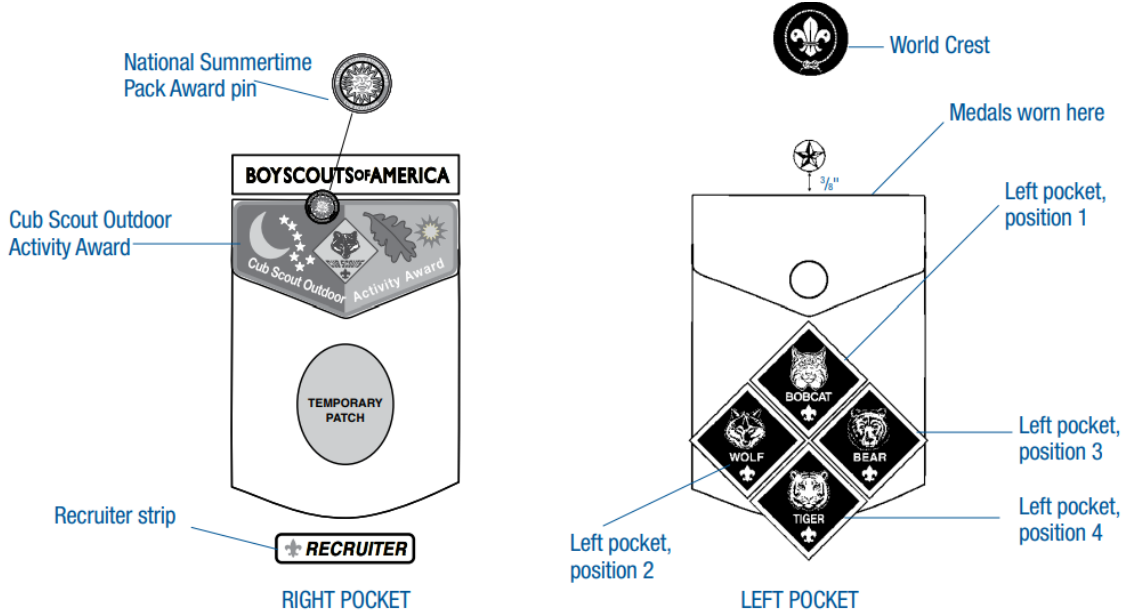
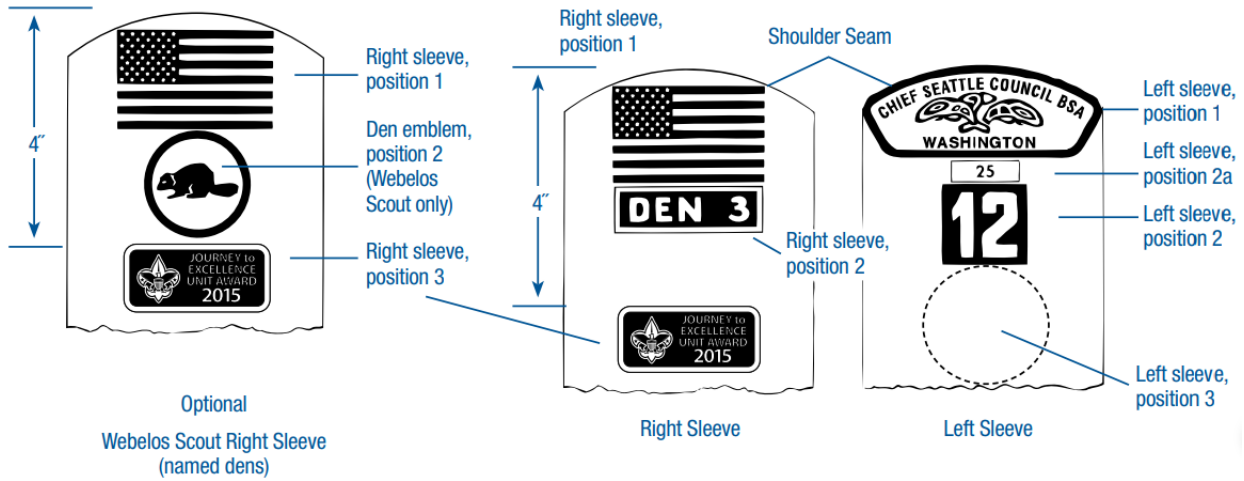
The Pack's optional secondary uniform that can be worn to all Den Meetings and camp outs. The Class B Uniform consists of the Pack 483 T-shirt and blue jeans or shorts. Pack shirts can be ordered through Pack 483. Ask you Den Leader for details.



