WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING!

Mission of the Boy Scouts of America

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) 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.

Goal of Pack 943

Originally established in 1972, the goal of Pack 943 is to carry out the mission of the BSA which also includes teaching leadership, citizenship, fitness, and environmental awareness and stewardship. We want to provide a safe and FUN Cub Scout experience for each and every boy and their families! We will encourage the boys to live by the Cub Scout motto (Do your best!) while facing new challenges, trying new things, and serving the community. We hope to motivate the boys to continue their experience as future Boy Scouts.

The Family

Scouting is not just about the scout, but about his family as well. Pack 943 places a very strong emphasis on family involvement. We highly encourage the whole family to participate in Pack events, including monthly pack meetings, outings, hikes, and celebrations. Boys joining the Pack as Lion or Tiger Cubs must have at least one adult family member present at all activities. That designated parent must also complete the BSA's free Youth Protection Training (YPT) online:

http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection

The Cub Scout Ranks

As Cub Scouts the boys are placed in units called a "Den" according to their school grade level. Regardless of what age a boy begins his Cub Scouting experience, he must first earn his Bobcat Badge. Below is the list of ranks and grade:



Bobcat:	First badge earned by all Cub Scouts
Lion:	Kindergarten (*not Transitional*)
Tiger:	1st Grade
Wolf:	2nd Grade
Bear:	3rd Grade
Webelos:	4th Grade
Arrow of Light:	5th Grade

Meetings & Activities

Cub Scouts are expected to attend and participate in 2-3 formal meetings a month, which may vary by Den. The two most important gatherings are 1) Den meetings and 2) Pack meetings. In addition to these meetings, we will gather for other special activities planned throughout the year.

Den Meetings: Den meetings are typically held two times a month at a location selected by the Den Leader(s). Both meetings are focused on rank specific advancement activities with one of them usually at a home, school or park. The other is often a visit to a special location related to the Adventure the Scouts are working on.

Pack Meetings: Pack 943 has a monthly Pack meeting that is typically scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Donlon Multi-purpose Room (MPR) from 7pm-8:30pm.

Special Events: Throughout the year the Scouts participate in many activities as part of, or separate from, our monthly meetings. Some of these activities include:

- Overnight Camping (Fall/Spring)
- Camping Connection (October, new Scouts)
- Pleasanton Holiday Parade (December Pack Meeting)
- Pinewood Derby (January Pack Meeting)
- Raingutter Regatta (September Pack Meeting)
- Scouting for Food (November)
- Tiger Cub Pumpkin Patch & Kite Days
- Blue & Gold Banquet (February Pack Meeting)

Outdoor Activities

Getting outdoors is a core component of being a Scout. This includes overnight camping at locations within the local area organized by Pack 943 or directly by SFBAC at one of the council's outstanding Scout camps. Learn more at www.sfbac.org/camping.

Camping: Pack 943 strives to schedule at least two pack-wide overnight camping events each year. This has included Oakland Zoo, the USS Hornet, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, and various East Bay Park District campgrounds. Camping events usually include advancement activities, so Scouts are highly encouraged to participate.

Pack Hikes: Optional SFBAC Trail Trekkers Program hikes are planned monthly, typically on a Sunday afternoon around 2pm. Scouts who complete the hike are awarded a Trail Trekkers segment patch. To learn more about the Trail Trekker program, go to www.sfbac.org/programs/hiking.

Cub Scout Uniforms

Scouts are required to come to all meetings and activities in their full dress Class "A" uniform unless otherwise specified to wear their Pack 943 T-Shirt and hat (Class B). Families are responsible for purchasing the required components of the Class-A uniform. Uniforms can be purchased at the East Bay Scout Shop in San Leandro or Dom's Outdoors in Livermore.

REQUIRED CLASS-A UNIFORM PIECES

LION: T-Shirt & Hat
TIGER/WOLF/BEAR: Shirt(blue), Hat, Belt(blue), Neckerchief, Neckerchief Slide, Patches (council, unit#, den#)
WEBELOS/AoL: Shirt(khaki), Hat, Belt(khaki), Neckerchief, Neckerchief Slide, Patches (council, unit#, den #)

Costs & Fees

Scouting is run by adult volunteers, but Pack Fees are required to cover the costs of maintaining our unit charter, BSA insurance, adult uniforms, leader training, facilities, activities and various logistics.

Fundraising: Annual Cub Scout popcorn sales are critical to maintaining the Pack budget and all Scouts are expected to participate as best they can. Sales are September through October.

Pack Annual Registration Fee: $95 (includes Boy's Life)
Lion Uniform: $20 (approx. w/tax)
Class "A" Field Uniform: $82 (approx. w/tax)
Class "B" T-Shirt: $15 (approx.)
Handbook: $10 (Lion), $13 (Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos)
Change of Rank (May): $47 (approx. w/tax)

PARENT LEADERSHIP – ***WE NEED YOU!***

A Scouting unit is only as strong as the parent volunteers who step up to help develop and lead our young Scouts. Without Den leaders and other parents to fill committee roles, we cannot provide and maintain a quality program for our youth. Please strongly consider joining the Pack 943 leadership team whether or not you have previous Scouting experience. Your commitment of time and energy to our Scouts is the most important and rewarding thing. Besides, you'd look great in khaki!

UNIFORM: Mandatory uniform components are 100% reimbursed by Pack 943 (same as Scout Uniform).
TRAINING: All fees for training required for your volunteer position are reimbursed by Pack 943.
REGISTRATION FEE: NONE! Adult registration fee is covered by Pack 943.

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.



Cub Scouts is part of the **Boy Scouts of America** (BSA). For more information about the BSA, please visit www.scouting.org

BSA is grouped into geographic regions called Councils. Pack 943 is part of the **San Francisco Bay Area Council** (SFBAC) which is council #28 in Western Region Area 3 (W3). For more information about the SFBAC, please visit www.sfbac.org

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Councils are subdivided into Districts. Pack 943 is in the **Twin Valley District** (TV). For more information about our District, please visit www.twinvalleyscouting.com

Districts charter organizations to sponsor a Pack. **Pack 943** is sponsored by **Pleasanton-Livermore Elks Lodge #2117** and affiliated with **Donlon Elementary School**
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