

# PACK 37 FAST FACTS

#### **Our Mission:**

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.

#### **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. Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.

LOYAL. Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

HELPFUL. Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.

FRIENDLY. Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.

COURTEOUS. Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.

KIND. Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

OBEDIENT. Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

CHEERFUL, Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.

THRIFTY. Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.

BRAVE. Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

CLEAN. Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

REVERENT. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

## **Parent Involvement**

Cub Scouting is designed not only for Scouts but for their parents, too. The Cub Scout program is a chance for you to invest your time and efforts in your Scout's future.

Scouting is not an activity where parents drop-off their Scout(s) and return later to pick them up once the meetings or outings are finished. Scouting is an activity that requires *your* participation with *your* child/Scout.

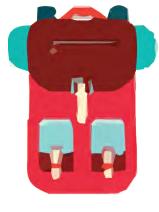
Pack 37 requires all parents of Lions and Tigers to participate in delivering the scouting program to their respective Scouts. Lions and Tigers (kindergarten and first grade) parents must take turns leading their Scout's den meeting. The BSA provides excellent training programs and literature (https://bit.ly/20XAMQT) to assist you with this task, and the current leaders in Pack 37 are eager & willing to help you as begin the scouting journey with you child.

Akelas are expected to exhibit (both now & in the past) the qualities outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. The BSA conducts background checks on all adult leaders to ensure that they meet these requirements.

Wolf, Bear, and Webelos parents/Akelas are expected to participate, too. We have a continual need for assistant den leaders, fundraising leaders, and other activity coordinators.







Pack 37 plans a host of activities and outings throughout the year. Each activity or outing is designed to reinforce some aspect of the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts will learn to develop leadership skills; work together as a team; help other people; respect their parents, teachers, leaders, and selves; and to appreciate their duties and responsibilities as an upstanding citizen. Scouting is about more than camping.

A complete list of our planned activities is available at our website: Brookwoodbsa.com/tag/cub-scouts/



## **Scout Advancement**



Scouts follow the BSA guidelines for advancement: a set of fun activities designed to educate Scouts about following the Scout Oath and Law. These guidelines are explained in the den handbooks, which may be purchased at the Scout Store (2700 Jack Warner Pkwy NE, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404), online at https://www.scoutshop.org/, or downloaded for free at https://bit.ly/2wg0h8i.

We hold quarterly Pack Banquets where Scouts are presented with loops and pins to celebrate their achievements in scouting.

Kindergarten -- Lions

First Grade -- Tigers

Second Grade -- Wolves

Third Grade -- Bears

Fourth Grades -- Webelos I

Fifth Grade -- Webelos II

### **Youth Protection**

Pack 37 and the BSA take the safety and well-being of our Scouts and Scouters seriously. Consequently, we follow and enforce the BSA's Youth Protection protocols (see https://bit.ly/2wicEke for more information), which dictate how we interact with Scouts and their families.

All persons over the age of 14 must complete the Youth Protection Training Program (available at my.scouting. org) before participating in activities beyond den/pack meetings.

- No one-on-one contact (including electronic or telephonic) between adults and Scouts is allowed, except between Scouts and their parent/guardian.
- Two registered adult leaders, both over 21 yo and who have completed YPT, must be present at all time, including meetings.
- At least one registered, YPT-trained adult female leader over 21 yo must be present at outings/ meetings where minor females are present.
- Scouts sharing tents must be within 2 years of age with each other, excepting family. Scouts may not tent with adults other than their parent/guardian.
- Further details are available at: https://bit.ly/2MQgjA9.
- There are no exceptions to these rules and violations of the policy must be reported Pack 37 leadership promptly.



A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

## **A Scout is Thrifty**

Scouting teaches that Scouts should work to pay their own way in life, including their scouting adventure. Consequently, we hold several fundraising events throughout the year, including popcorn sales and working an RV Parking Lot on GameDay Weekends with Troop 3, our Scouts, BSA partner.

By participating in these events your Scout may earn money that will be placed into a "Scouting" account that he can draw from to pay den dues, yearly dues, activity fees, or to buy uniforms and camping equipment.

No child will ever be denied the ability to participate in Scouting based upon his parent/guardian's ability to pay, though any Scout requesting such assistance must make a good-faith effort to participate in fundraising activities.







### **Leadership Team**

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**Charter Organization** 

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#### **Communication**

Pack 37 communicates with parents/Akelas in several ways.

Website - https://brookwoodbsa.com/

Remind App - https://www.remind.com/join/pack37cub

Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/groups/cubscoutpack37/

Email - email the Cubmaster - Kaysn Holliday - at kaysnholliday@gmail.com if you aren't receiving email updates.