RED VESTS

This is an optional addition to a Class A Uniform. The right to wear it must first be earned by participating in three District events held throughout the year. Patches and segments (small patches awarded for participation) that are earned for participating in Den or Pack activities, such as camping, field trips, and other Pack outings can be worn on this vest.

PATCH PLACEMENT



CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

PACK 483 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The following uniform requirements are the minimum uniform for the monthly Pack meetings and may also be worn to all weekly Den meetings. This uniform is referred to as the Class A uniform:

Lion Scouts - Official Lion Scout T-shirt and Lion Scout hat. Total cost for the entire Lion uniform is \$24.88 including tax.

Tigers, Wolves, and Bears - Official BSA blue uniform shirt with required patches, rank specific neckerchief and slide, Scout belt, pants or shorts with belt loops, and closed-toe shoes. Other BSA items are optional. Most scouts can wear the same blue uniform shirt throughout their years as a Cub Scout, only requiring one purchase for three years of scouting. Ensure your child's uniform shirt lasts by buying a larger size than currently needed. The Scout Shop staff can help you make your selection

Webelos and Arrow of Light - Official BSA khaki uniform shirt with required patches, Webelos neckerchief and slide, Scout belt, pants or shorts with belt loops, and closed-toe shoes. Other BSA items are optional. Again, one khaki colored shirt is all that is required for both years. Purchase a large enough shirt and the patches can be swapped for Troop patches and the shirt can be worn during the first year or two of Troop Scouting.

The Den meetings can be attended in the uniform described above or they can wear the optional Pack 483 T-shirt that is popular with the boys and their parents. This T-shirt can be ordered in youth or adult sizes for scouts and any interested family members. Prices may vary from year to year. Estimated price is around \$15. Orders are usually taken in September and February.

CUB SCOUTS

Blue short sleeve shirt	\$ 24.99
Hat (Tiger, Wolf, or Bear)	\$ 14.99
Neckerchief (Tiger, Wolf, or Bear)	\$ 9.99
Neckerchief slide (Tiger, Wolf, or Bear)	\$ 5.99
Cub Scout web belt	\$ 9.99
Bay Area Council shoulder patch	\$ 3.79
3 Number patches (4,8,3) \$1.49 each	\$ 4.47
Veteran Bar emblem - 65 Year	\$ 1.29
Den Number patch (ask Den Leader)	\$ 1.49
World Crest Emblem	\$ 1.99
Subtotal	\$ 78.98
Tax	\$ 6.52
TOTAL	\$ 85.50

WEBELOS AND AoL

Khaki short sleeve shirt	\$ 29.99
Webelos Hat	\$ 14.99
Shoulder loops (blue)	\$ 3.99
Webelos Neckerchief	\$ 9.99
Webelos Neckerchief slide	\$ 5.99
Boy Scout web belt	\$ 12.99
Bay Area Council shoulder patch	\$ 3.79
3 Number patches (4,8,3) \$1.49 each	\$ 4.47
Veteran Bar emblem - 65 Year	\$ 1.29
Patrol Emblem (ask Den Leader)	\$ 3.00
World Crest Emblem	\$ 1.99
Subtotal	\$ 92.48
Tax	\$ 7.63
TOTAL	\$ 100.11

SCOUT STORE LOCATIONS



Southwest Location:
Stafford Scout Shop, B.S.A.
281-207-2340
12300 Parc Crest Drive, Suite 130
Stafford, TX 77477

Southeast Location:
Clear Lake Scout Shop, B.S.A.
281-282-6067
Inside the United Way Bldg. A.
1300 Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058

North Location:
Sam Houston Area Council, B.S.A.
Headquarters and Scout Shop
713-865-5190
2225 N. Loop W. Fwy.
Houston, TX 77008

Internet Store – www.scoutstuff.org

A special note for families who cannot afford the cost for their son to be in Cub Scouting

Don't let financial difficulties keep your son from enjoying the Scouting Program. We are usually able to find sponsors who can help pay for some or all of your son's costs according to financial need. For further information call the Chartered Organization Representative, Ryan Jones at 713-878-8202 or see your Den Leader. All information will be kept strictly confidential.



