



## Welcome to **Cub Scout Pack 131** 2018 - 2019

Welcome to **Cub Scout Pack 131!** Our pack includes boys, girls, and parents from **Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School, Mount Washington Elementary, R.D. White Elementary School**, plus many other local schools. We're glad to see so many returning Scouts and we look forward to meeting all of our new "recruits" too! We think you'll find that Cub Scouts is a great way to spend quality time with your son or daughter.

**Pack Meetings** – The Pack consists of all registered Scouts in kindergarten through fifth grade. Scouts meet as a Pack once a month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Verdugo Woodlands Dads' Club (*1728 Canada Blvd, Glendale, CA 91208*). Generally, the meetings will be on the third Monday of each month. Please refer to the pack calendar for scheduled meetings. We encourage you to get these dates on your calendar **now** so you know when we will be meeting. Pack meetings consist of a pack activity, reports from the dens, skits, and the presentation of awards that the Scouts have earned over the month!

In an effort to reduce our waste, Pack 131 will no longer be providing drinks or disposable cups at Pack meetings. Scouts and parents are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle filled with water. A cooler will be available for refills. We thank you in advance for helping us to be good stewards of the Earth.

**Den Meetings** – Dens consist of registered Scouts of the same grade level. Below you will find more information on which Den your child will be in. Scouts meet in their Dens a few times a month. Den parents usually work out the best times and places for these meetings at the first Pack meeting of the year. Den meetings are the core of Cub

Scouting and consist of games, outings or “Go See Its”, volunteering, and activities that fulfill badge requirements.

**Dues** – Pack Dues are \$95 for the year and should be paid when you sign up. Please make checks payable to **Pack 131**. Pack dues include registration with BSA, a subscription to Boys’ Life Magazine, a pack t-shirt, camp fees, pinewood derby cars, awards, and a host of other expenses that are incurred to support pack activities.

**Communication** - Our pack uses [www.scoutbook.com](http://www.scoutbook.com) for our calendar, scheduling, posting messages, sending reminders, and tracking our Scouts’ progress. You will receive an invitation to join Scoutbook. **Please DO NOT sign up on your own!!** This will create duplicate accounts and creates problems. Once a member of Scoutbook, you and your child will be able to access Scoutbook from any web enabled device, including smartphones.

Pack 131 also has a Facebook page: Cub Scout Pack 131 Glendale California. This is also an invitation only page.

**Family Scouting** - BSA has recently invited girls to join the Cub Scout program, allowing us to provide a true family Scouting experience. When your daughter joins our Pack, she will be placed in a den with other girls, headed by a trained female den leader. While we are required to provide separate dens for boys and girls, those dens will frequently coordinate activities and work on rank advancement together.

**Youth Protection Training** - All registered adult leaders are required to take the BSA youth protection training course. This free course is offered at our council office, or more conveniently as an online course. The online course takes about 30 minutes to complete. Starting with this program year, Pack 131 is requiring that **all** parents take the training as well. More information can be found here:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

**Volunteering** - Pack 131 is a volunteer-run organization. We cannot provide the wonderful program we do without the help of our wonderful parents. All parents are expected to volunteer during the Scouting year. Volunteer opportunities range from year-long positions, such as den leaders and committee chairs, to short-term positions, such as event planning and set-up. Please speak with your child’s den leader about the volunteer opportunities you might be interested in.

## Which Den is your child in?

**Kindergarteners** - Boys Scouts of America has recently introduced the “Lion” den which is open to kindergarteners. Lions have separate uniforms and a program geared toward their age group. This den is in need of a parent Den leader. Those interested in volunteering for this position will have the support of experienced Den and Pack leaders as you get started in your Scouting adventure. Parents signing up tonight should exchange telephone numbers, email addresses and start discussing the den’s meeting schedule for the year.

**First graders** – Your child will be in a **Tiger** Den led by: **Sheila Ryan (323) 532-3844** [wookieeryan@gmail.com](mailto:wookieeryan@gmail.com) Parents signing up tonight should exchange telephone numbers, email addresses and start discussing the den’s meeting schedule for the year.

**Second graders** – Your child will be in a **Wolf** Den led by: **David Freeland (310) 980-5271** [davidfreeland@gmail.com](mailto:davidfreeland@gmail.com) and **Rob Hoegee (310) 467-3382** [hoegree.rob@gmail.com](mailto:hoegree.rob@gmail.com) Parents signing up tonight should exchange telephone numbers, email addresses and start discussing the den’s meeting schedule for the year.

