



## PACK 404 WELCOME PACKET

Thank you for joining in Pack 404. I consider it a privilege to be involved with the Boy Scouts of America; an organization that knows what it stands for – the character development and Spiritual Growth of young boys into strong leaders through fun and adventure. The Boy Scouts America has several divisions, Cub Scouts is only one of them. We are bound and follow guidelines set forth by Boy Scouts of America's National Office.

This guide has been prepared for new and existing parents and guardians to outline the requirements of all involved. It also helps you understand what cub scouting is all about.

We ask that all Cub scouts, parents and guardians sign the last page to signify understanding of the welcome packet.

If you have any questions please see the Cubmaster, or your den leader.

Our Website : <http://www.cubpack404.com>

Troop Track : <http://www.Trooptrack.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Pack404/>

**Den Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month unless noted otherwise in Troop Track**

**Parents and Guardians are expected to be INVOLVED and must STAY with your Scout during meetings.**

**Pack Meetings (All Dens) are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted in Troop Track.**

**Cub Scout Pack 404 is Chartered and Sponsored by St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**

**1955 S. Belcher Rd.,  
Clearwater, FL 33764**

**Welcome to Cub Pack 404!**

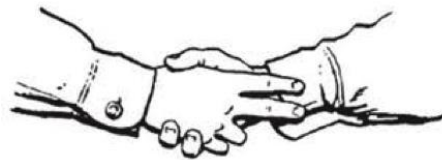
Every Cub Scout Pack is a little bit different, each with its own characteristics and focus. At Pack 404 we are focused on Scouting Skills and values while having fun. That means we like to have a good time while we “Do Our Best” to learn about the world around us. As parents, we all want our boys to learn important life lessons, values they can pass onto their children and skills they can employ every day. At pack 404 we try hard to keep Scouting fun and interesting for the boys. If it’s fun they will continue with the program and learn great lessons, values and skills along the way.

As parents, we have an obligation to our children to give them the best possible chance to succeed in life. With all the options available today we must make the hard decisions on which activity best equips our children for success.

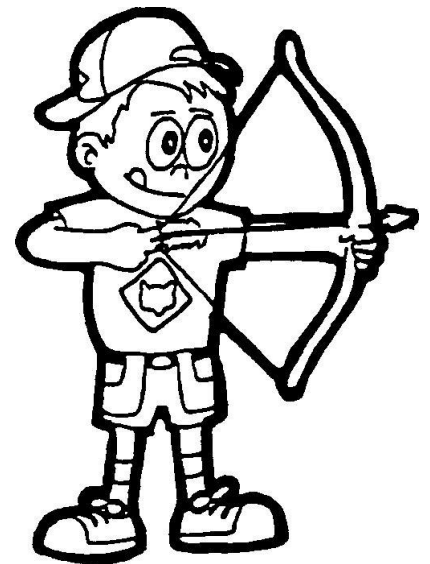
I believe you will find that what your child learns though his years of Cub Scouts will help your child be more successful and better prepared for any challenge that comes their way.

In my years of experience with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, I have yet to meet a man who regrets his Scouting experience. However, I have met many men who have expressed a deep regret because they either never joined Scouting or left the program early. If Pack 404 doesn’t match the needs of your child, please don’t give up on the Scouting program – it works! <http://joincubscouts.com> is a good resource to find other program locations.

Just remember, Cub Scouts is a family activity – We need everyone involved! Typically, when we have activities we hope everyone gets involved. No need to leave anyone out. © Sisters Included!



Cub Scout handshake



## **The Aims and Methods of Scouting**

The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America – to build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness:

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| 1. Character Development     | 6. Respectful Relationships    |
| 2. Spiritual Growth          | 7. Personal Achievement        |
| 3. Good Citizenship          | 8. Friendly Service            |
| 4. Sportsmanship and Fitness | 9. Fun and Adventure           |
| 5. Family Understanding      | 10. Preparation for Boy Scouts |

Every Cub Scouting activity should help fulfill one of these purposes. When considering a new activity, ask which purpose or purposes it supports. Not everything in Cub Scouting has to be serious – far from it! Silly songs, energetic games, and yummy snacks all have their place in the program.

