

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cub Scout Pack 71 Parent Guide 2022-2023



**Cub Scout Pack 71, Tempe, AZ
Chartered Organization: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church**

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Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 71!

We're so glad your family has joined Scouting and we hope you and your Scout(s) will have many great adventures with Pack 71!

For more than 100 years the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has provided high quality, fun and educational programs designed to help young people build character, develop fitness, and become active, responsible citizens. Cub Scouts emphasizes a year-round, home-centered program at the local level that helps to strengthen the family.

Starting in 2018, girls can also join Cub Scouts! Working with their Chartered Organization, a pack may choose to serve just boys, just girls, or both boys and girls in single-gender dens. OLMC Pack 71 welcomes both boys and girls, and has single gender dens.

Pack 71 has been meeting at OLMC in Tempe, AZ since 1957 and continues to thrive due to the dedication of its volunteer leaders and parents like you! We all believe that Scouting is an important part of the physical, mental, and spiritual development of our scouts.

Boy Scouts of America's number one priority is the safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity. They take great pride in the quality of adult leadership and in their application review process. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check and is required to complete Youth Protection Training courses every two years. Additionally, in Pack 71, all adults who attend Pack 71 meetings and events are required to annually complete the Phoenix Diocesan Safe Environment Training (SET). BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting is safe for all participants.

Pack 71 is in the Gila River District, one of six districts in the Grand Canyon Council. The Grand Canyon Council stretches from Yuma, AZ to Page, AZ. We are chartered annually by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which is chartered by the Congress of the United States of America.

All Cub Scout Packs are sponsored by a chartering organization that provides support and approves the selection of leaders. Pack 71 is chartered by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Tempe, AZ. You do not have to be a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to join Pack 71.

Scouting supports a strong moral value system within its members, including the most important element – a belief in God and a sense of duty and reverence towards Him. While requiring that its members acknowledge a fundamental belief in a supreme God, the Boy Scouts of America organization does not define the specifics of any particular religion except to say that God must be the center of it. The BSA encourages its members to actively practice their own religious faith in worship of Him.

Important Information

My Pack Number is: 71

My Pack is chartered by: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

My Pack is in the: Gila River District

My Pack is in the: Grand Canyon Council

My Den Number is: _____

My Den Leader's Name is: _____

My Den Leader's email address is: _____

My Den Leader's phone number is: _____

My Den meets on: _____ (day) at _____ (time).

My Den meets at: _____ (location).

I should wear my _____ uniform to Den Meetings.

My Pack meets: once a month, on a Monday at 6:30pm.

My Pack meets at: _____ (location).

I should wear my Class A/Field uniform to Pack Meetings.

My Cubmaster's name is: Mr. Richard Palmer

My Cubmaster's email is: Olmctempepack71@gmail.com

My Cubmaster's phone number is: 480-236-8659

My Committee Chair's name is: Mrs. Kathleen Polowski

My Committee Chair's email is: kpolo55@gmail.com

My Committee Chair's phone number is: 480-244-6806

My Chartered Organization Representative (COR) is: Mr. Christopher Houk

My COR's email is: Christopherhouk@hotmail.com

*****All parents who attend Den Meetings, Pack Meetings and any Pack Event, must take the Phoenix Diocesan Safe Environment Training (SET) annually.**

Foundation training is required as the initial training and is available online. The annual Renewal Training is online and is available starting July 1st every year. This training should be completed before school and Pack events start or, for new families, soon after joining. Please visit this site to take the training: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org/>



The Mission, Aims, and Methods of Cub Scouts



Cub Scout Packs serve boys and girls who are in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Cub Scouts, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the Mission, Aims, and Methods of Cub Scouts.

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 Law.

The **Aims** of Scouting are Character, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Leadership.

The seven **Methods** of Cub Scouts are discussed on the next page.



The Methods of Cub Scouts



LIVING THE IDEALS: Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in Scouts and the leaders who guide them.

BELONGING TO A DEN: The den—a group of children who are in the same grade and are the same gender—is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.

ADVANCEMENT: Recognition is important to everyone. The advancement plan provides fun for the Scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn rank, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with them on advancement projects.

