

LDS Scouting Positions

Pack Committee Chair

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. D&C 107:99

The Purposes of Your Calling: Through your ward-outlined Scouting Program, help the assigned young men in your ward, ages 8, 9, and 10 to achieve the purposes of LDS Cub Scouting.

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- (1) Character development.
- (2) Spiritual Growth.
- (3) Good citizenship.
- (4) Sportsmanship and fitness.
- (5) Family understanding.
- (6) Respectful relations.
- (7) Personal achievement.
- (8) Friendly service.
- (9) Fun and adventure.
- (10) Preparation for Boy Scouting.
- (11) Preparing to receive the Aaronic Priesthood.

Methods of Cub Scouting

- (1) Home and neighborhood centered.
- (2) Family involvement.
- (3) Advancement Plan.
- (4) Den.
- (5) Ideals: Cub Scout Promise, The law of the Pack, The Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Motto, The Salute.
- (6) The Uniform.
- (7) Activities.

These methods are what make Cub Scouting happen in the lives of boys and their families.

Pack Committee Chair Guidelines of Stewardship

- **Be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years of age, and called by the bishop.**
- Be a person of good character, familiar with organization procedures, have a deep concern for the pack's success.
- Register as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Be willing and able to be the Cubmaster's chief advisor.
- Maintain a close relationship with the Chartered Organization Representative, keeping him informed of the needs of the pack that must be brought to the attention of the organization or the district.
- Wear a full Cub Scout leader uniform with appropriate insignia.
- Confer and work with the Cubmaster on policy matters relating to the Cub Scout program and the chartered organization.
- Supervise pack committed operation by: calling and presiding at pack leaders' meetings; assigning duties to and training, committee members; planning for pack charter review, roundup and registration; approving bills before payment by the pack treasurer.
- Encourage all leaders and Cubs to wear the appropriate full uniform.
- Get to know and become closely aware of all Cub Scouts in your ward.
- Arrange for and preside at the monthly Pack Leaders meeting (some wards include this meeting as part of the monthly Key Scout Leaders meeting).
- Conduct, with the Cubmaster's annual Pack Program Planning Conference.

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- Study and use the Cub Scout Leader Book and LDS Scouting Handbook.
- Assign duties to committee members and orient them as to how to help support your pack.
- See that the pack runs a quality program and qualifies for the National **Quality Unit Award** .
- Read and follow the manuals fully; review appropriate Scouting videos, if available.
- Maintain a close relationship with the CR, keeping this key person informed of the needs of the pack that must be brought to the attention of the organization or the district.
- Report to the chartered organization to cultivate harmonious relations.
- Confer with the Cubmaster on policy matters relating to the Cub Scout program and the chartered organization.
- Work closely with the unit commissioner and other pack and troop leaders in effecting a smooth transition of Webelos Scouts into the troop.
- Make recommendations to the chartered organization for final approval of pack leadership
- Recruit the Cubmaster and one or more Assistant Cubmasters with the chartered organization's approval.
- Provide adequate and safe facilities for pack meeting.
- Coordinate the pack program with the program of the chartered organization through the CR.
- Assist with pack charter renewal.
- Help to stimulate the interest of parents through proper programming.
- Supervise finances and equipment.
- Work closely with the Cubmaster.
- Ensure that Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts receive a year-round, quality program.
- Complete Pack Committee Fast Start Training and Cub Scout Leader Basic Training.
- Cooperate with other Scouting units.

Help bring families together at joint activities for Webelos dens (or packs) and Boy Scout troops.

- Maintain the standards of the chartered organization and the BSA.
- Become proficient at developing good pack leaders through study, awareness, and application.
- Support BSA council and district activities.
- Ensure that BSA and LDS program policies and guidelines are followed.
- Secure adult assistance and resources as needed through the pack committee and chartered organization (ward).
- Encourage parent involvement.
- Encourage *Boys' Life* subscription coming into the home of each Cub Scout and pack leader.
- Maintain two-deep leadership at all activities.
- **Rule One: KISMIF - Keep it simple, make it fun!**

Pack Committee Functions :

Every pack is under the supervision of a pack committee. This committee consists of a minimum of three qualified adults, 21 years of age or older, who are selected by the chartered organization (ward) and registered as adult leaders of the BSA. One of these is designated as Pack Committee Chair. Often, with a committee of three, members must assume responsibility in more than one area than with a committee of six or seven where responsibilities can be spread around. In many wards, there are only three or four committee members, so each member will have to assume more than one committee position and its respective responsibilities. If possible, have seven or more adults serve on the pack committee since experience has shown that a larger committee generally ensures a stronger, more stable pack.

A strong pack committee will have individual members assigned to such areas as record keeping and correspondence (secretary), finances (treasurer), advancement, training, public relations, outings, and membership and registration (membership). Descriptions of the various pack committee positions can be found in the Cub Scout Leader Book, pp. 4-7, 4-8 and 4-9, 8/00 printing, and in this material.

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The Pack Committee Chair Supervises pack committee operation by :

- Calling and presiding at pack leaders' meetings; assigning duties to, and training committee members; planning for pack charter review, roundup, and re-registration; approving bills before payment by the pack treasurer.
- Conduct the annual pack program planning conference and pack leaders' meetings.
- Complete Pack Committee Fast Start Training and Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, Akela's Council
- Ask the committee to assist with recommendations for Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmasters, Pack Trainer, Webelos Den Leaders, and Den Leaders, as needed.
- Recognize the need for more dens, and see that new dens are formed as needed.
- Work with the Chartered Organization Representative to provide adequate and safe facilities for pack meetings.
- Manage finances through adequate financial records.
- Maintain adequate pack records and take care of pack property.
- If the Cubmaster is unable to serve, assume active direction of the pack until a successor is recruited and registered as an adult leader.
- Appoint a committee member or other registered adult to be responsible for Youth Protection training.
- Provide a parent training program.
- Develop and maintain strong pack-troop relationships, sharing with the troop committee the need for graduations into the troop.

Qualities you should develop:

- Ability to work closely with boys
- Ability to work closely with the Webelos Den Leader
- Ability to organize time effectively
- Ability to develop leadership, team spirit, and follow the Cub Scout program as outlined
- A testimony and good relationship with the Lord

Meetings/Activities to attend:

- Monthly pack leaders meeting
- Monthly pack meeting
- Monthly district Roundtable (all districts do not meet on the same night. Check with your local Council Service Center for date, time, and location.)
- Annual Pack Program Planning Conference
- Cub Scout Leader PowWow
- Other district and council activities
- General church meetings

Average amount of time spent in your calling per week: 4-6 hours

Handbooks and other literature you should have to fulfill your calling

- Scouting Handbook (LDS)
- Cub Scout Leader Book #33224
- Cub Scout Program Helps #34304C
- Cub Scout Fast Start Video AV01V022.