

# CUB SCOUT PACK 701 HANDBOOK

**Chartered Organization as of 7/31/24:  
American Legion Post 457**

**Meeting Location:  
Sunbury Christian Church  
870 Admiral Drive  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074**

**Local Council:  
Simon Kenton Council  
807 Kinnear Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43212  
[Skscouts.org](http://Skscouts.org)**



## **Pack Mission**

The Committee and Leaders of Cub Scout Pack 701 are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of Cub Scout activities. Scouting aims to develop its youth into participating citizens of good character who are physically, spiritually and mentally fit. We want to encourage each Scout to incorporate the ideals of scouting into his/her everyday life.

## **Pack Code of Conduct**

### **Cub Scouts:**

- Respect one another, keeping hands and feet to ourselves
- Wear the proper uniform for the event
- Demonstrate respect for all adults
- A Scout is cheerful and brave, come to all meetings/ activities with a positive attitude and be prepared to try something new
- Pay attention, use your “wolf ears” and silently use the sign (peace sign/ two fingers in the air)
- Show respect to your surroundings both indoor and outdoor

### **Parents also known as Akela:**

- Help your scout with the Cub Scout Code of Conduct
- Understand your Scout’s requirements and assist him/ her in completing those requirements for rank advancement
- Work with your Den Leader and the leadership team
- Act as a role model for the Pack and Scouting BSA program
- Pay attention, use your “wolf ears” and silently use the sign (peace sign/ two fingers in the air)
- Remember, everyone on the Leadership Team is a volunteer who is giving their time and energy to Pack 701

### **Den Leaders and Committee Members also known as the Leadership Team:**

- Maintain all position appropriate training and keep Youth Protection Training up to date
- Treat all Cub Scouts as individuals, respect their unique needs and capabilities
- Always use 2-deep Leadership
- Make sure the objectives of Cub Scouting are the natural goal/outcome of all activities
- Act as a role model for the Pack and Scouting BSA program
- Wear the proper uniform for the event

## **All About Us**

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 701! We are a family friendly group of scouts serving the Sunbury, Ohio area. Both boys and girls are welcome to join our awesome Pack. Siblings and family

members are always invited to participate in activities. Leaders and Committee Members are dedicated volunteers who pitch in to help make our Pack run efficiently and plan amazing

Scouting adventures. All members of the Leadership Team are background checked to ensure the Scout's safety. Let's meet the crew:

- **Cubmaster:** Heather Gilson
- **Assistant Cub Master:** Chad Wampler
- **Committee Chair:** Megan Wampler
- **Treasurer:** Mike Tishko
- **Chartered Organization Representative:** Glenn Fuller
- **Committee Members:** Mike Tishko, David Gilson, Lindsey Leslie, Bill and Shannon Reinking, Robin Geng, Trenton and Heidi Brulport, Adam Holliday
- **Den Leaders:** Lindsay Pinciotti, Adam Holliday, Byran Hammond, Kristen Schultz, Lori Riedy, Jeff Grogan, Lindsey Leslie, Justin Schultz

Cubbing, as it was first known, began in the United States in 1930. Originally, dens were run by Boy Scout Den Chiefs. Adult Den Leaders were later introduced to lead the Cubs. Today, Scouts follow the same core principles and traditions.

The top three reasons to join Cub Scouts: develop character, learn outdoor skills and build confidence. Don't forget, have fun! We go camping, hiking, fishing, launch rockets, build and race pinewood derby cars and help the community through volunteering and service projects. A scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Scouts are divided into small groups (called Dens) by grade level:

- Kindergarten - Lions
- 1st Grade- Tigers
- 2nd Grade - Wolves
- 3rd Grade - Bears
- 4th Grade - Webelo
- 5th Grade - Arrow of Light

Scouts in our Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo dens may operate as co-gender dens. These dens must have a male and female leader. If one of the leaders will be absent, another of the same gender leadership team members will need to stand in for them. When Scouts get to the Arrow of Light rank, the genders will need to separate den rooms. This will prepare the Scouts for crossover and their transition to the Troop. As of 8-29-22, Troop 701 has a male and female Troop.