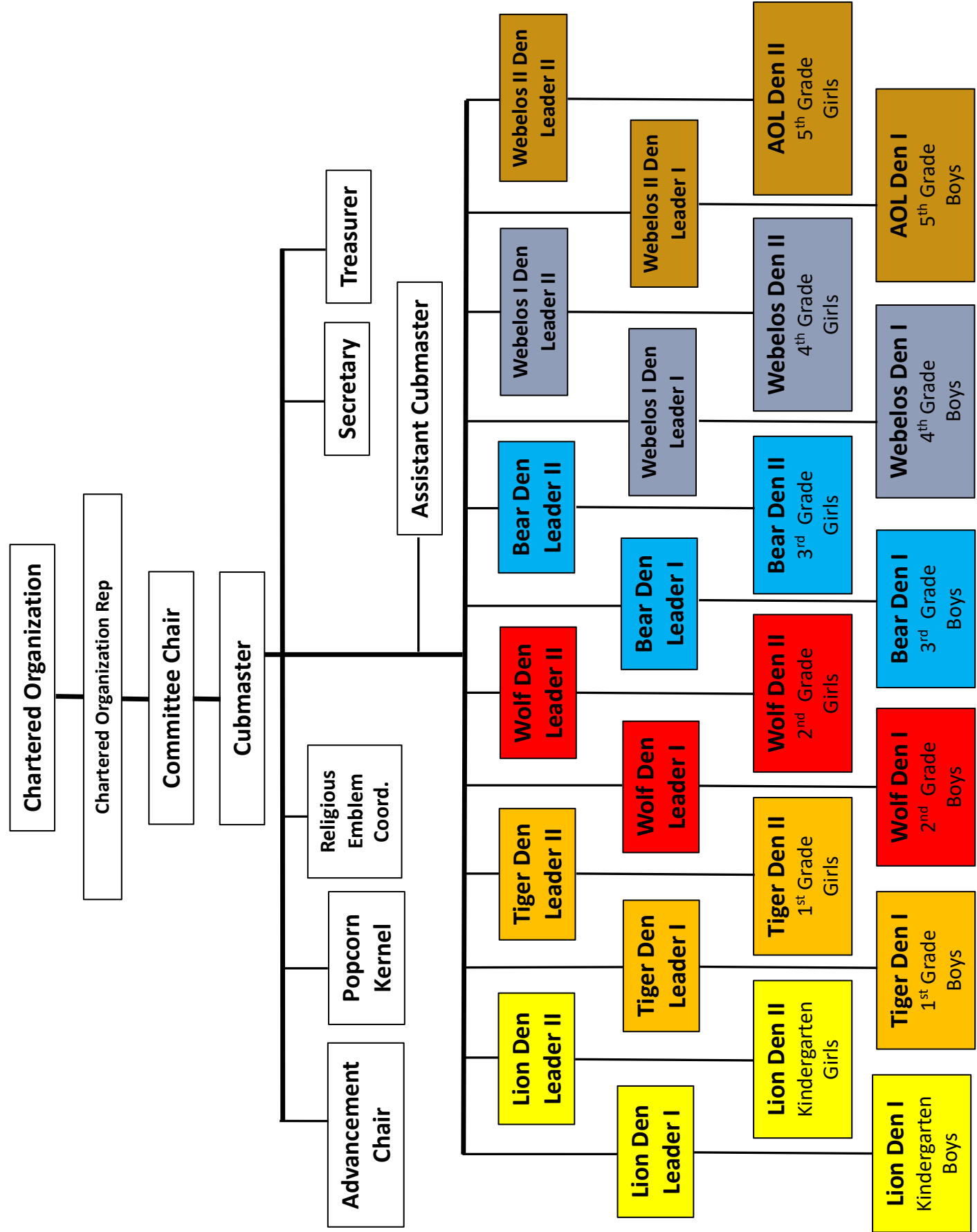
FAMILY INVOLVEMENT: Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that Scouts have a good experience in the program.

ACTIVITIES: Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, songs, outdoor activities, trips, service projects, religious emblems, and Pinewood Derbies. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

SERVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps Scouts strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn supports their growth and development

UNIFORM: Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating that a Scout is part of a team and showing individual achievement (Scouts wear the badges, loops, and pins they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, and good behavior.

Pack 71 Organization Chart



2022-2023 Dens and Den Leaders

Boy Lions = Den 09

Den Leader is TBD

Girl Lions = Den 10

Den Leader is TBD

Boy Tigers = Den 11

Den Leader is Jennifer Tinnin

Girl Tigers = Den 12

Den Leader is TBD

Boy Wolves = Den 01

Den Leader is Taylor Page

Girl Wolves = Den 02

Den Leader = Alana LaBelle

Boy Bears = Den 03

Den Leader = TBD

Girl Bears = Den 04

Den Leader is TBD

Boy Webelos I = Den 05

Den Leader is Jeff Scoby

Girl Webelos I = Den 06

Den Leader is TBD

Boy Webelos II = Den 07

Den Leader is Alana LaBelle

Girl Webelos II = Den 08

Den Leader is Jennifer Tinnin

A Cub Scout Pack Organization

A group of Scouts of the same age and same gender who are working on earning the same rank, make up a **Den**.

All of the Dens together make up the **Pack**.

Each Den has a **Den Leader**, and the Den Leaders plan and execute their weekly **Den Meetings**.

