



# Cub Scout Pack 608

## Lower Providence, PA

### Dens for Boys and Girls



## PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

### The Basics

#### Pack 608

Our Pack has served K-5 students in Lower Providence Township since 1973. We are based out of Woodland Elementary school and chartered by the Woodland Elementary Home & School Association.

Most of our cub scouts attend Woodland or Eagleville Elementary, but do not have to. Attendance is encouraged from anywhere in Lower Providence Township and vicinity area.

#### Where We Meet

Zoom Den Meeting ID: 769 9469 6346  
Password: pack608

#### When We Meet

Pack Events: 1 Pack Event per Month, 2-3 hours long  
Den Meetings: 6:45 PM, 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday

#### Dues

\$130/year. This covers BSA dues, insurance, pack fee, handbook, neckerchief, a subscription to Boy's Life Magazine, awards, discount cards, and the cost of many events for your scout.

### Contacting the Leaders

#### Michael Bruner, Cubmaster:

[cubmaster@pack608.org](mailto:cubmaster@pack608.org)

#### Thorsten Cassel, Committee Chair:

[chairman@pack608.org](mailto:chairman@pack608.org)

### Parents Role in Scouts

Parents are an important part of an exceptional Scouting program. As a parent, you are considered "Akela" by your scout and other scouts. Akela is a

symbol of wisdom, authority, and leadership. Examples of Akela include the Cubmaster, the Den Leader, teachers, and YOU -- the main leader your child looks to for guidance. Parent/Guardian presence is required at all Den Meetings and outings if your scout is a K/1st grade Lion/Tiger Cub. After that, continued presence is helpful to the Den Leader.

### Pack Committee

Parents are also members of the Pack Committee. The Pack Committee plans the programming for all the activities of the Pack at the monthly committee meetings. There are a variety of roles and sub-committees to keep our pack running. Pack Committee meetings can be an enjoyable way to learn how Pack 608 works and get to know other parents. ANY parent is encouraged to attend any committee meeting.

The committee enables, equips, and trains the leaders and parent volunteers. We ask that you identify your strengths and find ways to apply them towards the program. Your role is certainly up to you, but we all hope you find a good place in our Pack to apply those skills and enhance the program. Feel free to speak with any of the current leaders about where you can help.

#### Leader Training

All current and new leaders must complete the Youth Protection and Leader-specific training as required by Council. All training can be completed online.

### Uniforms

It's OK to attend meetings without a uniform the first couple weeks. The uniforms are normally worn at Pack Meetings, Den Meetings, and other events. We strive to have new scouts in uniform by October.



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We have two uniforms. The "Class A" uniform is the more formal of the two. You should purchase a shirt, neckerchief slide, and a belt; optional items include a hat and pants/shorts. The Pack will provide the neckerchief each year and Pack 608 numbers for the uniform are also provided to new scouts. Items can be purchased at the Valley Forge Scout Shop in Wayne, and may be available as hand-me-downs from older scouts.

The "Class B" uniform is a t-shirt that scouts can wear to campouts and less formal events. A Class B t-shirt is available to purchase through the pack.

## Activities

### Den Meetings

Scouts complete most of their required activities during the Den Meetings; activities include playing games, learning to eat healthy and keep physically fit, or learning about nature and camping safety. After reciting the scout oath & law, scouts break out into dens to work on their requirements.

The Cub Scout will be assigned a Den based on the grade in school. The den will be led by a parent and parent helpers. Dens focus on completing the program as outlined in the handbooks. Each year you will use a different handbook.

### Pack Meetings

Each month, all of our Scouts get together for group activities such as hiking, swimming, camping, etc. Pack meetings are generally on the weekend.

### Annual Bake-Off

In December, parents and guardians assist scouts in making fun-themed dessert items such as cookies and cakes. The treats are then auctioned off as a fundraiser. Family & friends are invited.

### Pinewood Derby

In February, we get our race on! Parents assist their child in customizing a Pinewood Derby Car. Don't worry; we hold an info session to review requirements, techniques and tips. This is always a winner for the boys and girls!

### Blue and Gold Banquet

In March, pack families are invited to a sit-down meal and our Scouts get entertained with a fun program of awards and activities. The special event includes our 5th grade scouts receiving their Arrow of Light award and crossing over to a Scout Troop!

### Outdoor Camping

We have several opportunities to camp out as a Pack each year. During the warmer months, we tent camp outdoors, while we utilize a cabin in the colder months.

### Summer Camp

We encourage our scouts to attend either day camp or overnight camp each summer.

## Staying Updated

### eMail Distribution

Please make sure we have your contact information correct. We email notices and reminders on a regular basis. Please notify us if your contact information changes.

### Website Pack608.org and Facebook

Our website [pack608.org](http://pack608.org) provides the meeting calendar and information about the pack.

We use the CubPack608 Facebook group for event reminders, and to share stories, pictures and videos about our Pack events. Request access at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cubpack608>