



Parent Orientation

The goal of the Parent Orientation meeting is to re-welcome new families in a positive way to your Cub Scout Pack.

This meeting should help reinforce the messages new families heard at Sign-Up Night, help them learn more about your Pack and share with them how they can participate with their Scout.

Like the Sign-Up Night, an activity for youth is encouraged, so Parent Volunteers can work with parents.

Resources to support your Parent Orientation

- Sample agenda
- Family Talent Survey
- Wall chart for volunteer positions – who's in and what's available
- New Volunteer Welcome Guide

Sample Agenda – Parent Orientation

- Introductions of each current Parent Volunteer – descriptions of their roles
- Review the Pack calendar, especially the next month, focusing on dates, times and locations of upcoming meetings. At end of meeting – remind them about next meeting
- Highlight the fun activities coming up – Shooting Sports Day and Cub Family Campout
- Discuss how they can register for those events and orient them on participation
- Discuss Scouts earning their own way – discuss the Pack popcorn sale and selling online

Volunteering

- Invite each adult to complete a Parent Talent Survey (Separate resource)
- Highlight roles of volunteers. Some people run the den or pack meetings. Some people take a “behind the scenes” role on the pack committee and help with planning, paperwork or other administrative type duties. And some people are not available to help every month, so they volunteer for short term projects such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, outdoor events, field trips, etc.
- Utilize the wall chart to show available volunteer roles
- Don't ask for volunteers in this group setting yet (most people don't volunteer when asked this way).
- For dens that already have a Parent Volunteer: The den leader discusses den-meeting dates, times and locations. Recruits parents to assist with den meetings or serve on the pack committee.
- For dens that don't have a Parent Volunteer: Another volunteer will need to guide the discussion. Talk with individual parents to secure Parent Volunteers to head the den. Discuss possible meeting dates, times and locations.
- Parent Volunteer Registration. Review the purpose of registration and answer any questions. Collect all applications and fees.