The **Key 3** of a Cub Scout Pack include the Chartered Organization Representative, the Committee Chair, and the Cubmaster.

A **Pack Committee** consists of interested parents, leaders, and members of the Chartered Organization who support the Pack in areas such as planning and implementing pack activities, fundraising events, recordkeeping, service projects, outings, camping trips, Blue and Gold Banquets, Pinewood Derbies, etc.

The Pack Committee is headed by the Pack **Committee Chair**, and includes the following members: **Advancement Chair, Chartered Organization Representative, Membership Chair, Popcorn Kernel, Religious Emblem Coordinator, Secretary, Service Projects, Pack Trainer, and Treasurer**.

The **Cubmaster** and **Assistant Cubmaster** plan and execute monthly **Pack Meetings** around monthly themes. The Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, and Pack Trainer work to support the Den Leaders and encourage and provide training relevant to the leader's position.

The youth in a Pack are the **Scouts**, and the adult volunteers are called **Scouters**. All Scouters are **volunteers** and your help is sincerely appreciated, no matter how big or small.

Advancement

Recognition is important to young children. The advancement plan provides fun, gives Scouts a sense of personal achievement, and strengthens family understanding, participation, and appreciation. The responsibility for a Cub Scout's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family, not with the Pack. Some advancement requirements are done at Den Meetings, and some are done at home with the family.



Lions – The Lion program is for Kindergarteners and their adult partners. They work on Adventures and learn about Youth Protection like the older grades, but they do not earn a Cyber Chip (Internet Safety) or complete Bobcat.

Bobcat – Beginning in the Tiger year, all new Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, each Cub Scout works on requirements based on grade level.

Tigers – The Tiger program is for first graders and their adult partners. Tigers, working with their adult partners, earn the Tiger badge. Adventures include indoor and outdoor activities just right for a first grader. Tigers also learn about Youth Protection and earn a Cyber Chip.

Advancement (cont.)

Wolves – The Wolf program is for second graders. Scouts learn about the outdoors, Leave No Trace, our neighborhoods and community service, and good health. Wolves also learn about Youth Protection and earn a Cyber Chip.

Bears – The Bear program is for third graders. Scouts will learn about nature, how to take care of themselves, the value of helping others, having fun, and patriotism. Bears also learn about Youth Protection and earn a Cyber Chip.

Webelos – The Webelos I program is for fourth graders. Scouts will learn more about camping and the outdoors. Webelos I also learn about Youth Protection and earn a Cyber Chip.

Arrow of Light – The Arrow of Light (AOL) program is for fifth graders. Scouts work on requirements for the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts. AOL scouts are introduced to Scouts BSA and visit Troops. In the spring, AOL scouts graduate from Cub Scouts into Scouts BSA. This is celebrated with an impressive “cross over” ceremony.

Where can my Scout go after graduating Cub Scouts?

Scouts BSA --- for scouts aged 11-18 (can be age 10 if completed AOL or 5th grade). This program is open to boys and girls, but each Troop has only boys OR girls. This is a Scout led leadership program, that includes adult mentoring and supervision. Scouts advance through ranks, earn merit badges, experience summer camps, high adventure, and gain life skills. Scouts work towards the widely recognized and highly respected rank of “Eagle Scout.”

Meetings

A Cub Scout Pack has weekly Den Meetings, monthly Pack Meetings, and some special events. Leaders and Committee Members also participate in a monthly Committee and Leader Meeting.

Den Meetings are held weekly, usually 2 or 3 weeks out of the 4 weeks in a month. During these meetings, your Scout will meet only with the scouts in their Den. These meetings provide your Scout with opportunities to enjoy various planned activities, learn new skills, and have a lot of fun. While parental attendance is strongly encouraged, it is *required* for Lion and Tiger Scouts. Some Dens will require parent participation at specific Den Meetings. Please keep in touch with your Scout's Den Leader so you will know what activities are taking place and can track the progress your Scout is making. Meeting locations for each Den Meeting will be communicated to parents by the Den Leader.

Pack Meetings are held once a month, usually on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. At a Pack Meeting, all Dens in Pack 71 meet together, and their families are encouraged to attend. The Pack Meeting is a fun time for everyone. Dens show off the projects they have been working on, lead songs, perform skits, and awards are presented to the Scouts. Awards are a very important part of the Scouting program. They are intended to help build self-esteem by providing recognition for a Scout's hard work. We encourage you to applaud, whistle, and cheer for all of the Scouts as they are presented with their awards at Pack Meetings. Pack Meetings are also a time for the family to get information about upcoming events and activities and share in the Scouting Spirit. Be sure to attend and join in the excitement while watching your Scout advance!