Our Scouting year begins in late August and ends before Memorial Day. We offer summer activities to keep Scouts engaged when school is not in session, however those are optional activities. Pack 701 follows the Big Walnut School District calendar. If there is no school (even on snow days), there is no Cub Scout meeting. If Big Walnut calls a snow day, the Cub Master, Assistant Cub Master, and Committee Chair will consult and make a decision by 2pm if we will hold Scouts or not. Sometimes the roads are bad in the mornings but by the time Scouts is in the evenings the roads are safe to travel. This info will be sent out via the text thread that your Den Leaders have set up. We meet on Mondays from 6:30-7:30p.m. at:

Sunbury Christian Church  
870 Admiral Drive  
Sunbury, OH 43074

A Scout is trustworthy, kind, helpful, reverent and obedient. Please show your respect to our beloved church, Sunbury Christian Church. We are fortunate to have the support of the church leadership and we are proud to be associated with this church in our community. We have a tradition of respecting property and do not wish to reflect negatively on Scouting or on the Sunbury Christian Church.

We understand “kids will be kids” and outbursts of enthusiasm will occur. However, there may be other groups meeting in the building at the same time we are meeting. Please be polite to them, hold the door and show them what great young men and women we are. There is absolutely no running or yelling inside the church.

Most Mondays are spent with the Den as Cubs work towards their requirements to earn belt loops or pins. About once a month, the Pack comes together to celebrate the accomplishments of individual scouts and the Pack as a whole. Occasionally, the Dens and Pack will travel to offsite locations. Details are provided so families can plan ahead. Akela are asked to provide their own transportation to and from activities.

Families are the basis of our society. In the family, children learn about love, values and social interactions. Family is vital to the future of our community and nation. Scouts BSA has a great interest in the strength of the family and therefore Cub Scouting is a family program. It gives families an opportunity to spend quality time together participating in various activities and events. Family involvement is vital to Cub Scouting’s success.

## **Who Runs the Pack?**

The Committee currently consists of (but not limited to):

- **Committee Chair** - Head of the Pack, position must be filled in order for the Pack to exist
- **Secretary** - Records all meeting minutes and shares them with the Leadership Team, position must be filled for the Pack to exist
- **Treasurer** - Pays Pack bills, reports on financial budgets, reimburses for Pack purchases, position must be filled in order for the Pack to exist
- **Advancement Chair** - Tracks and purchases all awards and rank advancements
- **Camping Chair** - Plans date, location and activities for camping trips
- **Grub Chair** - Plans and purchases all food for camping trips, ceremonies and activities
- **Fundraising Chair** - Plans, organizes and executes all fundraising activities
- **Chartered Organization Rep** - contact person between the Chartered Organization and Pack, position must be filled for the Pack to exist

- **Committee Members** - Plans all activities for the Pack, meets monthly to discuss the successes and concerns of the Pack, all decisions regarding the Pack are made by the committee
- **Den Leaders** - Primary go to and face for the Den, plans/ runs weekly den meetings and follows Scouting program to earn advancements, each den must have at least one Leader in order to meet, without a Leader, there will be no Den for that grade level
- **Cubmaster(s)** - Master of ceremonies, communicates with council, Den Leaders and Pack Committee, a voice for the Pack and Den Leaders at Committee meetings, position must be filled for the Pack to exist

Any of the above positions must be voted in by the Committee, at a Committee meeting. Suggestions for a position can be given at any time, the Committee will hear about Akela wanting to step in at the next scheduled meeting and make a vote.

The Pack Committee is a great group of adults who plan the annual activities and make all of the important decisions related to the Pack. They have the best interest of each individual Scout and the Pack as a whole in mind. The Committee meets once a month (sometimes more) all year long to discuss events to come, fundraising ideas, how to give back to the community and Pack. Meetings are open to any Akela who would like to attend. The Committee decides how the Pack will spend money and it takes a vote to spend any of the Pack's money. Without a strong Committee, the Pack would not run as smoothly as it does. Each member is a valuable asset to the Pack.

