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Cub Scout Promise

I, <boy's name>, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and to obey the
Law of the Pack.

Pack 421 is part of the Capitol Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Our pack motto is "Fun with a Purpose". Scouting is a wonderful combination of fun and learning. The boys learn about themselves and how to interact responsibly with the world around them. Scouting emphasizes many, if not all, of the positive traits we try to instill in our sons. These traits include responsibility, citizenship, sportsmanship, cooperation, spiritual growth, and others.

We strive never to forget two things: have fun and include the family. Here are some examples of our activities.

- Annual Fall Overnight Trip. Past trips include the USS Lexington and the Battleship Texas. Our Fall 2003 overnight trip is the Witte Museum in San Antonio (ages 6 and up).
- Fall and Spring campouts. This is easy family camping at nearby campgrounds.
- Annual Pinewood Derby. The boys build those famous pinewood derby cars and race against their buddies. Siblings and parents can race too!
- Monthly Pack Meetings. We have award presentations and recognition, songs, skits, games, and special guests. For example: zoo animals, police cars, Lego robots – and the people who care, use, or create them.
- Informal summer activities – Round Rock Express baseball games, cave tours, swimming/water parties, scout camps, etc.

Cub Scout groups are organized into units called Packs. Packs are comprised of multiple Dens. A Den typically contains 4-10 boys of the same age or school grade. The Cub Scout program starts with 1st Grade boys. Dens are classified by grade and rank: 1st grade – Tiger, 2nd grade - Wolf, 3rd grade - Bear, 4th grade - Webelos I, and 5th grade - Webelos II. After 5th grade, the boys are eligible for Boy Scouts.

The Pack comes together once per month (September-May) for a Pack meeting. Dens meet weekly or bi-weekly. During the year, the boys work through the various requirements to achieve rank advancement and earn other awards such as belt loops, pins, and patches.

The annual registration fee is \$35 per boy. This includes national BSA registration, Boys' Life magazine, Pack dues, and an initial Pack T-Shirt. Parents are responsible for an advancement book (each year by rank) and a Class A uniform for their son. As he advances in rank, the uniform changes from a T-shirt (Tigers) to a blue shirt to an optional khaki shirt, both with rank-based neckerchiefs. Other uniform items are optional. There are additional costs (nominal) for overnight events, Blue & Gold Banquet, and other things. Parents are expected to volunteer some of their time to the Pack and Den. You might want to be a leader, organizer, gopher, chef, builder, etc. We love our volunteers and your help is necessary to continue our strong program.

Cub Scouts sell popcorn each fall as a fundraiser. This is our primary funding source. Each boy, Wolf and up, is asked to actively participate in selling. This is optional for Tigers.

Many of our boys are heavily involved in other activities, such as baseball, basketball, swimming, etc. Scouting is flexible with regard to demands on your time. It works equally well, whether it is your son's main extracurricular activity, or just one of several activities he enjoys.

So please check us out! It's not only a blast for your son; it's well worth it for you too. Call us for more information!