Committee Member and Den Leader Meetings are held once a month. During these meetings, Pack leaders who are Committee Members and Den Leaders discuss timely topics related to the smooth functioning of the Pack (goal setting, calendaring, progress towards awards like Journey to Excellence and the National Catholic Unit Excellence Award) and plan upcoming Pack Meetings and Events. Parents are welcomed and invited to attend.

Uniform

Cub Scouting is a uniformed organization. When someone thinks of Cub Scouting, usually the first thing pictured in their mind is a youth wearing the scout uniform properly. The uniform is an important part of the Cub Scouting experience and most youth are eager and proud to obtain and wear a full uniform that shows they belong to the group. The Cub Scout uniform identifies the organization to our community.

All Tigers through Bears wear the Official Cub Scout blue shirt (tucked inside their shorts, skorts, or pants), while Webelos may wear the Official Cub Scout blue or the Official Scouts BSA tan shirt. The Official shirt includes wearing the Grand Canyon Council shoulder patch, World Scout Emblem, and Pack 71 numerals. As your scout advances through the program, additional patches will be added to their uniform.

In Pack 71, Scouts are **required to wear** the following uniform items:

Please note that a uniform will likely last your Scout several years.

- Cub Scout shirt (blue or tan according to rank) (\$33 + \$13.50 patches)
- Neckerchief and slide (matching to rank) (\$13 + \$8)
- Cub Scout belt (\$15)
- BSA Navy Pants, BSA navy skort, or BSA navy shorts (\$33, \$28, \$28)
OR OLMC uniform navy pants/shorts
- Handbook for matching your scout's rank (\$24)
- Webelos only – blue shoulder loops (\$5)

In Pack 71, the following items are **supplied by the Pack:**

- First Year Scouts: Handbook and Pack 71 t-shirt (\$24 + \$10)
- All scouts: Annual Neckerchief (\$13)
- All Webelos: Colors worn on shoulder (\$8)

In Pack 71, the following items are **optional:**

- Official Cub Scout pants, skort, or shorts (\$33, \$28, \$28)
- Cub Scout socks (\$8) *socks are required for Arrow of Light Scouts
- Cub Scout hat (\$23-\$25)

Uniform (cont.)

The staff in the Scout Shop (1061 N Dobson Rd #109, Mesa, AZ 85201; Mesa Riverview Mall, just west of the Cinemark Theatre) can help you pick out the correct uniform items and show you proper placement on the uniform. Pictures of the correct uniform configuration are available in the Cub Scout Handbook. Don't hesitate to ask a leader if you have questions.

Pack 71 also has a Used Uniform Closet. If your Scout has outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it to the closet, and seeing what we may have available for your Scout.

In addition to the Official Cub Scout uniform (known as the "Class A" or "Field Uniform"), Pack 71 also uses a "Class B" uniform (or "Activity Uniform") for events where the Class A uniform is not appropriate, like hikes. The Class B uniform consists of the Pack 71 Class B t-shirt, and Official Cub Scout pants, skorts, or shorts (or substitute of similar style and color). The Class B t-shirts are provided to new members of the pack when they join. Additional Pack 71 t-shirts are available for youth and adults, at a cost of \$10. We encourage parents to purchase a Pack 71 T-shirt for themselves. Pack 71 Class B t-shirts are not available at the Scout Shop because they are specific to Pack 71. Please contact a leader when you would like to purchase a Pack 71 Class B t-shirt.

The Class A Uniform should be worn to Pack Meetings and most Special Events. Your Den Leader will communicate which uniform should be worn to which Den Meeting. Please review the information in the "Special Events" section to determine which uniform to wear to which events.

The Pack 71 direct contact leaders (Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and Assistant Den Leaders) wear the Class A/Field uniform with appropriate insignia at the same meetings and events as the Scouts. Committee members without a direct contact role may choose if they will wear a Class A/Field uniform.

Special Events

Throughout the year, Pack 71 Scouts have the opportunity to participate in several special events. Below is a list, an approximate time frame, and a brief description of events. This list includes most, but not all special events.

Priesthood Sunday: In mid-September, Pack 71 Scouts show OLMC priests that we are thankful for them! We create a unique prayer poster and present it to them after mass. (Wear Class A uniform.)

Popcorn Sales: In September and October, we have our biggest fundraiser for the Pack. Scouts can sell popcorn to friends, family, online, using paper order forms, door-to-door, or with a table in front of a store. Portions of sales go to pay for the popcorn, to support our Council, to support Pack 71, and to your Scout to pay for scouting related items and events. (Wear Class A uniform.)

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bag Benefit: In September, at a Pack Meeting, we help OLMC's SVdP label food donation bags, hand the bags out after masses, and collect them at masses the following week. (Wear Class A uniform.)

