



Welcome to Pack 16!

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Pack 16 is part of the **AKELA DISTRICT** which serves High Point, Jamestown, Archdale, Trinity, and Walburg. Our district belongs to the **OLD NORTH STATE COUNCIL** (bsaonsc.org), and we are chartered through Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (IHM).

The Pack is run by registered Boys Scouts of America (BSA) Adult Leader Volunteers who are the Pack Committee, Cubmaster, Assistance Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, and others. All parents of a Cub Scout in Pack 16 are welcomed and encouraged to participate in Pack leadership.

We meet on Monday nights during the school year at 6:00PM at IHM Church, 4145 Johnson St, High Point, NC 27265 (the corner of Johnson Street and Skeet Club Road).

Den Meetings are held weekly at IHM, unless otherwise planned by the Den Leader. The Den Leader will communicate weekly activities via cubtrails email.

If Guilford County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, holidays, or scheduled workdays we typically will not meet. Updates will be made via the Den Leader or on our Facebook® page: Pack 16 Rulez!

Pack Meetings are held three to four times during the scouting year. During these meetings, the scouts will be presented with the awards they have completed.

There are three major advancement ceremonies held each year: **Blue & Gold Ceremony** (March), **Crossover** (March) and **Advancement** (April/May). During these ceremonies, scouts are presented with rank badges and advanced to the next level of scouting.

DEN COMPOSITION

There are five ranks in Cub Scouting. Each rank consists of dens of 8-10 boys (ideally) and at least two adult volunteers as leaders. Parents are expected to participate in the activities of their scout's den. There is always room for leadership!

TIGER

Boys who are 6-7 years old
and in the first grade.

WOLF

Boys who are 7-8 years old
and in the second grade.

BEAR

Boys who are 8-9 years old
and in the third grade.

WEBELOS

Boys who are 9-10 years old
and in the fourth grade

ARROW OF LIGHT

Boys who are 10-11 years old
and in the fifth grade.

DEN MEETINGS

Most of Cub Scouting happens in the den. Please remember that every Den Leader is a volunteer and is committed to ALL the boys in the den. The Den Leader's goal is to assist the scout to "do their best" to earn belt loops, participate in fun, and gain all the positive values that the Cub Scout Program offers. Please assist them in the following ways:

- ~ Arrive at the den meeting on time
- ~ Pay your dues and ancillary fees promptly
- ~ ***Be an active parent; participate during the meeting to assist your scout***
- ~ Have your scout in proper uniform (Field Uniform is standard; the Activity Uniform is sometimes designated by the Den Leader when scouts are working on physical achievements and/or working on a messy project.)
- ~ Have your son stay an active scout, which requires that your scout attends at least 50% of the monthly meetings/outings.

PACK MEETINGS

Pack Meetings are held three to four times during the year at our regular Monday meeting time. At the Pack Meeting, a scout receives his awards, beads, and badges that he has been working towards in his Den Meetings. There may also be den activities on display to share with the Pack, or a special guest speaker.

A Pack Meeting is a family event, and it is encouraged that all family members attend. For the Cubmasters to lead a smooth meeting, please assist in the following ways:

PACK MEETINGS (cont.)

- ~ Try to arrive 10 minutes early, if possible; the meeting starts promptly at 6:00PM.
- ~ Field Uniform should be worn with shirt tucked in.
- ~ Scouts ... and parents ... need to be respectful and keep visiting/chatting to a minimum during the meeting.
- ~ If younger siblings are brought to the Pack Meeting, do your best to keep them occupied.
- ~ ATTEND! To be an active scout, your son must attend 75% of the Pack Meetings/Outings.

PACK OUTINGS

We try to schedule one Pack Outing per month, whether it is a camping trip, a service project, a parade, or a visit to a museum. Participants in outings will receive beads for their lanyards. Outings provide opportunities to build friendships with scouts in different dens. To make an outing successful, please assist in the following ways:

- ~ ATTEND! To be an active scout, your son must attend 75% of the Pack Meetings/Outings.
- ~ VOLUNTEER! Many outings, such as camping and Scouting for Food, require additional adult assistance. This is a great way to get to know the other parents in the Pack.
- ~ Wear the appropriate uniform as designated by the Den Leader or Cubmaster.