Anyone who would like to join the Leadership Team needs to complete an adult application which includes providing your social security number and driver's license number. Council will conduct a background check to ensure the safety of all Scouts. You must then take the Youth Protection Training on-line and pass the final test. Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be updated every 2 years to maintain your position with the leadership team. Failure to complete the YPT by recharter in December will result in the removal of the adult from the leadership team. Additional training may be required based on the position requested. All training opportunities can be found on [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

## **Annual Dues**

Scouting SA and Cub Scouts run on a calendar year basis; January thru December. Our pack however, follows the school year for operating. The difference between these operating years has an impact on how dues will be collected for the 2024-2025 Pack 701 scouting year.

### **New Scouts**

New Scouts and Scouts who are transferring from a different Pack will need to fill out an application.

Any fees collected greater than actuals charged by council will be refunded to your scout account. Scout accounts can then be used for 2024-25 dues or any other scouting costs. Fees for new Scouts are due at the time of application and are payable by cash, check, Venmo (@cubscoutpack3701), or credit card (accepted on [cubscoutpack701sunbury.com](https://cubscoutpack701sunbury.com)), please note: there is a \$5 credit/debit card processing fee and is added to the total transaction amount.

#### New and Returning Scouts (January thru December)

The Pack's annual dues are \$200.00 and cover the SA National fee, Council Fee and Pack 701 fee. Dues are payable in full October 31, 2024. If dues are not received by the due date, the Pack will reach out to the family to see if they are interested in returning. If the Scout is no longer interested or there is no response within one week, the Scout will be removed from Scoutbook. If the Scout decides to re-join, the Scout will be added back in once dues are paid.

Dues are payable by cash, check (written to Pack 701), Venmo(@cubscoutpack3701), or credit card (accepted on [cubscoutpack701sunbury.com](https://cubscoutpack701sunbury.com)) please note: there is a \$5 credit/debit card processing fee and is added to the total transaction amount.

### **Dues include:**

Awards throughout the year and council payments (Removing books because we are not buying those are we buying necks and slides???)

### **Annual dues do not include the following required items:**

Class A uniform, council issued patches to be sewn onto the uniform, den hat or field uniform

### **Annual dues do not include the following optional items:**

Boy's Life magazine (\$15.00/ year and payable to Pack 701), Class B uniform, camping fees/supplies, rocket supplies, summer camp fees, rain gutter regatta supplies and pinewood derby car kit.

Should a family need financial assistance to help cover the cost of Scouting, we ask that they reach out to someone in the Leadership Team. The Committee will then meet to discuss each request on a case by case scenario. Pack 701 will do everything possible to make Scouting financially obtainable for all. We ask that you give your best effort during fundraising opportunities to help cover the cost of Scouting. All financial assistance conversations will remain confidential. A Scout family that is requesting funds must put forth all efforts in selling popcorn to help cover their costs of the fees.

## **Scout Uniform**

Each Scout must purchase a Den appropriate uniform as they advance through the program. Uniform supplies can be purchased from the Scout shop or on-line:

Simon Kenton Council  
807 Kinnear Road # 120  
Columbus, OH 43212

**Or**

[www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org)

- **Lions:** The Lion Class A/ Field uniform and Class B uniform/ Activity uniform is the navy tee shirt with a Lion face on the front. Lions are encouraged to proudly wear their shirts to all meetings. A Lion hat is an optional add on.
- **Tigers:** The Tiger Class A/ Field uniform is the navy button down shirt. The shirt comes in two options: council patches sewn on or a bare shirt and you can purchase the patches to sew on yourself. The Tiger hat, belt and Scout pants/ shorts are optional add ons.
- **Wolves:** The Wolf Class A/ Field uniform is also the navy button down shirt. The shirt comes in two options: council patches sewn on or a bare shirt and you can purchase the patches to sew on yourself. The Wolf hat, belt and Scout pants/ shorts are optional add ons.
- **Bears:** The Bear Class A/ Field uniform is also the navy button down shirt. The shirt comes in two options: council patches sewn on or a bare shirt and you can purchase the patches to sew on yourself. The Bear hat, belt and Scout pants/ shorts are optional add ons.
- **Webelo:** The Webelo Class A/ Field uniform is the navy or tan button down shirt. The shirt comes in two options: council patches sewn on or a bare shirt and you can purchase the patches to sew on yourself. You will also need the Webelo shoulder ribbon to hold their pins. The Webelo hat, belt and Scout pants/ shorts are optional add ons. Webelos may continue to wear their navy shirt, if they outgrow it we suggest buying the tan as they will wear it up into the Troop.
- **Arrow of Light:** The Webelo Class A/ Field uniform is the tan button down shirt. The shirt comes in two options: council patches sewn on or a bare shirt and you can purchase the patches to sew on yourself. You will also need the Webelo shoulder ribbon to hold their pins. The Webelo hat, belt and Scout pants/ shorts are optional add ons.
- **Scouts SA:** Scouts SA wear the same tan shirt as the AOL.
- **Class B Uniforms/ Activity uniform:** Class B uniforms/ Activity uniform are Pack designed tee shirts and sweatshirts that can be purchased on an annual basis. Various colors, sizes and designs are offered throughout a Scout's journey. Prices are announced when offered.

