

Pack 378 Welcomes You!

Pack 378 has been a part of this community since 1979. Many hundreds of youngsters have benefited from belonging to our Pack. Our main Home Base is Rover School and a major percentage of our Cubs attend Rover and surrounding Schools including Fuller, Ward, Aguilar, other public and Charter Schools in the Tempe area. We also utilize facilities at Rover, Fuller, Fees and may add Aguilar & Ward Schools as meeting places for our Cubs.

Cub Scouting offers a safe, fun, and rewarding way for youngsters to come together and learn through a wide array of activities. It is organized in a way that allows parents, and often, siblings, to take part in the learning and fun. You have a direct link with the activities your child will encounter. You will see first-hand the development of their mental and physical skills that will be so important as they mature into a young adult. The family values they will be exposed to are yours and other like-minded parents within our Pack.

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS: Pack 378 Leadership will work with Parents and their Families to make sure SAFETY and HEALTH are above all other considerations. We believe a return to "normalcy" as much as possible is also important for our youth's physical and mental well being and will strive to make that happen.

PACK MEETINGS: Our Pack will generally meet as a complete unit once a month. Normally expect this to be the last Wednesday of each month. This is a family get-together, open to moms, dads, siblings, grandpa, grandma, and so on. Have your child invite a friend, maybe they will want to join also! The Pack Meeting gives us a chance to hand out awards, show off what each Den has accomplished for the month, sing songs, perform skits, get to know other Dens and parents. During the school year, we most often meet in the Fees or Fuller cafeteria.

The Cub Master will organize most Pack Meetings. He will attempt to assign responsibilities on a rotational basis, or by a specific strength of an individual or group.

A major part of most Pack Meetings is the recognition of accomplishments over the previous month. Individual awards are handed out to the Cubs in the form of Badges, Pins, Loops, Patches, and Certificates. Award information must be passed on to the Advancement Chairperson in a timely fashion by the Den Leaders, so these awards can be procured, prepared and presented.

DEN MEETINGS: Dens should expect to have meetings every week, except for Pack Meeting week. Wednesday is the designated day to meet at Rover, Fuller Fees School, or a Den Leader's house from about 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The substance of each Den meeting revolves around the Cub Scout handbook. Each Den works on achievements outlined in their appropriate grade level book. Sometimes a Den will prefer to have an outing to accomplish a goal. An outing may be instead of, or in addition to a regular Den meeting. Clearances for this by the Cub Master and all parents of that Den are required.

Den Leaders are responsible for organizing individual Den meetings. The workload of the meetings should be rotated among parents of each Den. It is imperative a Den meeting has at least two parents in attendance at all times. This is for the safety of both the children and parents. The Den Leaders should be prepared to keep the Cub Master up-to-date on the progress of their Den, and plans for the near future. This can be accomplished with a simple, short e-mail or phone call. Note that Lions & Tigers MUST have a Parent or Guardian accompany the Cub.

SCOUTBOOK: Is an online phone friendly app that allows Parents to track most aspects of their Cub's progress and activities. Pack 378 utilizes Scoutbook in numerous ways to make the Pack GO better.

FUND RAISERS: Because we have been so successful with our limited amount of fund-raisers, our dues are minimal. We usually have one or two major fund-raisers spread throughout the year. If necessary, we may ask for an additional "pop" of funds from each Cub to help offset our costs on a Den by Den basis.

ADULT PLANNING MEETINGS: Currently, our Pack has instituted planning meetings through e-mail and telephone. This will be the default method. We will also schedule an occasional meeting at the Cub Master's chosen venue to help facilitate planning. Our web page, pack378.com, will help keep everyone informed on a timely basis. Please visit often, as we will attempt to keep it up-to-date, with your inputs to assist that.

ADULT TRAINING: Boy Scouts of America has many fine training programs in place. These usually occur throughout the year at no or low cost to the Pack, and are close to our area. Much of the training is now available on-line. These training programs teach leaders to be proficient in a variety of skills, and help insure that the safety and protection standards for our Cubs are upheld.

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