CUB SCOUT MOTTO

DO YOUR BEST

SCOUT OATH

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.

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 in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law

RECOGNITION

Each month during the Pack meeting the Scouts will receive awards for any accomplishments made during the previous month. The awards consist of segment patches for activities and special awards earned in their Den such as the Adventure Pins or achievement medals.

Advancement provides a satisfying means of recognizing scouts for their progress. Boys and girls in the program have a ladder to climb, with recognition at each step. Presenting awards to scouts in meaningful ceremonies to recognize their accomplishments is a principle of advancement. Advancement is not a competition. Each Cub Scout is encouraged to advance steadily and purposefully, setting his or her own goals with guidance from family and leaders. Measurement for satisfying requirements is "Do Your Best," and that level can be different for each child.

Advancement is one of the methods we use to achieve Scouting's aims and its desired outcomes. As scouts earn the ranks of Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and the Arrow of Light, they achieve important goals in developing skills and favorable dispositions related to personal fitness, good character, participatory citizenship, outdoor skills and awareness, and leadership development. Each level of the program from Tiger to Arrow of Light is designed to achieve these goals through a series of developmentally-appropriate and fun adventures.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As with any quality program, there are costs required to fund that program. Our program is funded by fees charged to the Cub Scouts and by one annual major fundraiser, popcorn sales. These are explained below.

One-time registration fee - \$22.50 in August, \$18.75 in September, and \$15.00 in October

This pays for a partial year's fees to the BSA National office and for a Boy's Life Magazine subscription. Please allow at least 2 months for your son to receive his first issue.

One-time handbook fee - \$17

The handbook is available from the Pack at the cost of \$17 for a new book in order to save you the time and fuel costs to purchase at the Scout shop. After your annual dues are paid the handbook for his next year will be provided for no cost at the May Pack Graduation.

Dues - \$72 per year

Dues are \$72 for the entire year which can be paid at once in September or in 3 equal payments of \$24 in September, October, and November. The Scouting year starts in September and ends in August. Dues help fund our program and pay for all the awards, patches, and all other advancement items that your son can earn.

Annual Recharter Fee - \$45

Every January the Pack will be charged a recharter fee of \$45.00 per boy in our unit, which includes the Boy's Life Magazine subscription. The \$45 is due on the first Den Meeting in December. If your son sells at least \$200.00 in the Popcorn Fundraiser the Pack will pay this annual fee for you. See the following popcorn fundraiser information.

Popcorn Fundraiser

This is our primary fundraiser the entire year requiring sales by your son. Sales start the beginning of September and end around the end of November. If your son sells at least \$200.00 worth of popcorn, you will not have to pay the annual recharter fee of \$45. Selling popcorn is also a great way for your son to earn a patch and many fun prizes. The proceeds raised by our Popcorn Fundraiser helps us provide a quality, year-round program for our Scouts. This is the most important fundraiser for our Pack.

Uniform

Just as it is important for everybody on a sports team to look the same by wearing the same uniform, it is even more important in Scouting. The uniform provides your boy with a feeling of belonging to his Scouting group and can even help make a difference in his behavior. To keep costs to a minimum, we do not require the full uniform, although we encourage you to purchase the whole uniform if you desire.

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POPCORN SALE

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The annual Popcorn Sale is the primary fundraiser for Pack 483 and is how we keep the program going year in and year out. Funds raised from the Popcorn Sale fund the majority of activities Pack 483 participates in and funds our day to day activities such as class materials, camping supplies, and Advancement Awards.

POPCORN FOR OUR TROOPS

Donate a gift of popcorn for our military men and women, their families, and veterans' organizations.



\$50 Gold Donation
Over \$35.00 to local Scouting

\$30 Silver Donation
Over \$21.00 to local Scouting

Your purchase makes a difference.

