



FAQs

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Q: *Where does Pack 316 meet?*

A: We meet at Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church which is located at 2600 Pisgah Church Road in Greensboro. The church is on the corner of Battleground Avenue and Pisgah Church Road across from Lowes Hardware. The Den Meetings are held on the right-hand side of the church where the playground and pre-school entrance is located.

Q: *When are the Den Meetings and how long do they run?*

A: Den Meetings start at 6:30 PM and wrap up by 7:30 PM. There are occasions when a Den may take a field trip or work on a special project so these times could change but we generally stick to this schedule throughout the year.

Q: *Do parents need to attend Den Meetings?*

A: For Lions and Tigers, parents are required to stay for the full den meeting. For Wolves and beyond parents do not have to stay at the meeting but we strongly encourage full participation. The Scouting experience is made much better for everyone when there is active parent involvement. Scouting—especially Cub Scouting—is a family focused enterprise.

Q: *What is your policy for admitting female scouts?*

A: Pack 316 and our charter organization, Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, have elected to follow BSA's lead and welcome girls to our ranks. Per BSA policy, female and male dens will be run separately (e.g. not co-ed) but all are considered part of the pack. Additionally, each female den must have at least one female adult leader for all meetings. As this is a new program, we will be relying heavily on the parents of new female Cub Scouts to help run the program.

Q: *What is the weekly commitment my child should expect to make to Cub Scouting?*

A: Den Meetings are an hour and if you factor in roughly 15 minutes of travel / prep time on each end then there is a minimum of 90 minutes per week. Some projects / curriculum will require work at home but generally these are only an additional 30 minutes to an hour per week.

Q: *How long is the Cub Scouting year?*

A: Den meetings start in September and run until formal graduation in late April. Standard holidays—Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break—are all observed. Additionally, we run our STEM program (NOVA) in May which is elective but highly attended. There are summer activities planned but all are optional. In all, there are about (18) den meetings, (6) pack meetings, (4) STEM NOVA sessions, and (2) to (3) special event meetings throughout the year.



Q: What is the cost to participate?

A; There are several items that go into the cost of Cub Scouting of which some are constant year to year while others are up front costs. Each boy or girl in Cub Scouting will need a uniform and a handbook. His or her handbook, cap and neckerchief will change each year as they go through the program, but other uniform parts remain the same for at least the first three years. Below is a break-down of some of these costs:

Typical Reoccurring Costs (annually)

Membership Dues: \$85
Handbook: \$16
Uniform (slide and hat): \$20
Total: \$120

Typical Upfront Uniform Costs

Shirt & Patches: \$45
Belt: \$13
Neckerchief*: \$10
Total: \$68

**pack provides future neckerchiefs upon graduation*

A full uniform is not required but an official cub scout shirt (blue for Tigers through Bears and olive for Webelos / AOLs), belt, neckerchief, and slide is needed to be “Class A” uniform compliant. Used shirts and other forms of assistance may be available for those in need. The pack also conducts two fundraising activities—Popcorn and Camp Cards— that can earn scouts proceeds that can be applied directly against some of the costs of scouting.

Q: Are there other costs to consider?

A: While optional, summer camps, fall family campout, and some field trips (USS Yorktown and Scouts on Skis) may have fees associated with them. These can range from \$35 to \$225 depending on the program and duration. There are often forms of fundraising available throughout the year to help offset some of these costs.

Q: Is the full Cub Scout uniform required?

A: We only require the shirt, neckerchief, slide, and belt along with appropriate pants (khakis, olive slacks, or blue jeans) to be “Class A” compliant. The uniform pants and cap are optional. The pack typically provides the neckerchief as part of graduation so outside of your child's initial year it will be covered. As a general rule, we would not advise making a uniform purchase until your child has attended a few meetings and have paid your full membership dues signifying a full commitment for the year.