Family Campout: In October or November, Pack 71 hosts our annual Family Campout. The whole family is invited to camp with the Pack for a weekend. Locations range from Phoenix to Payson. (Wear Class B uniform, bring Class A uniform for flag ceremonies.)

Braves Pow-Wow: In November, the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's National Honor Society) hosts a fun-filled day-event just for Cub Scouts. Activities include shooting sports, games, scout skills, flag retirements, and First Responder vehicle displays. (Wear Class B uniform.)

St. Vincent de Paul Thankful Drive: In November, at a Pack Meeting, Scouts make a donation to "purchase" a piece of a "Thankful Poster." Scouts write what they are thankful for on the poster piece and all pieces are assembled together. Donations and the poster are presented to SVdP. (Wear Class A uniform.)

Special Events (cont.)

Christmas Event and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive: In early to mid-December, Pack 71 Scouts gather to enjoy a Christmas event together. Scouts are asked to bring a food item to donate to SVdP.
(Wear warm layers and Class B.)

Winter Camp: In late December, the Grand Canyon Council sponsors a Winter Day Camp for Cub Scouts. Activities include Nature, Scout Skills, Obstacle Course, STEM, Crafts, and Sling Shots. (Wear warm layers and Class B.)

Scouting For Food: In late January, Scouts drop off food donation bags with their Dens at houses assigned on a specific street. In early February, Scouts return and pick up the bags. Food is donated to local food banks.
(Wear Class A uniform.)

Scout Sunday: On a Sunday in early February, we celebrate the establishment of the BSA, the 12th point of the Scout Law, reverent, and the foundational tenet of Scouting...duty to God. Pack 71 Scouts and Leaders attend mass at OLMC together in Class A uniform and often help with the service. Scouts are presented with Religious Emblems they have earned in the past year.
(Wear Class A uniform.)

Pinewood Derby: In February, Pack 71 races the Pinewood Derby cars our scouts have made. Awards are presented at the Den and Pack level for fastest cars, as well as at the Pack level for special categories. Get ready to race!
(Wear Class A uniform.)

Phoenix Diocese's Catholic Committee on Scouting Ceremony: In late February, Scouts are recognized for earning Religious Emblems, and units are recognized for earning the Catholic Unit of Excellence Award. (Wear Class A uniform.)

Arrow of Light Ceremony: In Spring, AOL Scouts complete their Arrow of Light requirements, and are ready to advance to Scouts BSA. Pack 71 Scouts support the AOL Scouts as they leave the Pack and "bridge" to Scouts BSA.
(Wear Class A uniform.)

Special Events (cont.)

Blue and Gold Banquet: In February or March, we celebrate the birthday of BSA Scouting, and through special ceremonies, Scouts are presented with the ranks they have worked all year to earn. A unique theme is selected each year for this big celebration. The whole family is invited to enjoy an evening of food, fun, and festivity. (Wear Class A uniform.)

Phoenix Diocese's Catholic Committee on Scouting Retreat: A spring time weekend event, where all Catholic Scouts gather to learn more about our faith through meaningful and fun activities. (Wear Class B, bring Class A uniform for Flag Ceremonies and mass.)

Cake Auction: In April, Scouts design, make, and donate a cake within a theme. Cakes are auctioned to raise funds for Pack 71. Awards are given to Scouts for their cakes in a large variety of categories. (Wear Class A uniform.)

End of the Year Ceremony: A special outdoor ceremony in May to celebrate Scouts in Pack 71 moving up to the next rank. Scouts receive their new neckerchief for their next rank. (Wear Class A uniform.)

Summer Camp: From June to early July. Cub Scouts, along with their families, can choose to attend Overnight Summer Camp. Activities include archery, astronomy, BB guns, boat building and racing, climbing, compass course treasure hunt, crafts, fishing, horseback riding, campfires, and a Trading Post! (Wear Class B, bring Class A for flag ceremonies.)

Summertime Activities: From June through August. Cub Scouts and their families may participate in a variety of activities throughout the summer that are scheduled by the Pack. Scouts who participate in one activity per month earn the Summertime Activity Pin. Activities have included: roller skating, bowling, batting cages, mini-golf, ice skating, swimming, baseball game, Memorial Day Flag ceremony, movie night, scavenger hunt, and food packing service project. (Wear Class B uniform.)

Expenses and Registration

Pack 71's *approximate* expenses are listed below. These expenses can be paid for by parents and/or through fundraising opportunities.