Class A uniforms/ Field uniforms are our “fancy party clothes” and worn at Pack meetings, field trips, ceremonies, special occasions, during fundraisers, parades and when you want to show the community that you are part of something very special.

Class B uniforms/ Activity uniforms are our “casual day clothes” and worn during den meetings, camping trips, during fundraisers, on the weekends, to school and when you want to show the community that you are part of something very special.

## Scout Account

Once a Scout joins Pack 701, a Scout account is created for him/ her within the Pack's treasury. Scout accounts are property of Pack 701 and cannot be used for non-Scout related items/ activities. There are two ways to add funds to your account: make a deposit or participate in a fundraiser. Each year, we will have the opportunity to participate in fundraisers that benefit both the Pack and the individual Scout. When applicable, a percentage of total sales sold will go into the Scout's account. Those funds will be earmarked for that Scout and can be used throughout the year to pay for items not covered by the Pack (dues, camping fees, summer camp, etc.). Should a family like to use funds to cover a Scout related item, they are to let the treasurer or Cubmaster(s) know via text or e-mail and payment / reimbursement will be made. Akela may ask for their Scout account balance at any time.

A Scout account can not be overdrawn as the Pack will not cover a shortage made by the Scout's family. Once the Scout's account hits zero, the family will need to write a check, pay with cash, Venmo, or credit card (accepted on [cubscoutpack701sunbury.com](http://cubscoutpack701sunbury.com)), please note: there is a \$5 credit/debit card processing fee and is added to the total transaction amount. . Once the Arrow of Light Scout crosses over to the Troop, the funds will follow that Scout and be transferred to Troop 701.

Should the Scout leave Pack 701, their Scout account funds will be absorbed into the general Pack account on the 30th day following the fall registration. If the Scout family advises they are taking the year off and plan on returning, Pack 701 will retain any earned funds for that Scout until the following fall registration. If the Scout does not return after taking the year off, Pack 701 will absorb those funds into the general Pack account.

## General Pack Account

Pack 701 is a non-profit organization. The Pack operations are funded by fundraising activities. The Pack maintains an account for all general funds. All incoming funds go into the Pack general account and payments are made directly from the Pack general account. The treasurer maintains records and is responsible for keeping the leadership team up to date on the balance. The Pack will pay the following bills throughout the year (but not limited to):

- Local and national council fees
- Awards
- \$100 towards the annual Blue and Gold celebration
- \$100 towards the annual Arrow of Light celebration
- Food for camping and events
- Church Fees
- Rental fees

The Pack will reimburse the Den Leader(s) \$10/ active Scout in their den per year to cover any expenses for supplies purchased to earn rank. The leader must present a receipt(s) for expenses to the treasurer for reimbursement by graduation in order to receive a refund for that year.



## **Scoutbook**

Once a Scout has registered with Pack 701, they will be connected to our on-line portal: [Scoutbook.scouting.org](http://Scoutbook.scouting.org). A welcome email will be sent to the family once the registration process is complete. After you create a user name/ password, you will have access to your Scout's page, yearly advancement requirements, calendar and a secure way to send emails to your leader.

It is the responsibility of the Akela to ensure that Scoutbook is properly updated with their Scout's progress. If Akela needs assistance with this process, please reach out to your Den Leader(s) or a member of the Leadership Team.

