

Pack 537

2026-2027

Orientation Packet



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Welcome

PACK 537 2026-2027 Season

Hello and welcome to Pack 537. We are excited to have you as part of our Scout Family. We are looking forward to our 2026-2027 scout season that will have many fun, learning activities and events.

We hope this packet will help you find the information you may be looking for and to answer your questions. Den and Committee Leaders are also here to guide you along the way.

Again, we are so excited and looking forward to a successful pack year and so glad you are with us.

All we ask is that you

“Do your Best”

Yours in scouting,
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Orientation Checklist

- ☐ Register your scout at scouting.org
- ☐ Meet your Den Leader, Cubmasters and Committee Leaders
- ☐ Locate and fill in the “All About My Pack” Sheet (located in this packet)
- ☐ Log into Scoutbook and set up your account. (email should be provided to you)
- ☐ Update your Talent release option within Scoutbook
 - ☐ Go to your account page
 - ☐ Go to the “Edit Extended Information”
 - ☐ Switch the tab for Talent Release and sign
- ☐ Fill out your health forms. (located online [680-001_AB.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#). Provide copy to Committee Chair.
- ☐ Take Youth Protection Training – (not required but highly recommended)
 - ☐ Log into my.scouting.org
 - ☐ Select the Menu dropdown
 - ☐ Select “My Training”
 - ☐ Select Youth Protection Training
- ☐ Follow us on Social Media:
 - ☐ Webpage – www.pack537.org
 - ☐ Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1424249651213067>
 - ☐ Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/cubscoutpack537/>
- ☐ Fill out and Turn in your Talent Survey. Provide copy to Committee Chair

Scout Oath, Law and Mission

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy,

Loyal,

Helpful,

Friendly,

Courteous,

Kind,

Obedient,

Cheerful,

Thrifty,

Brave,

Clean,

and Reverent.

Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Uniform Guide

Pack 537 uses a Class A and Class B version of a uniform.

Class A uniform has a few items that are required and some that are options. Class A's are worn at all Pack meetings and to special events. We also have times throughout our campouts in which a scout would be asked to wear their Class A Uniform.

Class B uniform is any cub scouts or Pack 537 shirt. We wear Class B's for den meetings, and some special events. For most of the campout, a Class B shirt can be worn.

Please check out the Pack closet for gently-used uniform items.

Class A - Lion Rank

Required Item: Official Lion rank t-shirt

Optional Items: Navy blue shorts, navy blue Lion cap, navy blue web belt metal buckle, cub scout socks, neckerchief and slide.



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Class A - Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo Ranks

Required Items: Official blue uniform shirt (long or short sleeve), Official rank-specific neckerchief, Neckerchief slide (can be official or handmade)

Optional Items: Navy blue shorts, navy blue rank specific hat, navy-blue web belt with metal buckle, cub scout socks (available in three lengths: ankle, crew, and knee. Tiger socks have an orange band on the top)



Available Insignia

The Council Shoulder Patch or CSP which denotes your participating council

The World Crest Emblem and Ring

Unit and den numerals



Class A - AOL Ranks

Required Items: Official tan uniform shirt (long or short sleeve)
Green bottoms.

Optional Items: Navy-blue web belt with metal buckle or the
web belt with BSA buckle, green socks (available in three
lengths: ankle, crew, and knee), Den neckerchief and hat.



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green

Available Insignia

The Council Shoulder Patch or CSP which denotes your participating council

The World Crest Emblem and Ring

Unit and den numerals

Class B – All Ranks

Required Item: Any Cub Scout or Pack 537 shirt.

Examples:



Youth Protection

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs. All leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training. All parents are encouraged to take the training. To complete the training online, go to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and establish an account using the member number you receive when you register for BSA membership. If you take the training online before you obtain a member number, be sure to return to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and enter your number for training record credit. Your BSA local council also provides training on a regular basis if you cannot take it online.

Volunteering throughout the Year

Special Events

Throughout the year, we have several events that are all volunteer run. We are asking our parents to do their best and be engaged to lend a helping hand wherever they can.

Special Events are noted on the calendar and will have a sign-up genius for event.

Here is a list of events that will need volunteers:

Meet The Teacher

Raingutter Regatta

Popcorn Sales Coordination

PTA Flag and Information Table

Campout Coordination

Pinewood Derby

Blue and Gold

Castle Hills Parade

Keep an eye out for how to sign-up to help and help us have successful events this year!

Leadership

As mentioned above, this program is run by parents that have volunteered their time. We are always looking for parents that have an interest to join the leadership team. There are many different opportunities within the pack to help in a leadership role. As well, there are available leadership training and skills that you can participate and add to your learning library. Knowing that you have made a difference in your scout's life, is what makes it all worth it. Please contact your Committee Chair if you are interested.

Den/Pack Meeting Times

Throughout the month, there are several types of meetings or special events that occur. Den Meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Pack Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Most special events occur on weekends or evening timeframe. Please refer to your pack calendar for the latest set of events or speak with your leader for up-to-date information.

Unit Advancement Guide

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with adventures that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on adventures, they will earn belt loops and other recognition that they wear with their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

Training

The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for parents who volunteer. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and how quality Scouting programs are built. Log on to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and create an account to gain access to all available training content. For more information about training at all levels of the program, go to www.scouting.org/training

Annual Cost Breakdown

For the 2024-2025 season the following shows our annual cost breakdown. This cost will be collected within the first half of the year. Fundraising can help offset some of the costs shown below. For any questions, please work with the Treasurer, Committee Chair or any leader.