70% of your purchase goes back to local Scouting to fund programs and camping activities for Scouts in your community.

Over 70%
goes to local SCOUTING



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<p>White Chocolatey Pretzels 17 oz.</p> <p>The perfect blend of crispy pretzels wrapped in creamy white chocolate goodness.</p> <p>\$25 Over \$17.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Caramel Corn with Almonds & Pecans 20 oz.</p> <p>A delectable gourmet caramel treat loaded with almonds and pecans.</p> <p>\$20 Over \$14.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Butter Toffee Caramel Corn 20 oz.</p> <p>Crispy popcorn lightly coated with a sweet toffee caramel glaze.</p> <p>\$20 Over \$15.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Dark & White Chocolatey Drizzle 9 oz.</p> <p>Sweet and salty Kettle Corn with a decadent dark and white chocolatey drizzle.</p> <p>\$20 Over \$14.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Chocolate Lover's COLLECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Chocolatey Pretzels 17oz. Milk Chocolatey Pretzels 17oz. White Chocolatey Caramel Crunch™ 14oz. Chocolatey Caramel Crunch™ 14oz. <p>Over \$30.00 to local Scouting</p> <p>\$55 Comes in a gift tin</p>
<p>Sour Cream & Onion 6 oz.</p> <p>A perfect blend of creamy onion and crispy popcorn.</p> <p>\$20 Over \$14.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Bacon Ranch 7 oz.</p> <p>Crunchy popcorn that combines a blast of ranch with a kick of bacon for the perfect snack.</p> <p>\$15 Over \$11.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Buffalo Cheddar Cheese 7 oz.</p> <p>Spicy buffalo flavors unite with our traditional cheddar cheese popcorn to ignite your taste buds.</p> <p>\$15 Over \$11.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Jalapeño Cheddar Cheese 7 oz.</p> <p>Crispy cheese popcorn with a spicy punch of jalapeño.</p> <p>\$15 Over \$11.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Sweet & Savory COLLECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW Dark & White Chocolatey Drizzle 9oz. NEW Cheddar Cheese Corn 7oz. NEW Kettle Corn 6oz. <p>Over \$27.00 to local Scouting</p> <p>\$40 Comes in a gift box</p>
<p>Kettle Corn 6 oz.</p> <p>Now pop-popped and ready to eat, this popcorn is sweet and salty with that straight from the kettle taste.</p> <p>\$15 Over \$11.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Classic Caramel Corn 11 oz.</p> <p>A traditional favorite. Our Classic Caramel Corn is full of rich caramel flavor.</p> <p>\$10 Over \$7.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Cheese Lover's COLLECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheddar Cheese Corn 7oz. NEW Sour Cream & Cheese Corn 7oz. White Cheddar Cheese Corn 7oz. <p>Over \$20.00 to local Scouting</p> <p>\$30 Comes in a gift box</p>		
<p>Kettle Corn Microwave 18-Pack</p> <p>Our deliciously sweet and salty Kettle Corn is better than ever!</p> <p>\$25 Over \$18.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Unbelievable Butter™ Microwave 18-Pack</p> <p>A customer favorite with more buttery flavor than ever before.</p> <p>\$20 Over \$14.00 to local Scouting</p>	<p>Butter Light Microwave 18-Pack</p> <p>Our lightest butter popcorn with new and improved flavor.</p> <p>\$20 Over \$14.00 to local Scouting</p>		

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CUB SCOUTING...

- Nurtures leadership and character growth
- Strengthens families
- Helps children develop interests and skills
- Provides adventure
- Creates fellowship
- Promotes diversity
- Teaches duty to God and country
- Is FUN!

*A RESEARCH STUDY BY
TUFTS UNIVERSITY SHOWED
THAT MORE TIME SPENT IN
SCOUTING RESULTS IN BETTER*

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT



PACK LEADERSHIP

The Pack Leadership consists of the Cubmaster, the Assistant Cubmaster, and the Den Leaders. These volunteers oversee the day to day activities of the Pack and ensure that the Scouting Program is being administered correctly, the Cub Scouts are advancing through the program, and having fun while doing it.