2022 Dues (2 Options) *if joining after August, these dues are prorated.

Option #1: \$275 --- Scout sells no popcorn

Option #2: \$150 + Scout sells popcorn for 6 hours at
Pack Popcorn Booths (three 2 hr. shifts)

2022 Dues Listed Above INCLUDE

National BSA Registration (annual).....\$75

Local GCC Program Fee (annual).....\$50

Pack Dues (annual).....\$150

Den Meeting supplies, service project supplies,
Pack Meeting Supplies, Belt Loops and Pins, Rank patches and
Parent Pins, Neckerchiefs, Pinewood Derby Kits and Awards, Pack
Family Campout, Blue and Gold Banquet

Separate Expenses Covered by Parents:

BSA New Member Fee (only for new scouts).....\$25

Required Uniform Pieces\$62-\$67

Scout Handbook.....\$24

Optional Expenses Covered by Parents:

BSA Cub Scout Pants, Skort, Shorts.....\$28 - \$33

BSA Cub Scout Hat.....\$23 - \$25

BSA Cub Scout Socks.....\$8

Summer Camp.....Amount specific to chosen camp (\$225-\$275/scout)

Summertime Activities.....Specific to activity (\$0-\$15/person)

Scout Life Magazine.....\$15/year

Religious Emblem Book and Award.....\$16 (book and emblem)

District and Council Events.....Specific to activity (\$5-\$30)

Fundraising Opportunities

The principal fundraising opportunity that Pack 71 participates in is the annual popcorn sale. Popcorn sales take place throughout September. A Scout can choose to sell popcorn online, door-to-door, to family and friends, and/or at store fronts. The proceeds from the popcorn sales support our council, our pack, and your Scout.

Cub Scouts may earn funds for their *personal* Pack 71 Scout Account by working on approved fundraising opportunities such as popcorn sales and camp cards. A portion of the proceeds from these fundraising opportunities will be placed in your Scout's *personal* Pack 71 Scout Account and may be used to pay for Scout related expenses such as fees, Pack campout costs, uniforms, summer camp, and more.

Examples of how popcorn sale proceeds support Pack 71 include the Pack Family campout costs, Pinewood Derby costs, Blue & Gold Banquet costs, and costs for some uniform items like belt loops, pins, and neckerchiefs.

A popcorn sales goal is set for Pack 71 Cub Scouts at **6 hours of Pack Popcorn Booth sales**. On average, a Scout who sells the minimum of 6 hours at a booth will sell about \$600 of popcorn (about \$100 per hour). Popcorn sales commission 35% of the gross sales. Of this 35%, Pack 71 receives 24.5% and a Scout receives 10.5%. This 10.5% is deposited into the Scout's Pack 71 Scout Account and can be used for Scout related expenses – uniforms, dues, summer camp, etc.

Families may choose not to participate in popcorn sales, or a Scout may not reach the total of 6 hours at booth sales. In these cases, the family will owe \$275 to the Pack for their total Pack Dues (or the balance if the scout sells a portion of the 6 hour goal).

Rules and Safety

The Boy Scouts of America's number one priority is the safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check and is required to take Youth Protection Training courses every two years. In Pack 71, all registered adults and parents of Scouts are also required to complete Safe Environment Training through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Additionally, each registered adult leader is required to complete training specific to the role they have in the Pack.

As a youth-serving organization, the Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation. BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting is safe for all participants. Please find information about Scouting Safely, as well as the Guide to Safe Scouting here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

Bobcat



The Bobcat rank must be earned by all scouts who join Cub Scouting, with the exception of Lion Scouts. The Tiger Scouts will earn the Bobcat rank while working to earn the Tiger badge. If a Scout joins Cub Scouting after Tigers, they must earn the Bobcat rank BEFORE they can earn the Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or AOL ranks.

Through earning the Bobcat badge, a Cub Scout learns about safety and the fundamentals of Cub Scouts: the Cub Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Sign, Salute, and Handshake.

These are provided on the following page.

Oath, Law, Motto, Sign, Salute, and Handshake

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.*

Law

*A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty,
brave, clean, and reverent.*

Motto

Do Your Best!

Salute

The Cub Scout salute is used to salute the flag when in Class A/Field Uniform and to show respect to den and pack leaders. The Cub Scout salute is always given with the right hand.



Oath, Law, Motto, Sign, Salute, and Handshake (cont.)

Sign

Your two raised fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They also symbolize the two alert ears of a cub.

You should give the Cub Scout sign when you're repeating the Scout Oath or Law.

Scouts also give the Cub Scout sign to show that they're ready to listen to Akela, which means "good leader." Akela can be a parent, den leader, Cubmaster, or teacher. When Akela wants the attention of the Cub Scouts, he or she will give the Cub Scout sign, then wait quietly until all the Scouts are paying attention. The Cub Scout sign is always given with the right hand.