All communication to the Pack is done by email through Scoutbook. Your Leader(s) may communicate via email outside of Scoutbook or via text. If you feel you're not getting the most up to date information, please let the leadership team know. There may be a problem with your connection to Scoutbook.

### **Den Meeting/ Earning Belt Loops or Pins**

Scouts SA has put together a fun filled, age appropriate Scouting program. Each leader is provided with a yearly curriculum to complete. During a den meeting, the Leader(s) will have planned an awesome Scout lesson and/or activity geared towards earning a belt loop or pin.

Some requirements can be accomplished in a single meeting while others can take two to three. In some instances, a Scout and family may need to work on the Scouting activity at home. All requirements can be found in the den handbook or on Scoutbook. Both Leaders and Akela can mark a requirement as completed in Scoutbook.

Leaders will remind and encourage families to finish their requirements by graduation. Leaders will never suggest falsifying completion because a Scout is trustworthy and obedient. Falsifying advancements will result in the Scout needing to re-do the requirement. In case you're not aware, a Scouts SA needs to demonstrate and prove their knowledge for advancements. If Scouts get in the habit now, their experience with Scouts SA will be easier.

There are two requirements that will not be completed in a den meeting and must be completed at home: How to Protect your Child from Abuse and Duty to God. Your Den Leader(s) will plan their year based on the requirements for each den. Volunteers are often needed to help with activities and outings. Please let your leader know how you can help.

Akela are required to remain at the meeting site with their Scout for the duration of the meeting.

### **Pack Meetings/ Earning Rank**

Pack meetings are typically held about once a month for the entire group to come together and celebrate accomplishments. Awards are a very important part of Scouting. They are intended to

help build self-esteem by providing recognition for their hard work. A Pack meeting is where we recognize each individual Scout, the den and Pack as a whole. Belt Loops, pins and patches are passed out after a Scout has earned the award. If your Scout earned an award that is not presented at the Pack meeting, please let your Leader(s) know. Mistakes happen and the Pack will make it right.

Akela are required to remain at the meeting site with their Scout for the duration of the meeting. If an Akela leaves, whether it be a meeting or an outing your Scout must go with you. No Scout can be left without their Akela. If it happens you will get a verbal warning, if it happens a second time you and your Scout will be asked to leave the Scouting program and not be allowed back. Only exception is if there is an emergency and you must leave quickly, you must find the Cub Master or Committee Chair and let them know as well as when you will be back to get your Scout or who is coming to get your Scout. The only expectation is pre-arranged with the Cub Master or Committee Chair ahead of time letting them know you are leaving for 10 or 15 minutes. For example, you have to go grab another sibling from a sports practice or class.

Once a Scout has completed all of the den requirements, the Scout will have earned rank. For example:

Lion will have earned their Lion rank, Tiger has earned their Tiger rank and so on.

Arrow of Light Scouts crossover to Scouts SA in February or March. The other dens will crossover to their next rank in late May. Your Den Leader(s) and the Leadership Team are NOT responsible for your Scout's rank advancement. You and your Scout are responsible for completing all requirements to earn rank by May 31st of each year. Scouts who have not earned rank can still participate in the ceremony but will not earn their rank advancement patch. You cannot go back and earn a missed rank.

## **Camping, Fishing and Hiking**

Scouts love the outdoors! Pack 701 plans lots of outdoor activities throughout the year. Some of our activities require supplies and equipment. Please don't feel like you need to go out and get the latest/ greatest that money can buy. Cub Scout activities are family friendly and we encourage siblings to participate in all adventures. Here are some suggested items for our most popular outdoor activities:

### **Camping**

- Tent and rainfly large enough to accommodate your family
- Tarp
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, air mattresses
- Camping/ folding chair
- Personal items to make your overnight more enjoyable
- Flashlight, headlamp or both because flashlight tag is really fun!

## **Fishing**

- Enough fishing poles to accommodate your family
- Camping/ folding chair
- Worms/ hotdogs/ whatever you prefer to fish with

## **Hiking**

- Comfortable shoes/ boots
- Backpack to hold your 7 essentials
- 7 essentials (whistle, snack, water bottle, flashlight, first aid kit, sun and rain protection)

The Camping Chair(s) works hard all year long to locate and secure a fantastic camping site. Den and Pack activities are planned to fill the day so there is very little lag time. If any special items are required (rope for knot tying, fishing poles, ect.), advance notice will be given so families can prepare.

