

Pack Parent Orientation Agenda

The parent orientation meeting should take place within 10 days of your sign up night at your normal meeting location, day and time. The goals of the Parent Orientation meeting are to 1) create a welcoming atmosphere for new families 2) Help them learn more about your Pack and share with them how they can participate with their Scout. 3) Reinforce the messages new families heard at Sign-Up Night and 4) to provide a fun and engaging activity for new Scouts so we can begin delivering on the promise of Scouting.

This activity should be run by Scouts, BSA youth or parents so that existing Parent Volunteers can work with new parents to get them acclimated to the Pack. "Bobcat Bootcamp" completes 7/8 items for their first rank, so they can receive an award early on in their Scouting adventure!

Sample Agenda

1. **Introductions of each current Parent Volunteer** – descriptions of their roles. 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 and Gold Banquet, outdoor events, field trips, etc.
2. **Discuss Pack expectation** – time commitment, attendance, parental involvement, uniforms, activity fees, behavior, etc.
3. **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
4. **Highlight the fun activities coming up** – Shooting Sports Day and Council Cub Family Campout. Discuss how they can register for those events and orient them on participation
5. **Discuss Scouts earning their own way** through the fall product sale. Provide them the information to sell online.
6. **Make connections with new parents** – they are your future leaders! Ask each adult to complete a 100-Point Parent Participation Form
7. **Divide families into Dens / solidify new den leadership & meeting structure**
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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 serve as "Den Coordinators." Their job is to divide requirements amongst all families & remind them when they are leading activities. Discuss possible meeting dates, times and locations.
 - c. Share behind-the-scenes roles they can assist with: camping, advancements, treasurer, events.
 - d. Provide adult application & share training opportunities (in-person & through My.Scouting).