

CUB SCOUT PACK 1537 INFORMATION

I. Join Scouting Night - Thursday, Sept 9, 7pm at Shreveewood Elementary Upper Field

II. About Pack 1537 -

We are a welcoming pack of 50-60 boys and girls in K-5th grade. Be a part of your children's lives as they:

- Make new friends
- Develop new skills
- Develop a sense of belonging
- Learn about citizenship, character and fitness
- Learn how to cooperate with others
- Learn about the environment and outdoors
- Develop self-confidence and sense of accomplishment as they earn badges
- Spend quality time with you
- Enjoy supervised enriching activities
- Go on pack camping trips for all; and amazing summer camps for rising 2nd graders and above with archery, bb's, aquatics, firebuilding, and more (2 nights for rising 2-3rd grade; 6 nights for 4-5th grade)

The pack is organized into six dens. Our youngest den for kindergarten is the **Lion Den**.

- The Lion Den usually meets once each month as a den for an hour on Wednesdays at 7pm, plus additional optional opportunities during the year for den activities such as hiking, biking, and other outings.
- Lion Den scouts also join the rest of the pack for pack-wide activities include pack meetings, the Pinewood Derby, and can participate in pack campouts, service projects.
- For our youngest dens, we ask that a parent remain with the scout during all activities.

Older dens typically meet two Wednesdays per month, plus once on a weekend for an activity.

Costs: \$150 annual dues per scout, one-time \$25 BSA registration fee, pay-as-you-go for special outings (ie: \$10-15 per person for camping), uniform costs for 1st grade and above.

III. Activities and Pack Calendar

- Meeting Locations:** We will meet outdoors at Shreveewood, in parks, back yards, nature preserves, and other outdoor spaces. We may meet virtually on a limited basis, and we will meet indoors at Shreveewood or in other spaces as feasible during the winter.
- Pack Meetings:** We hope to conduct several in-person pack meetings including a Pack Picnic (Oct 24), Pinewood Derby (Feb 6), AOL Bridging (March 16), Blue & Gold Picnic (Apr 17), Bear Carnival (Apr 27) and End of Year Bridging/Picnic (June 1).
- Den Meetings:** Den meetings will be mostly in-person and mostly outside. Den meeting dates and locations will be determined by each den leader in coordination with the den. We will be weather-dependent so last minute communications will be needed, along with flexibility and patience. In general, dens will meet on several Wednesdays each month at 7:00 pm, meeting more regularly in the spring and fall than in the winter.
- Special Events:** We are exploring a variety of ideas for special events including a day trip to the Baltimore Science Center or Aquarium and an astronomy night at Sky Meadows State Park.
- Upcoming Special Events:**
 - Fall Family Campout at Pohick Bay, Camp Wilson: Tigers, Bears, Webelos: Sept. 25-26**
 - Flags In: Nov 11 at National Memorial Park
 - Scouting For Food - Nov 13

IV. Volunteer Opportunities: This is a community organization. To make this work, parents/guardians are expected to volunteer each year in a leadership role or as a one-off outing/project coordinator. In addition, each

family will be asked to help organize a den meeting or adventure for their den. Much support is provided by the den leader.

V. COVID-19 Protocols

1. The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. We will use the [BSA-provided checklist](#) that outlines several minimum guiding protocols on meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities. In addition to masks and social distancing, these precautions include limiting group sizes, having hand sanitizer available, and dining protocols. We will also use our own [protocols](#) for in-person meetings to include screening and parental assistance.

VI. REGISTRATION for 2021-22 Scout Year (for boys and girls in K-5th grade)

If you are ready to sign up, here are your next steps:

1. BSA Application: Complete online BSA Registration Form and pay one-time BSA registration fee of \$25 - which is separate from the annual Pack Dues - online: <https://my.bsa.us/082paa1537mb>. Transfer Scouts require a paper BSA application.

AND

2. Pack 1537 Registration and \$150 Dues:
 1. Complete and send the [Pack 1537 Membership Form](#) to David Froman (dmfroman@yahoo.com)
 2. Send \$150 dues per scout via Paypal at pack1537va@gmail.com or give check payable to Pack 1537 to a pack leader. **Need-based assistance is available for pack dues.**

VII. Uniforms/Supplies

- A. For the Lion Den, the pack buys: Lion t-shirt and hat.
- B. For older scouts, the pack buys: awards (belt loops, badges), hat, neckerchief, slide, "1537" patch. For older scouts (1st grade and above), families purchase uniform: Class A (shirt, pants/shorts, socks, belt, NCAC patch) at the Scout Store (Springfield or Bethesda) or <http://www.scoutstuff.org/>. The pack can provide previously-owned uniform gear upon request.
- C. For all scouts, the pack buys: den and pack meeting supplies, and subscription to Scout Life.
- D. Optional for older scouts - we recommend families buy scouts a "Class B" T-shirt (Pack 1537 T-shirt). These as well as fleece pullover or fleece vest for youth or adults can be purchased via the Pack 1537 Registration Form or send email to dmfroman@yahoo.com.
- E. Each family provides their own camping supplies. Meals at camping will be handled TBD.

VIII. Youth Protection: BSA has a strict policy in place to protect our kids, including background checks and training for all adult leaders, and a mandatory two-deep leadership policy meaning no individual adult is ever alone with an individual scout.

IX. Pack 1537 Communications/Calendar: www.scoutbook.com: Our main source of communications, calendar notifications, achievement tracking. Upon registration with the pack, new scouts will receive an email invite to join. Den leaders may also use other means of comms with their dens.

X. BSA Organization: Pack 1537 is chartered by the Shrevewood Elementary PTA, serving Shrevewood, Timber Lane, Pine Spring, Lemon Road, and Graham Road. Our pack is part of the George Mason District, which is part of the National Capital Area Council (NCAC).