UNIFORMS (FOR AN INTERACTIVE GUIDE TO SCOUT UNIFORMS VISIT WWW.BSAUNIFORMS.ORG)

Class A – FIELD UNIFORM

The Pack 16 **FIELD UNIFORM** is the Cub Scout shirt, neckerchief, slide and belt. Blue, brown, or green khakis or clean and neat blue jeans (long or short) are acceptable for FIELD UNIFORMS. Pants must have belt loops. Sports pants with an elastic waistband are not acceptable. Shirts must be tucked into pants.

Class B – ACTIVITY UNIFORM

The Pack 16 **ACTIVITY UNIFORM** is the Pack 16 T-shirt. The ACTIVITY UNIFORM is worn at campouts, during Den Meetings when specified by the den leader, and at Pack Outings when specified by the Cubmaster.

DRESS CODE

*** NOTE: The Activity Uniform (Pack 16 T-shirt) is NEVER appropriate for a Pack Meeting or Advancement Ceremony. ***

DRESS CODE (cont.)

Patches should be attached to the FIELD UNIFORM in the appropriate places. You can reference the guide in your scout's handbook or log on to bsauniforms.org.

When wearing the FIELD UNIFORM, the scout is required to keep his shirt tucked into his pants. Not only does this look neater, it also enables the scout to display the belt loops he has earned.

Sweat pants and gym shorts are not appropriate pants to wear with a FIELD UNIFORM.

Flip-flops and open-toed sandals are not allowed at either Den or Pack meetings. Some activities are physical, and flip-flops do not provide the necessary support.

Crocs and closed-toed sandals are permissible as long as the shoe has the ability to attach to the foot/heel and will not fall off during play.

The Pack 16 ACTIVITY UNIFORM is worn at the direction of the den leader and/or cubmaster. A den leader may request the scout to wear the Activity Uniform when working on physical activity requirements or when working on a messy requirement such as painting and/or woodworking.

The ACTIVITY UNIFORM is a great shirt to wear to school to promote our Pack!

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SUPPLIES

Tiger, Wolf and Bear Scouts will require the following items:

- ~ Den specific Handbook
- ~ Blue Cub Scout Shirt with U.S. Flag (short or long sleeve)
- ~ Old North State Council Patch
- ~ Red and white individual number 1 and 6
- ~ World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- ~ Den specific neckerchief and slide
- ~ Cub Scout web belt (designed specifically for their belt loop awards)

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will require the following items:

- ~ Webelos Handbook
- ~ Tan Boy Scout Shirt with U.S. Flag (short or long sleeve). NOTE: Webelos are permitted to continue to wear blue until the Blue & Gold Ceremony in February. At that time, all Webelos should have switched to a tan shirt.
- ~ Blue shoulder loops for tan shirt

~ Old North State Council Patch

SUPPLIES (cont.)

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will require the following items (cont.):

- ~ Red and white individual number 1 and 6
- ~ World Crest Emblem (purple patch with the fleur-de-lis symbol)
- ~ Webelos neckerchief and slide
- ~ Webelos "colors" for activity pins

Optional items:

- ~ Red vest for camping and activity patches
- ~ Scout "flyaway" pants (zippered legs to convert to long or short pants)
- ~ Den specific Scout hat
- ~ Waterproof book cover for handbook

Uniforms, patches, and accessories are available at the following locations:

The Scout Shop
Old North State Council, BSA
1405 Westover Terrace
Greensboro, NC 27408
336.235.0977

Southside Hardware
2937 South Main Street
High Point, NC 27263
336.861.4128

The Scout Shop will have the most selection of items.

Southside Hardware has a limited selection of items in stock.