**Third graders** – Your child will be in a **Bear** den. This den is in need of a parent Den leader. Those interested in volunteering for this position will have the support of experienced Den and Pack leaders as you get started in your Scouting adventure. Until we have a den leader, our contact for the Bear den is **Surabhi Saxena (323) 336-1106** [surabhi.dalela@gmail.com](mailto:surabhi.dalela@gmail.com) Parents signing up tonight should exchange telephone numbers and email addresses, and start discussing the den's meeting schedule and activities for the year.

**Fourth graders** – Your child will be in a first year **Webelos-1** den. This den is in need of a parent Den leader. Those interested in volunteering for this position will have the support of experienced Den and Pack leaders as you get started in your Scouting adventure. Parents signing up tonight should exchange telephone numbers and email addresses, and start discussing the den’s meeting schedule and activities for the year.

**Fifth graders** – Your child will be in a second year **Webelos-2** den led by: **Jenny Taylor (410) 533-1171** [jennyntaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyntaylor@yahoo.com) (boys’ den) or **Yumi Ashida (213) 422-3972** [yashida@roadrunner.com](mailto:yashida@roadrunner.com) (girls’ den). Parents signing up tonight should exchange telephone numbers and email addresses, and start discussing the den’s meeting schedule and activities for the year.

## Basic uniform requirements:

- Shirt, short or long-sleeved (*Webelos shirt can be either navy blue or khaki*)
- Pants or Shorts (*Blue, or Green for Webelos*)
- Belt
- Cap (*Different for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos*)
- Neckerchief (*Orange for Tigers, gold for Wolves, Light blue for Bears, plaid for Webelos, Not available for Lions*)
- Slide (*Different for Tigers, Wolf, Bear & Webelos, Not available for Lions*)
- Webelos Colors (*for Webelos only*)
- Scout Book (*Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos*)
- Patches (*To be sewn on the uniform shirt, not required for Lions*):
  - Verdugo Hills Council
  - World Scout Crest Emblem
  - The numbers "131"

You can purchase your Scout supplies at:

- Boys Scouts of America (BSA) Verdugo Hills Council office **1325 Grandview Avenue, Glendale, 818.243-6282**. The hours of the Trading Post at the Scout Council office vary so please call ahead. The Council's knowledgeable staff is happy to assist you in finding the appropriate uniform items for your Scout. They will even sew your patches on and hem your pants for a small fee.
- Ebay and vintage clothing stores often have used uniform items.

Scout supplies are "fair trade" items, which means you will pay the same price no matter where you buy them.

We are looking forward to a great year with your family! Your Den Leaders will meet on a regular basis and promise to work very hard to give your kids the best year of Scouting possible. We are glad that you have decided to enroll them in such a worthwhile program.

Yours in Scouting,

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## Pack 131 Schedule of Events

09/04 Tuesday	7:00 PM	Kick-off / Information Session	Dad's Club
09/17 Monday	6:30 PM	Pack Meeting	Dad's Club
10/13 Saturday	9:00 AM	Rocktober	Lucerne Dry Lake
10/15 Monday	6:30 PM	Pack Meeting	Dad's Club
11/19 Monday	6:30 PM	Pack Meeting	Dad's Club
12/01 Saturday	5:00 PM	Montrose Holiday Parade	Montrose
12/17 Monday	6:30 PM	Pack Meeting	Dad's Club
01/21 Monday	6:30 PM	Pack Meeting	Dad's Club
01/26 Saturday	9:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Dad's Club
02/09 Saturday	9:00 AM	Pinewood Derby	Dad's Club
02/23 Saturday	4:00 PM	Blue & Gold / DC sleepover	Dad's Club
03/25 Monday	6:00 PM	Pack Meeting	TBD
04/13 Saturday	6:30 PM	Magic Show Fundraiser	Dad's Club
04/15 Monday	6:00 PM	Pack Meeting	Verdugo Park
05/20 Monday	6:30 PM	Pack Meeting	Dad's Club
06/07 Friday	2:00 PM	Camping Weekend	TBD

\*Council-sponsored activities may require an additional fee which is not included in your pack dues. More information on council-sponsored activities can be found at [vhcbsa.org](http://vhcbsa.org).

\*\*Den meetings and go-see-its will be scheduled by individual dens and are not included here. Please see your den leader for den scheduling questions.