CUBMASTER

Ed Yannul

281-248-7401

reyannul@comcast.net

ASSISSTANT CUBMASTER

(New Leader needed)

BOY'S DENS

LION DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

TIGER DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

WOLF DEN LEADER
Joe Cardona

832-524-7416 - jose.cardona3@yahoo.com

BEAR DEN LEADER
Jenny Giber

281-731-1616 - jennygiber@gmail.com

WEBELOS DEN LEADER
Daniel Rodriguez

832-363-7178 - danrod99@yahoo.com

ARROW OF LIGHT DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

GIRL'S DENS

LION DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

TIGER DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

WOLF DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

BEAR DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

WEBELOS DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

ARROW OF LIGHT DEN LEADER
Volunteer Needed

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PACK COMMITTEE CHAIR

Joanna Atkinson

832-228-8783 - joanna.torres@juno.com

PACK CHAPLAIN
Volunteer Needed

RACING COMMITTEE CHAIR
Scott Stephenson

PACK TRAINER
Volunteer Needed

LION DEN REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteer Needed

PACK FUNDRAISING CHAIR/POPCORN KERNEL
Volunteer Needed

TIGER DEN REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteer Needed

PACK ADVANCEMENTS CHAIR
Terri Elkins

WOLF DEN REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteer Needed

PACK SECRETARY
Anna Macek
832-597-4897 - ajmacek@gmail.com

BEAR DEN REPRESENTATIVE
Elva Ruiz

PACK TREASURER
Ricky Torres

WEBELOS PATROL REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteer Needed

PACK PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR
Volunteer Needed

ARROW OF LIGHT PATROL REPRESENTATIVE
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PACK MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Volunteer Needed

WEBMASTER
Roger Hernandez Gandarillas
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CAMPING COMMITTEE CHAIR
Volunteer Needed

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE
Ryan Jones
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BLUE AND GOLD COMMITTEE CHAIR
Volunteer Needed

PACK SUBCOMMITTEES

BLUE AND GOLD COMMITTEE

BLUE AND GOLD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Volunteer Needed

Committee Member

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Volunteer Needed

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We live in a time of great opportunity. The spirit of innovation can help us overcome challenges and ensure a prosperous and secure future. To seize this opportunity, we must position ourselves at the cutting edge of scientific discovery and technological innovation.

Fostering a strong STEM education is our best opportunity to boost the spirit of innovation. It's what we need to help ensure this country continues on a prosperous and secure journey. STEM literacy is also critical because it has a profound and growing impact on our day-to-day lives. Nature, space exploration, and any STEM-related interest reveals to us the beauty and power of the world we inhabit.

STEM is part of an initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields through existing programs. From archery to welding, Scouts can't help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities. To support this initiative, the BSA developed the Nova Awards program so that youth members have fun and receive recognition for their efforts.





An Important Note on Parent Involvement

Cub Scouts is an organization run completely by parent volunteers. Just like many of you, the parents on our leadership team work full time jobs, are full time parents, and have full time lives outside of scouting. The Scouting Program is dependent on adult volunteer time being given to the Pack for every child in the Pack. We ask that for every family in the Pack, the scouting organization is given the equivalent of one hour of volunteer time per month, or 12 hours per year, on top of any requests made by the individual Den Leaders. These volunteer hours can be given by volunteering as a unit leader or assistant, in one of our many committees, or as part of our planning team. The hours can be spread out throughout the year or can be put in all at once for events such as the Pinewood Derby or the Blue and Gold Banquet. We have opportunities that should appeal to all types of interests and skills. Like camping and the outdoors? Join the Camping Committee! Great at social media and networking? Help with our Recruitment and Communication Team! There are many ways to help make your child's experience a more memorable and meaningful one. Please speak with one of the unit leaders for more information.

Simply put, the Scouting Program can continue to get by with the same seven or eight parents performing the majority of tasks, or it can be something great our children remember forever with each family contributing just a little. Pack 483 will be camping on the USS Lexington this year in June; only scouts who have earned their rank advancement and whose parents have volunteered the requisite number of hours will be eligible to attend.



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