

Welcome to Pack 16 Cub Scouts 2009/2010

The members of Pack 16 would like to thank you for joining us. 2010 marks 100 years of scouting, so you'll be part of a very special year. It is our goal to be positive role models for the boys that we lead. We have a newsletter that Robin puts together for us that is very helpful for the new *and* existing scouts for updates on Scouting Experience, Training and Scout Events. But this is a summary of our entire year....The following are the current leaders of our Pack. Please feel free to contact any of us, for we were all once in your shoes. If you have a question or concern, it needs to be addressed. ☺

Cub Master: Mike Tynes – 368-9482

Tiger Leader: Michelle Tucker – 368-7283

Wolf Leader: Joe Cole – 368-3056

Bear Leader: Janet Taunton – 368- 3732

1st Year Webelos Leader: Mike Tynes – 368-9482

2nd Year Webelos Leader: Robin Adams –368-5300

Pack 16 is chartered by First Baptist Church of Farmerville. Our charter representative is Marvin Prestridge. They have graciously agreed to allow our large group to meet at their facilities at no charge. We are a part of the Pioneer District which consists of Union, Lincoln, and Ouachita parishes. Directions to the BSA scout office are: take S165 to the new Forsythe extension to Oliver Rd, take a right and the bldg is on the left, right before the RR tracks. The phone number is 325-4634.

The official begin date is June 1st, but our Scouting Year really kicks off with the starting of the school year, like at the School Night Sign Up and usually ends with the Blue and Gold Banquet in May. The Pack does continue to participate in activities over the summer such as camp and other planned activities. These activities start working toward your next year's rank.

The first thing that you will need after completing the Youth Application is to purchase a Scout Handbook for your appropriate Rank. You will also need to purchase a Uniform Shirt and the accompanying patches. The shirt cost approximately \$25 and is not required for your first meeting but is recommended by the First Pack Meeting. This shows the boys that we are all in unity when we come together with our Scout Uniform on and gives them a place to put some of their awards.

The first requirement that you will need to do is to make sure that you earn the Bobcat Patch unless you have already done so. All scouts must earn this patch before they can earn any of the other patches. This is outlined in each scout handbook and there is a worksheet in this packet.

The den meetings last approximately one hour and are offered once a week. At your meeting your den leader will keep attendance and advancements records. This can be tracked by using our Scout Track Web Site, if you are interested, you will be assigned a user id and password through your email address, in which this is not required.

The Pack will meet at least quarterly (Other meetings may be needed and will be announced). A Pack Meeting is where all the dens meet together and hand out advancements to all the scouts who have earned them since the previous pack meeting. These are especially for family members to see their boys' hard earned work.

October is the month of product sales. Our product sales consist of popcorn and magazines. These sales are very important because it supports our pack's achievements for the whole year. In order for product sales to be successful, we need everyone to participate.

Our first campout will be Mom-N-Me. This takes place the first or second weekend in October. This campout is for the scout and his mom or female partner over the age of 21. If you have a scout whose mother cannot attend encourage them to have a grandmother or aunt attend with them. If this is not possible then the scout may be able to attend Cub-O-Ree at Camp Attakapas in Trout, La on the 3rd weekend of October; or Scout-O-Ween at Camp T.L.James the last weekend. These are family campouts. At these camps they will do events such as BB gun shooting, Archery and Fishing. These are usually some of the first advancements that the boys earn called Belt Loops. These are worn on the scout's belt. They will also earn a patch for attending.

Scouting for Food is held in November, the first two Saturdays. This is where the scouts have an opportunity to participate in a food drive that benefits our local community. We usually have a Pack Campout in November. This is an event where all the boys can camp together with their family and get to know the other scouts from our pack. We also do events and games to allow the boys to earn belt loops, patches and achievements in their book. This year this event may be substituted with a trip to the USS Kidd in Baton Rouge. This is not confirmed and can only be accomplished with parental involvement.

In December we always have a Christmas Party. We have had Santa come in the past and we bring covered dishes and fellowship with the scouts and their families. Details to be announced. Also in December, our pack has the opportunity to participate in the town parade.

In January the Webelos are invited to attend a campout with the Boy Scout Troop called Klondike. This campout allows the boys to learn the way a Troop differs from the pack and prepares them for their transformation to the Troop. There are two local troops. They are Troop 16 and Troop 54. The Scout Master for Troop 16 is Mike Smicker and the Scout Master for Troop 54 is Robin Adams. The group can attend Klondike with the Troop of their choice.

On February 7th, the boys are able to participate in Scout Sunday by wearing their scout shirt to their church service to earn a patch. Also, February is time for our Annual Pinewood Derby. This is an event where the boys design a car out of a kit that can be purchased only at the Scout Office. This allows the boys to compete and learn good sportsmanship. The top 6 winners from our Pack advance to the District Race which is held in Ruston.

In March it is Dad's turn, with the Dad-N-Lad campout. This is an opportunity for the scouts to camp with their dad or male guardian over the age of 21. They will also do the shooting, archery and fishing sports plus new games. If the boy was unable to attend the camp out in the fall this gives them another chance to earn those belt loops. There is also a Spring Cub-O-Ree at Camp Attakapas as well. Both of the Camp-O-Rees are family camp outs.

During the summer months as stated before, the pack has the opportunity to participate in Cub Scout Resident Camp at TL James. The boys are able to earn advancements at camp as well. Other events during the summer have been a rain gutter regatta or a float in the annual town festival. We usually end the summer with a Pack Meeting in August before school starts to hand out all the achievements earned during the summer months.

As stated before we are so happy to have you as a part of our pack as well as the scouting organization. Scouting is not only for your son it is for your entire family! Let's all make this school year a great one in scouting!

Yours in Scouting, Pack 16

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