There are two separate costs for the program year.

- Cost to BSA
 - Annual National fee \$85
 - Alamo Council fee \$45 (collected as part of dues to treasurer)
- Cost to Pack
 - Tigers to AOL Annual Costs to Pack – \$175
 - Lions Annual Cost to Pack - \$100

What does the pack dues cover:

- Program materials (Den/Pack activities)
- Advancement materials (belt loops, rank awards)
- Outdoor activities (various pack participation)
- Uniform costs (Hat and neckerchief)
- Campouts
- Special pack events

All about my Pack

My scout is in Pack 537.

Pack meetings are held at:

Covenant Presbyterian Church
211 Roleto Dr 78213
at 6:00 pm on the 4th Weds of the Month.

My child is in the _____ Den.

Den meetings are held at

Covenant Presbyterian Church
211 Roleto Dr 78213
at 6:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Weds of the Month.

Our pack's chartered organization is: Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Our local council name is

Alamo Area Council #583
2226 NW Military Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78213
Phone: (210) 341-8611 ext 100
<https://www.alamoareabsa.org/>

Your Den Leaders are

Den Leader	Phone No.	Email



FAMILY TALENT SURVEY



Each adult family member is invited to fill out a separate sheet.

Pack _____

Date _____

Welcome to our Cub Scout pack. Cub Scouting is for adult family members as well as youth. We have a fine group of families who have indicated a willingness to help. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that the best possible program can be developed for your child. We hope that you will enjoy being part of our pack's team and want you to know that whatever you can do to help will be appreciated.

1. My interests/pastimes include: ☐ Social Media ☐ Music ☐ Sports (please specify): _____
☐ Health & Fitness ☐ STEM ☐ Travel ☐ Other Parent Groups (please specify): _____
☐ Family Activities ☐ Gardening ☐ Cooking ☐ Crafts ☐ Video Games ☐ DIY Projects ☐ Writing ☐ Art
☐ Other Volunteer Work (please specify): _____ Other (please specify): _____
2. A topic I would enjoy teaching youth is: _____
3. My job, business, or profession might be of interest to Cub Scouts: _____
4. I have training or experience that might be helpful.
 First Aid or Safety-Related Training or Credentials (please specify): _____
 Teaching, Coaching, or Mentoring (please specify): _____
 Previous Scouting Experience (please specify): _____
 Other: _____
5. I am willing to help my child and the pack by providing behind-the-scenes support such as:
☐ posting on social media ☐ helping to welcome other new parents ☐ making contacts for trips and activities
☐ providing transportation ☐ serving as a pack committee member ☐ being part of a New Member Coordinator team
6. I would be willing to help my child and the pack by assisting to present the program, perhaps serving as:
☐ an occasional presenter ☐ part of a team helping a Cub Scout den ☐ Den Leader or Assistant ☐ Cubmaster or Assistant
7. I can help in these areas (please check applicable boxes for all ranks):

General Activities

- ☐ Carpentry
- ☐ Swimming/watercraft safety
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Nature
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Outdoor activities
- ☐ Crafts
- ☐ Music/songs
- ☐ Citizenship/flag etiquette
- ☐ Bookkeeping

- ☐ Computer skills
- ☐ Drawing/art
- ☐ Radio/electricity
- ☐ Dramatics/skits
- ☐ Cooking/banquets
- ☐ Sewing
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Other _____

Special Program Resources

- I have a van ☐ SUV ☐ or truck ☐
- ☐ I have a workshop.
- ☐ I have family camping gear.
- ☐ I have camping gear that others could use.
- ☐ I have access to a cottage, camping property or boat.
- ☐ I can help Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout skills.
- ☐ I can give other help. _____

Tiger Activity Areas

- ☐ Nutrition/health
- ☐ Magic
- ☐ Biking
- ☐ Astronomy
- ☐ First aid

Wolf Activity Areas

- ☐ Knots
- ☐ Sign language
- ☐ Coin collecting
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Math/codes
- ☐ Collections
- ☐ Disabilities awareness
- ☐ Dinosaurs
- ☐ Compass use
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Gardening
- ☐ Civil service/military

Bear Activity Areas

- ☐ Pocketknives/wood carving
- ☐ Camping
- ☐ Computers/technology
- ☐ Citizenship/flag etiquette
- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ American Indian culture
- ☐ Animal care
- ☐ Forensics
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Marbles
- ☐ Robotics
- ☐ General science

Webelos Activity Areas

- ☐ Outdoor cooking
- ☐ First aid
- ☐ Camping
- ☐ General science
- ☐ Disabilities awareness
- ☐ Survival skills
- ☐ Geocaching
- ☐ Geology
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Home repair
- ☐ Game design
- ☐ Wildlife
- ☐ Plant life
- ☐ Moviemaking

Adult Name _____

E-Mail address _____

[The best way to reach me is via ☐ email ☐ text ☐ cell phone

Street address _____

Youth Name _____

Phone(s) H- _____ C- _____ B- _____

home phone _____ business phone.]

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

PACK 537

UNIFORM AND SUPPLY CLOSET

Taking Gently used scout items:
Uniforms, camp gear, boots, etc.

To donate or inquire, please contact
Lori@pack537.org

Or bring to next pack meeting