We camp as a Pack and we eat as a Pack. The Grub Chair will plan delicious meals and snacks for the entire group. Advance notice on the menu will be provided so families know what's cooking. If there are any allergies, please let the Leadership Team know before the campout as we do our best to accommodate all Scouts and families.

Pack 701 requires an Akela to remain with their Scout for the entire camping trip. If the Akela needs to leave, they must take the Scout with them. If an Akela leaves, whether it be a meeting or an outing your Scout must go with you. No Scout can be left without their Akela. If it happens you will get a verbal warning, if it happens a second time you and your Scout will be asked to leave the Scouting program and not be allowed back. Only exception is if there is an emergency and you must leave quickly, you must find the Cub Master and let them know as well as when you will be back to get your Scout or who is coming to get your Scout. Scouts in the same Den may share a tent but Akela may NOT share a tent with a non-related Scout.

It is best to keep electronics, bikes, Nerf guns and valuable items at home. The Pack will plan and organize activities to keep Scouts engaged and moving. Footballs, soccer balls, baseballs or backyard games are encouraged. Please be prepared to share with all Scouts who want to participate. A Scout is kind and courteous!

As we break camp, all campers will be asked to lend a helping hand and clean up the camping site. A Scout is to leave the location better than they found it and trash your trash. Before you head out, please make sure to check in with leadership to see what you can do to help. All Dens will receive a chore chart that they must complete and turn into the Camping Chair or Cub Master before they may leave camp.

Scouts SA requires at least 1 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) trained leader to be present at any overnight camping trip. As of 7-1-2024, there are 5 BALOO trained adults in Pack 701. Training for this very important class can be taken through Simon Kenton Council. The Pack will pay the \$30.00 fee. Pack 701 cannot camp overnight if there are not enough BALOO trained adults. Camping trips are subject to rescheduling if there are not 1 trained adult able to stay for the duration of the trip. If you're interested in becoming a BALOO trained adult,

please see someone on the leadership team. However we prefer to have at least 2 on hand because if one has to leave everyone has to leave.

In order to camp, Scouts SA requires a completed medical form every year. Here is a link to the medical form: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf). Cub Scouts only need pages A and B. Page C is not needed unless you camp longer than 72 hours. Without a completed medical form, the Scout cannot spend the night.

We encourage Scouts and families to participate in all activities. If you would like to attend but don't have the necessary supplies, please reach out to your Den Leader(s). Someone in the Pack may have extras so we can share or we can reach out to the Troop for supplies.

The Camping Chair(s) and/or other members of the Leadership Teams will be responsible for building and maintaining the fire. The Camping Chair(s) may seek the assistance from responsible Akela to assist in fire maintenance. Under no circumstances will a Scout be able to participate in fire maintenance. Scouts are not able to toss leaves, sticks, trash or any other objects in the fire. If a Scout is caught tossing items into the fire, they will be asked to stop. If the Scout continues, they will be sent to their Akela with an explanation of the incident. The Scout can return to the fire ring only with their Akela accompanying them. Due to insurance purposes, there can only be 1 (one) fire at camp. If a second fire is built, the Camping Chair(s) and/ or Cubmaster(s) will ask for the fire to be extinguished. If the fire is not extinguished, the Camp Chair and/ or Cubmaster(s) will put out the fire. The family may be asked to leave camp if the camping rules are not followed.

## **Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Knives and Firearms**

Illegal drugs and alcohol are not allowed at any Pack 701 activities. Persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed to participate in activities or functions. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate dismissal from the event and possible intervention by law enforcement.

Scouting provides a tobacco-free environment for the Scouts. Smoking is not allowed in the presence of the Scouts. If you must smoke or use tobacco products, please do so outside and out of sight of the Scouts. Please remember, Scouts leave no trace. Keep the area free of cigarette butts and trash.