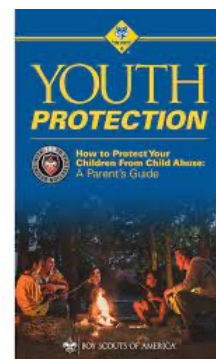
Handshake

The Cub Scout handshake is used by Cubs and leaders to show that those who use it help others and obey the Scout Oath and Law. The Cub Scout Handshake is always given with the right hand.



Youth Protection

The final requirement of the Bobcat rank is for parents or guardians to review the Youth Protect pamphlet with their scout. The Pamphlet can be found in your Scout's handbook.



Pinewood Derby Rules

In February, Pack 71 races the Pinewood Derby cars our scouts have made. Awards are presented at the Den and Pack level for fastest cars, as well as at the Pack level for special categories.

Pinewood Derby car kits will be provided to the scouts in Pack 71. Below are the Pinewood Derby Rules.



BSA's Pinewood Derby Car Building Rules

All cars must pass the following inspection to qualify for the race:

1. Width shall not exceed 2-3/4 inches.
2. Length shall not exceed 7 inches.
3. Weight shall not exceed 5 ounces.
4. Axles, wheels, and body shall be from the materials provided in the official Pinewood Derby kit.
5. Additional official Pinewood Derby wheels can be purchased separately and used with your Pinewood Derby car.
6. Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
7. No lubricating oil may be used. Axles may be lubricated with powdered graphite or silicone.
8. The car shall not ride on any kind of spring.
9. The car must be free-wheeling, with no starting devices.
10. No loose materials of any kind are allowed in the car.
- 11. Cars raced in previous years may not be re-used.**

Annual Family Campout

In October or November, Pack 71 hosts our annual Family Campout. The whole family is invited to camp with the Pack for a weekend. On a campout, families will have lots of fun, and Scouts will work on some advancements. There will be hiking, games, family time, campfire, skits, songs, and more! Locations range from Phoenix to Payson. Scouts should wear their Class B uniform, and bring their Class A uniform for flag ceremonies.

The cost of the campout is covered by dues and popcorn sales.

A family only needs to bring the following items for those in their family. The Pack will supply other items like cooking stoves. The Pack also provides food for lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. If you arrive before this, you will need to provide food for other meals.

ITEMS FOR FAMILIES TO BRING:

- Water bottle
- Flashlight/headlamps/lanterns
- Whistle
- First Aid Kit
- Hat/Sunscreen
- Small backpack
- Tent and ground cover
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Sleeping pad
- Toiletries
- Prescribed medications
- Clothes appropriate for weather
- Jacket appropriate for weather
- Pack 71 t-shirt
- Class A uniform
- Camp chairs
- Extra blankets
- BSA Medical Form Part A and B

ITEMS YOU SHOULD NOT BRING:

- Knives (only scouts who have earned their Whittling Chip, have permission from their Den Leader, and permission from their parents may bring a small pocketknife.)
- Firearms
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- E-cigarettes
- Drugs

Summer Camp

Adventure awaits at Cub Scout Summer Camp!

Grand Canyon Council Cub Scout Summer Camps run from June to early July. Cub Scouts can choose from Day Camp in Phoenix or Overnight Camp in Payson.

Popcorn camp scholarships of \$125 are available for all Scouts who sell \$1500 (or more) in popcorn.

Overnight Camp sessions at R-C in Payson are 4 days and 3 nights. The cost of Overnight Camp is approximately \$225/participant. All meals are provided. Activities at Overnight Camp include archery, astronomy, BB guns, boat building and racing, climbing, compass course treasure hunt, crafts, fishing, horseback riding, campfires, and a Trading Post! (Wear Class B or t-shirt provided by camp, bring Class A for flag ceremonies.) Special sessions of Overnight Camp are available and include Equestrian, STEM, Art, Craftsmanship, and more. Special session cost is \$275.

Summer Camp registration is available through the BSA Grand Canyon Council website. Registration usually opens in March.

2022 – 2023 Schedule

Pack 71
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Tempe, AZ
Annual Calendar of Events
2022-2023

Fall 2022					
Date	Time	Event	Location	Uniform	Notes
1-Aug	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
15-Aug	TBA	Ice Cream Social	McCready Hall	Pack T-shirt	Bring your friends!
29-Aug	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting	McCready Hall	Class A	Monthly pack meeting for awards, announcements, and fun
5-Sep	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
25-Sep	9am	Priesthood Sunday	OLMC Mass	Class A	Join us in presenting a card to our priests
26-Sep	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting	TBA	Class A	Monthly pack meeting for awards, announcements, and fun
30-Sep - 2-Oct	TBA	Pack 71 Family Campout	Sharp Creek, Payson, AZ	Class A and Pack T-shirt	Overnight camping, campfire programs, and other activities
3-Oct	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
24-Oct	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting	TBA	Class A	Monthly pack meeting for awards, announcements, and fun
7-Nov	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
19-Nov	9am-3pm	Cub Braves PowWow	Heard Scout Pueblo	Class A	Activities, exhibits, lunch, and more! Register on the council website
21-Nov	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting	TBA	Class A	Monthly pack meeting for awards, announcements, and fun
25-Nov	8am-4pm	Faith and Beliefs Hike	TBA	Class A or Pack T-shirt	Visit various religious sites and learn about different faiths. Register on the council website
28-Nov	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
11-Dec	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting and Christmas Celebration	Desert Breeze Park	TBA	Join us for the last pack meeting of the 2022 calendar year!