## **The Methods of Cub Scouting**

To accomplish its purposes and achieve the overall goals of building character, learning citizenship, and developing personal fitness, Cub Scouting uses seven methods:

### **1. Living the Ideals**

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in boys and the leaders who guide them.

### **2. Belonging to a Den**

The den—a group of six to eight boys who are about the same age—is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.

### **3. Using Advancement**

Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with boys on advancement projects.

### **4. Involving Family and Home**

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, his family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that boys have a good experience in the program.

### **5. Participating in Activities**

Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

### **6. Serving Home and Neighborhood**

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps boys strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support the boys' growth and development.

## **Parent and Guardian Involvement**

What is your commitment as a parent? EVERYTHING!!! Our pack will quickly fold if it does not receive support from all parents. For a pack to deliver a good program you need to:

- Encourage your son to wear his Class A (Field) uniform correctly and neatly
- Ask your son how YOU can help him or the Pack
- If you volunteer, please follow through
- Attend campouts with your son and be sure to come to family camping
- Support pack leadership – offer constructive criticism
- Share your skills with your son's den – be an activity counselor and/ or a Pack Committee member or an Assistant Den Leader.
- Practice your religious convictions and encourage your son to do the same
- Attend an occasional parents and leaders meeting.
- Assist with fundraising monthly
- A parent or guardian must stay for the entirety of the meetings, fundraiser or other pack functions.

These points are not listed in any special order. They represent just a portion of obligations and commitments you make when your son joins a Cub Scout Pack.

While it's true that Scouting is a more enriching, engaging and affordable alternative to leaving a child at home to watch movies with the next-door neighbor, remember that BSA doesn't stand for Baby Sitters of America.

Families get the most out of Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting when everyone is involved.

***“You would not lend a stranger your car or a sum of money, so why lend your son to people you do not know?” Reach out and get involved to that you can enjoy and share your son's future with him and others.***



***“There is no teaching to compare with example.”  
Sir Robert Baden-Powell ~ Founder of Scouting***

## **Pack 404 General Information**

Pack 404 is chartered by St Catherine of Siena Parish and the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and is a part of St. Catherine's Youth Ministry program. The pack is operating in compliance and is conforming to the policies/procedures of the Boy Scouts of America and our Charter Organization along with the Diocese of St Petersburg. This guide has been assembled to offer basic information to the new Scouts and Parents who join Pack 404.

**Uniforms:** The scout uniform supports all three aims of scouting. The uniform is a symbol of the boy's commitment to Scouting and his acceptance of the BSA's ideals and willingness to live by them. Uniforms are to be worn to all meetings and functions. Shirts are to be tucked in and should look neat in appearance.

**Physicals:** A medical form must be current and accurate to participate in the scout year. All special outings, such as, Scout Summer Camp, may require their own special form.