Scouts who have earned and can show their Whittlin' Chip may carry and use a pocket knife. Akela supervision is required. If a Scout is found handling his knife improperly, it will be taken away from him/her and given to the Akela. Each time this happens, a corner of the Whittlin' Chip card is to be snipped off. If all corners are removed, the Scout is no longer allowed to carry and use the knife. The Scout must then re-earn his/her Whittlin' Chip.

Archery equipment, air rifles, pistols and BB guns are not allowed in any Pack 701 activity without the properly trained leader/ instructor. Council offers district sponsored events so please

check their calendar for dates: [skcscouts.org](http://skcscouts.org). Even if you hold a concealed carry permit, please leave all firearms at home during Pack 701 events and activities.

## **Foul Language and Bullying**

Pack 701 has a zero tolerance policy for foul language and bullying. Pack 701 is a family. Each Scout is important and a valued member of the Pack. A Scout is kind! Akela and Scouts should offer nothing but encouragement and praise to all. If an Akela or Scout are caught using inappropriate language or bullying, the Cubmaster will address the family privately. The family may be asked to leave the event/ meeting immediately. Depending on the severity of the violation, the committee will discuss the situation and the family may be asked to leave Pack 701.

## **Pets/ Service Animals**

Pack 701 loves pets! However, most locations we visit do not allow pets. For that reason, your pets need to be left at home. If your Scout or a member of your family has a service animal and you would like to bring your service animal along, please notify the Cubmaster(s) no less than 2 weeks prior to our event. Documentation will need to be provided to be shared with the venue we will be visiting for pre-authorization. Pack 701 will then reach out for permission for your service animal to tag along. It is entirely up to the venue to grant permission to bring your service animal.

If your request is approved by the venue, you must adhere to Pack 701's service animal rules:

- You assume full financial responsibility and liability if your service animal gets loose or harms someone
- You are responsible for the care and well being of your service animal
- The service animal must be on a leash at all times
- The leash must be held by an adult (21 years or older) and cannot be held by any Scout, even your own
- You must pick up after your service animal

If your request is denied by the venue, Pack 701 will notify you and provide a means of communicating with the venue directly.

If a Scout or family arrives at a location without prior authorization, the family will be asked to leave and return without their pet. This is for the safety of all Scouts and respect towards the many locations we visit each year.

## **Facebook**

Pack 701 has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086388187503>.

We take and post pictures of our awesome activities and adventures. We love to show the community all the fun we're having! To maintain privacy of our Scouts, we do not use full

names. If you would prefer we not post pictures of your Scout, please let your Den Leaders(s) know. If you would like to join this page, please see someone on the Leadership Team.

## **Pack 701 Website**

Pack 701 has a wonderful website for our families! <https://www.cubscoutpack701sunbury.com>. Here, we will post upcoming events; photos of past events; families can access forms; the calendar; the handbook; families can RSVP to events; order Pack 701 swag and so much more. When you first enter the website, you will need to create a username and password and connect your Scout to their den. Once the website leadership approves your Scout, you will have full access to all that the website offers. This entire registration process typically takes less than 24 hours.

## **Fundraising**

Pack 701 participates in fundraising opportunities throughout the year. A Scout is thrifty! Fundraising helps keep the cost of Pack 701's annual dues affordable and helps provide a fun filled Scouting program. All Scouts are encouraged to participate but understand if Akela prefers not to. Details regarding the fundraising event will be provided at the beginning of the sale including any prizes or Scout account earning potential. Each sale is different and some may not include prizes or individual Scout account deposits. Advance notice will be given before the sale so families can decide if they would like to participate. Should a Scout earn funds for his/her Scout account, those funds will be transferred to his/her account within 90 days after the sale has ended.

During the Pinewood Derby race, the Pack offers a special fundraising opportunity to the Webelo Den to earn funds to go towards their Arrow of Light Crossover ceremony. The Webelo Den will organize and run the concession stand during the race. All proceeds will be earmarked for their ceremony. In the event that the Webelo Den cannot hold their fundraising event due to circumstances beyond their control, the Pack committee will assist in planning an alternative fundraising opportunity.

The Leadership Team fully understands if fundraising is not for you. Consider making a donation to the Pack. Any money the Pack receives goes back to the Scouts through our yearly activities.