There is a website to assist in the placement of badges and awards: **bsauniforms.org**. Simply find your son's level of scouting and drag and drop each patch where it belongs.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (see pack16Rulez.org Scout Resources Link to Awards and Insignias)

The first rank every scout earns, no matter when he starts scouting, is Bobcat. The Bobcat badge is typically awarded at the first or second Pack Meeting your scout attends. The Bobcat badge goes on the left front pocket of the scout's uniform.

At the annual Blue & Gold Ceremony in February, we will award the scouts their ranks, i.e, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light badges. These badges will also go on the left front pocket of the scout's uniform.

Your scout will be working toward achieving the rank of this den throughout the scouting year. At Pack Meetings, your scout will be receiving belt loops and activity pins towards rank, and patches for participating in various events.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (cont.)

- TIGERS:** Tigers must earn the six required belt loops and at least one elective belt loop to achieve rank. Additional elective belt loops can be earned individually with their family.
- WOLVES:** Wolves must earn the six required belt loops and at least one elective belt loop to achieve rank. Additional elective belt loops can be earned individually with their family.
- BEARS:** Bears must earn the six required belt loops and at least one elective belt loop to achieve rank. Additional elective belt loops can be earned individually with their family.
- WEBELOS:** Webelos must earn five required activity pins plus two elective activity pins to achieve rank. Activity pins are attached to their Webelos colors that are pinned to the right-hand sleeve of their Field Uniform. Additional elective activity pins can be earned individually with their family.
- AOL:** Arrow of Light scouts must earn the four required activity pins plus three elective activity pins to achieve rank. Activity pins are attached to their Webelos colors that are pinned to the right-hand sleeve of their Field Uniform. Additional elective activity pins can be earned individually with their family.

SHOOTING AWARDS

The BSA is introducing a new recognition badge for shooting sports. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn this badge for each rank of cub scouting (sp. Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos). As scouts move through the program, there are different requirements for each rank. The award consists of a badge for each rank when the Level One requirement is completed for archery, BB shooting or slingshots. There is a pin for each sport representing completion of Level Two requirements.

NOTE: The requirements for these badges can be completed ONLY at BSA sanctioned events such as a Day Camp, Webelos Camp or Council Family Campout with a BSA certified range officer instructing. This badge cannot be earned shooting BB's and Archery in the backyard with the family.

The council is always in need of trained range officers. If a parent is interested in becoming certified in archery, BB shooting or slingshots, Pack 16 will sponsor the participant.

For more information on this new program, please log on to: cubscoutideas.com/6071/cub-scout-shooting-sports-awards/

LANYARD AND BEADS

In addition to belt loops and activity pins, scouts will earn beads for their lanyard for participating in Pack Outings and Campouts.

The scout's lanyard is a leather string onto which the scout will put Pack Outing beads. The scout will earn a plastic bear claw for each overnight campout he attends. He will also earn various colored beads for each Pack Outing. The lanyard is cumulative so that a scout will have a full necklace by the end of his Arrow of Light year. This lanyard will be displayed on the "Arrow of Light" board that is awarded to each Pack 16 Scout when he crosses over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

Because Cub Scouting is very much a family activity and we often have siblings attending Pack Outings, we like to recognize the siblings who participate. Siblings cannot earn BSA badges, belt loops, activity pins or bear claws; however, siblings can receive beads for participation.

RELIGIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS PROGRAM

All ranks of Cub Scouting have a faith activity that must be completed for advancement. Earning the appropriate religious award is one way to fulfill that requirement. To encourage growth in faith, several religious organizations have developed Religious Emblem Programs. Each medal can be earned once. In addition, the BSA has developed a badge of a silver knot on a purple field that can follow a Cub Scout as he advances to Boy Scouts.

To earn the medal and the knot, each Scout will need to complete the activities in the appropriate workbook tailored specifically to the Scout's faith and denomination. These activities are intended to be completed at home and reviewed by a Mentor within the Scout's religious organization. The workbooks cost approximately \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Scout Shop or a scoutstuff.org.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

There are three times during the scouting year that Pack 16 honors the scouts with special Advancement Ceremonies: (1) Blue & Gold Ceremony in February, (2) /Crossover Ceremony in March, and (3) the Advancement Campout in April.