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Important Websites:	
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2022 – 2023 Schedule (cont.)

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Spring 2023

Date	Time	Event	Location	Uniform	Notes
2-Jan	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
23-Jan	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting and Derby Debut	TBA	Class A	Join us for our monthly pack meeting and information about the upcoming Pinewood Derby
28-Jan	Varies	Scouting for Food	Varies	Pack T-shirt	Brown bag drop off - coordinate with your den
30-Jan	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
4-Feb	Varies	Scouting for Food	Varies	Class A	Food collection day
5-Feb	11am	Scout Sunday	11am mass at OLMC (or your mass)	Class A	Wear your Uniform to mass to represent scouting and support those earning their religious emblems
25-Feb*	TBA	Pinewood Derby	TBA	Class A	Time to race! *Date is currently tentative
27-Feb	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting	TBA	Class A	Monthly pack meeting for awards, announcements, and fun
6-Mar	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
25-Mar*	TBA	Blue and Gold Banquet and Crossover	TBA	Class A	This is a time to celebrate our scouts' achievement as they earn their rank or crossover to Scouts BSA *Date and location are currently tentative
27-Mar	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
24-Apr	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting and Fundraiser*	TBA	Class A	Join us for our monthly pack meeting and fundraiser for our pack - *Fundraiser TBA
29-Apr	TBA	Annual Planning Meeting	TBA	N/A	All parents are welcome to join us as we plan our 2023-2024 year
8-May	8pm	Committee Meeting	Zoom	N/A	Parents are welcome! This is our monthly planning meeting
22-May	6:30-7:30pm	Pack Meeting and Neckerchief Ceremony	TBA	Class A	Our last pack meeting of the year! Each scout will be presented with their new neckerchief. Location is tentative

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How Can I Help?

The following positions all need to be filled for Pack 71 to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of positions of service for the coming year? (You will not be asked to volunteer in all 4 positions you select.) Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. **Each parent must be willing to assist in some capacity for Cub Scout Pack 71 to run effectively.** Please fill out this page and return it tonight to a Pack 71 Leader or Committee Member!

LONG TERM POSITIONS

☐ Den Leader
☐ Assistant Den Leader
☐ Assistant Cubmaster
☐ Cubmaster
☐ Pack Committee
☐ Pack Secretary
☐ Pack Treasurer
☐ Pack Advancement Chair
☐ Popcorn Kernel
☐ Asst. Popcorn Kernel
☐ Religious Emblems Coordinator
☐ Training Coordinator
☐ Communications Chair
☐ Pinewood Derby Chair
☐ Family Campout Chair
☐ Scouting for Food Chair
☐ Blue and Gold Banquet Chair
☐ Summertime Activities Chair

SHORT TERM POSITIONS

☐ Blue and Gold Banquet Committee
☐ Pinewood Derby Committee
☐ Scouting for Food Committee
☐ Family Campout Committee
☐ Summertime Activities Committee
☐ Fundraising Committee
☐ Religious Activities Patch – lead one patch
☐ Invite Vocation Guest Speakers
☐ Song Leader
☐ Camp Card Coordinator
☐ Other (Specify): _____
☐ Other (Specify): _____
☐ Other (Specify): _____
☐ Other (Specify): _____
☐ Other (Specify): _____
☐ Other (Specify): _____

My job/hobbies are: _____

I have a ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Trailer ☐ Vehicle with hitch

☐ I can store items at my residence.

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Scout's Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

Conclusion

Your time is valuable. More than ever, today's families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps support your family by providing fun and meaningful activities for you and your Scout to do together. Additionally, Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities bring added value to the time you spend with your child. You will make memories with your child that last a lifetime.

Through working together with other Scouts in their Den and Pack, Cub Scouts build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. They learn to live by the code of "On my honor." Scouting teaches values of good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. Scouts also learn outdoor skills, life skills, and about conservation. They develop independence, self-confidence, and leadership.

Finally, at the heart of Cub Scouting is...FUN. Youth in Cub Scouting are learning great lessons, but they're too busy having fun to notice!

We're so glad your family has joined Scouting and we hope you and your Scout(s) will have many great adventures with Pack 71!