## **Annual Activities**

The committee plans and organizes some amazing activities throughout the year. A calendar of proposed events is passed out during the first few weeks of our Scouting year. The calendar is subject to change based on weather, participation and any other unforeseen event. We try to provide as much notice of cancellation as possible.

Some of the Pack's activities may include (but not limited to):

- Pinewood Derby
- Rocket Launch
- Rain Gutter Regatta
- Blue & Gold Banquet
- Arrow of Light Crossover
- Graduation
- Parades

Details, flow of the day and rules for each event are passed out in advance so families can prepare for the day. If supplies are needed, that will be included in the communication. If you would like to use your Scout account to help cover the cost, please let the Treasurer or Cubmaster(s) know.

Because these are all very formal events and a big part of Cub Scouting, please proudly wear your Class A uniform/ Field uniform.

Pack 701's year comes to an end at our graduation ceremony in late May. However, the fun does not end here. The leadership team plans amazing summertime activities where Scouts can earn a summertime pin to wear on their uniform. Scouts who participate in at least one activity per month (June, July and August) will earn their pin. Please don't forget to take pictures so we can post them on our Facebook page!

Our local council, Simon Kenton Council, also holds optional events throughout the year. Feel free to check out their calendar to see what might interest you and your family: [skscouts.org](http://skscouts.org). Summer camp is a great opportunity for Scouts to earn advancements and meet new Scouts! Sign up early on their website to secure your spot for this awesome adventure.

All activities are open to the Scout, their siblings, and their Akela. We want to be able to enjoy our Scout Family events together. The following events we gladly ask you to invite your grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, etc. : Crossover, Pinewood Derby, and Graduation. All other events we ask that you limit it to just those that live within your household due to space and/or supplies/food that has to be purchased.

## Community

Pack 701 loves to give back to Sunbury and Galena. Throughout the year, Pack 701 will participate in community service projects. A Scout is friendly, helpful and loyal! Some past projects have been (but not limited to):

- Picking up trash
- Holding food drives
- Volunteering
- Helping a neighbor
- Caroling at a nursing home
- Collecting toiletries for the homeless
- Donating time to local nonprofits

We're always looking for new ideas to help our great community. If you have a suggestion, please let someone on the leadership team know.

## **Arrow of Light Scouts**

It is a high honor to make your ways through the Scouting journey to Arrow of Light (AOL) Scout rank. Scouts SA is a Scout lead program with positive guidance from Leadership and Akela. To help prepare them for the ways of Scouts SA, the AOL Akela are asked to sit outside their den room. Feel free to sit outside and listen in on the conversation or take a seat in the lobby of the church. This will assist in the transition from an Akela heavily involved Cub experience to a more hands off approach in Scouts SA. Rest assured, the Pack will continue to operate with 2-deep leadership. If one of the SA trained leaders is unavailable, a member of the Leadership Team will step in for the meeting. The Pack understands that this is hard for many Akela and Scouts. It is best to practice early so when the time comes, the whole family will be ready for crossover.

While you wait for your AOL Scout to finish, consider venturing to the Troop meeting, sit in on a Troop Committee meeting or chat with a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. This will help you become familiar with their processes and see how the Troop runs their program. Even though Scouts SA is led by Scouts, Akela participation is paramount to your own Scout's successes.

## **Covid-19 and Other Natural Disasters**

Covid-19 hit the world hard. In March 2020, our Scouting program came to a screeching halt. With the great assistance of the Den Leaders and Committee Members, Pack 701 helped 90% of our Scouts earn rank and advance to their next Den. We operated via zoom/ google meet calls and canceled all in-person meetings. Weather permitting, we were able to meet outside while socially distanced.

The Leadership Team will weigh all options for the Pack to have in-person or virtual meetings. Should Covid-19 continue or another natural disaster/ pandemic disrupt our program, the Leadership Team will take the appropriate actions to keep all Scouts and families safe.

## **Any Further Questions?**

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, the Leadership Team welcomes your voice. We encourage all Akela to become an active part of their Scout's journey. The best way to do that is attend a Committee meeting and possibly join the Leadership Team. We look forward to meeting you and your Scout as they work their way towards Boy Scouts. It will be a rewarding and fun-filled adventure! Enjoy every Scouting moment.

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