The dress code for all of the Advancement Celebrations and Ceremonies is ALWAYS and ONLY the Field Uniform looking its best. The Celebrations and Ceremonies are special events, and scouts (and parents) are expected to behave appropriately for the occasion.

ADVANCEMENT (cont.)

BLUE & GOLD CEREMONY

Boy Scouting in America was founded on February 8, 1910, so it is the tradition of Cub Scouting to host a Blue & Gold Ceremony in the month of February. On the last Saturday in February, Pack 16 awards Achievement of Rank at our own Blue & Gold Celebration. Scouts who have earned their Religious Knots and Medals will also be recognized.

The Arrow of Light Scouts will receive their final awards as a Cub Scout. The Arrow of Light (AOL) is a special award that is carried over into Boy Scouting. The AOL Badge and Religious Knots are the only cub scouting badges that Boy Scouts can wear on their uniforms.

Additionally, each AOL Scout will be given a pine stick that he must carved into an arrow for the Crossover Ceremony held in March.

CROSSOVER CEREMONY

Every March, Cub Scouts in the Arrow of Light den “cross over” into Boy Scouting and officially leave the Pack. The AOL Den Leader decides if the Pack will participate in the Council Crossover or if Pack 16 will host its own private ceremony. Boy Scouts from Troop 26 will participate and welcome the new Scouts to Boy Scouting.

Pack 16 honors the scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light with a display board carved with the AOL symbol and specially designed to hold the arrow the scout has crafted as well as many of the awards received during his cub scouting years. The leather lanyard on which the scout has been collecting beads will also be draped on the AOL Board. Any cub scout who has not earned the Arrow of Light will receive a plaque.

ADVANCEMENT CAMPOUT

The last special ceremony of the year is to advance the rest of the Pack to the next level of Cub Scouting. At the annual Advancement Campout in April or May, Pack 16 holds a ceremony at which the scout will receive the colors for their next rank – i.e., Tigers receive the Wolf neckerchief; Wolves receive the Bear neckerchief; and Bears receive the Webelos neckerchief.

At this campout, the Cub Scout completes his scouting year and can begin working on requirements for his next level of cub scouting.

CAMPING

A suggested packing list for camping can be found on the Pack 16 website (www.pack16rulez.org) under Pack Activities/Family Campouts. Additionally, there is a map of the Woodfield Scout Preserve and directions to the camp.

RECOMMENDED CAMPOUT PACKING LIST

One of the most exciting things to do as a Cub Scout is to camp, and it is important that their first experience be a good one! The following items should be available for each Cub Scout on an outdoor/camping trip. Consider a small fanny or day pack or similar bag to organize the items and make them easy to carry without interfering with normal activities.

OVERNIGHT GEAR

Tent	Mess Kit (plate, cup, spork)
Ground Cloth	Insect Repellent
Sleeping Bag	Sunscreen
Pillow Water	Bottle
Air mattress, pad or cot	First Aid Kit
Rain gear/poncho	Extra Clothing (esp. socks)
Jacket/Sweatshirt	Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb
Sweat pants (for sleeping)	Washcloth, soap
Flashlight	Durable Shoes/Boots (closed toe, only)
Trail Food	Hat or cap
Sunglasses	Camp Chair

And of course...

- Field Uniform
- Activity Uniform
- Scout Book

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Camera	Binoculars
Fishing Gear	Notebook/Pencil
Games	Nature Books
Crocs/Closed toe sandals (for walking to the bathroom after bedtime)	
Travel Coffee Mug	

****NOTE:** Many scouts will ask about using a knife to whittle. A scout will earn his Whittling Chip as a Bear (3rd Grade). Once this is awarded, the scout can only use his knife at a BSA campout if he has his Whittlin' Chip Card with him. This is a BSA policy for Bears, Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts – no card, no permission to use the knife. At no time during a BSA Campout can a Tiger or Wolf use a knife.

Unless the Bear, Webelos or Arrow of Light den leader has requested the scout to bring his knife for a whittling activity, it is best to leave such knives at home.