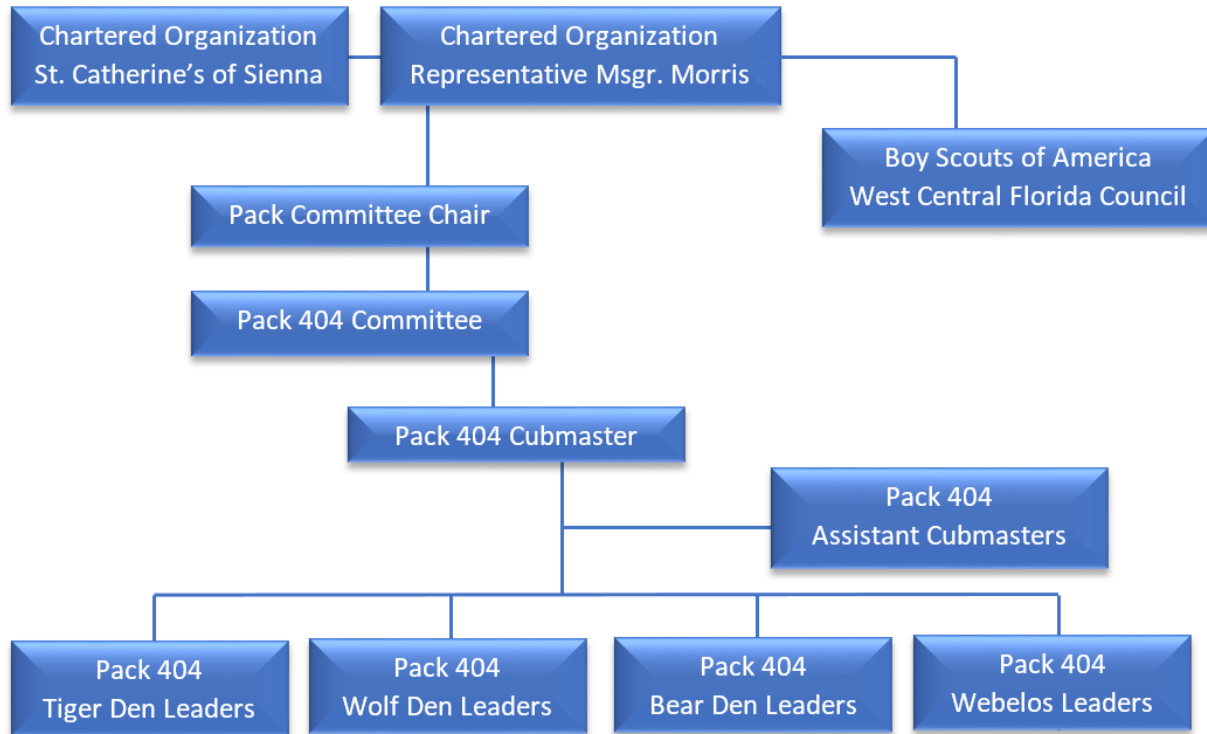
**Behavior and Attitude:** It is a privilege to be a scout in Pack 404 and the boys are expected to treat others with respect in a manner consistent with how they would like to be treated. The scout oath and law should guide the scouts' behavior within the pack and community. Discipline issues should be brought to the attention of the Den Leader and Cubmaster who will address the matter. During scouting functions, unless it is a safety issue, parents should not address problems directly with a scout, but should bring the issue to the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster's (trained, uniformed leader) attention. Any aggressive behavior may result in a three-step process beginning with a warning; then the parents will be consulted, then if both prove unsuccessful, suspension (the committee will decide for how long) If there are any further problems, more drastic measures will be taken. During an event or meeting if the activity leader deems the cub scout or activity member too distracting, we will ask the family to leave the event, and a coaching session will be scheduled with the Cubmaster, and committee chair.

**Inappropriate Language:** Foul and inappropriate language will not be tolerated by anyone in the pack – Adults included. If anyone is overheard using inappropriate language around our youth, it will result in a three-step process beginning with a warning; then the parents will be consulted, then if both prove unsuccessful, suspension (the committee will decide for how long) If there are any further problems, more drastic measures will be taken. If this happens, a coaching session will be scheduled with the Cubmaster, and committee chair. During an event or meeting if the activity leader deems the Cub Scout or activity member too distracting, we will ask the family to leave the event, and a coaching session will be scheduled with the Cubmaster, and committee chair.

**Fundraiser Accounts:** The pack uses fundraiser accounts to help fund scouting events. For example, selling popcorn can earn your scout a lot of money in their scout account. Last time we went to Kennedy Space center for a sleep over many families did not pay anything as the \$125.00 per person fee was covered by their fundraiser account.

**Pack Dues:** Pack dues are required to be paid in full within 90 days of joining the pack. If you require more than 90 days, please see the Cubmaster to see if we can work on a payment plan. Members who are not current on dues cannot earn awards, or attend functions.

Cub Pack 404 – Welcome and Expectations Packet 2017/2018 Update



We are glad you decided to join Pack 404. Above is the Org Chart so that you know who reports to who in the pack. Remember, we need volunteers ALWAYS. If a den does not have a Registered and trained leader, we will be forced to temporarily close the den. We ask that both the Cub Scout, and the Parent Sign the below to signify that you have read, and understand the requirements. We really need help in all dens. Please see the Cubmaster if you can help in any way possible.

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Cub Scout Name and Den

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Cub Scout Signature

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Cubmaster Name

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