



PACK 1220

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

Thank you for choosing Pack 1220 as your Cub Scouting home.

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with information important to all parents new to Scouting or Pack 1220. Information in this guide includes subjects such as: Scout ranks, advancement procedures, methods of earning awards and achievements, uniforms, ScoutTrack, basic pack structure, dues, and more.

More information may be found by speaking to your pack or den leaders or visiting our website at www.pack1220.org.

BASIC STRUCTURE

Pack 1220 is chartered by the “Friends of Hedgcoxe” and normally meets at Hedgcoxe Elementary. Pack 1220 is under the jurisdiction of the Great Plains District, which is part of the Circle 10 Council.

The pack is the basic unit for Cub Scouting. The pack consists of boys ranging from 1st grade thru the spring of the 5th grade. From there, the boys will advance to a Boy Scout Troop.

Leadership for the pack consist of :

- **Cubmaster**, which will lead meetings and other functions with the Scouts during the year
- **Pack Chairman**, which is responsible for the coordination and planning of the overall pack program
- **Pack Co-Chairman**, which assist the chairman in all aspects
- **Advancement Coordinator**, which is responsible for monitoring the progress of the Scouts during the program. This person is also responsible for obtaining and recording achievements, rewards, and advancements with the Council
- **Treasurer**, which is responsible for managing the finances of the pack

The pack is further broken down into “dens”, which consist of 4 – 12 boys of the same grade. Each grade level is referred to as a rank.

The ranks are:

- Tigers, 1st grade.
- Wolves, 2nd grade.
- Bears, 3rd grade.
- Jr. Webelos, 4th grade.
- Sr. Webelos, 5th grade.

Note: The first badge earned is Bobcat. This rank may be earned at any grade level or rank.

During each Scouting year, which runs from June 1 thru May 30, your Scout will be on a “trail” toward earning the rank for his grade level (Example: The Tiger Trail). If he has completed the necessary steps he will receive his “rank” badge in the spring during a pack meeting in a formal ceremony. Your den leader will provide a program to assure he will be prepared to receive his rank badge as long as you have been active during the year.

Even if your son has received his rank badge (Ex., Tiger badge) he will remain on his current trail earning electives for his current rank until June 1. Scouts are advanced to the next “trail” on June 1 by the pack advancement coordinator. For example, your 1st grade will be on the “Tiger trail” during the 1st grade year. He will advance to the “Wolf trail” on June 1 between the 1st and 2nd grade.

Each den is led by a Den Leader, who is responsible for establishing, coordination, and the execution of the Scouting program appropriate for that rank. The den leader works closely with the pack leaders to assure each boy advances in a timely manner. Many dens may have one or more Assistant Den Leaders, as well.

You may find names and contact information for any pack or den leader at the pack website at www.pack1220.org or in ScoutTrack at www.scoouttrack.com.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During the Scouting year, your son will earn many awards and achievements as part of earning each rank. Your den leader will explain the requirements for your son's rank.

Pack 1220 utilizes the on-line program ScoutTrack to record and track awards, achievements, and electives for each Scout.

Many achievements or electives are earned during den meetings and other den functions. Your den leader will record those activities performed as a den for you.

Cub Scouting is designed as a family activity. Therefore, many achievements and elective must be done at home with the family. As the parent, you are responsible to record these achievements in ScoutTrack in a timely manner in order to assure that your son advances in a timely manner.

See the discussion below regarding ScoutTrack.

SCOUTTRACK

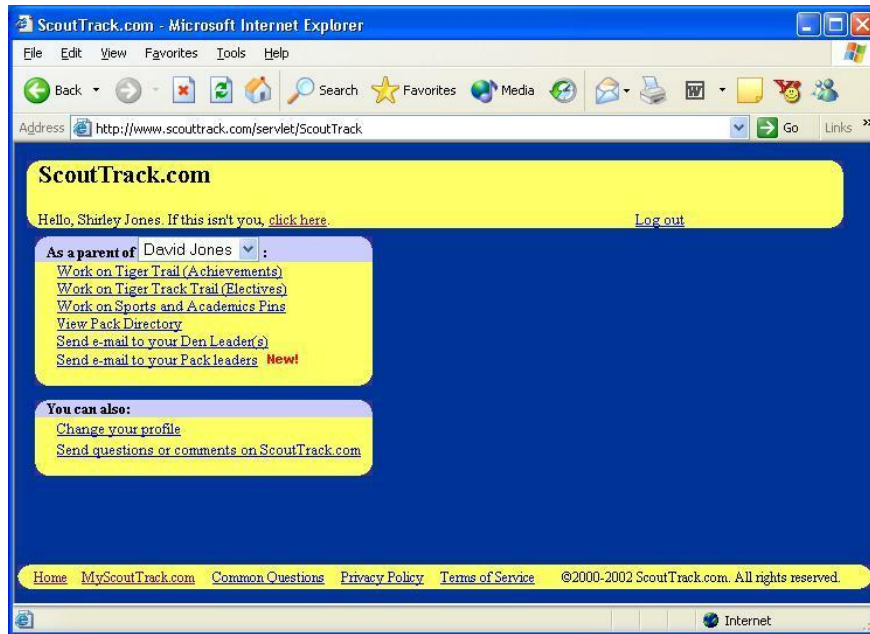
ScoutTrack is an on-line program used to record and track advancement of each Scout in Pack 1220.

Some of the functions available in ScoutTrack include:

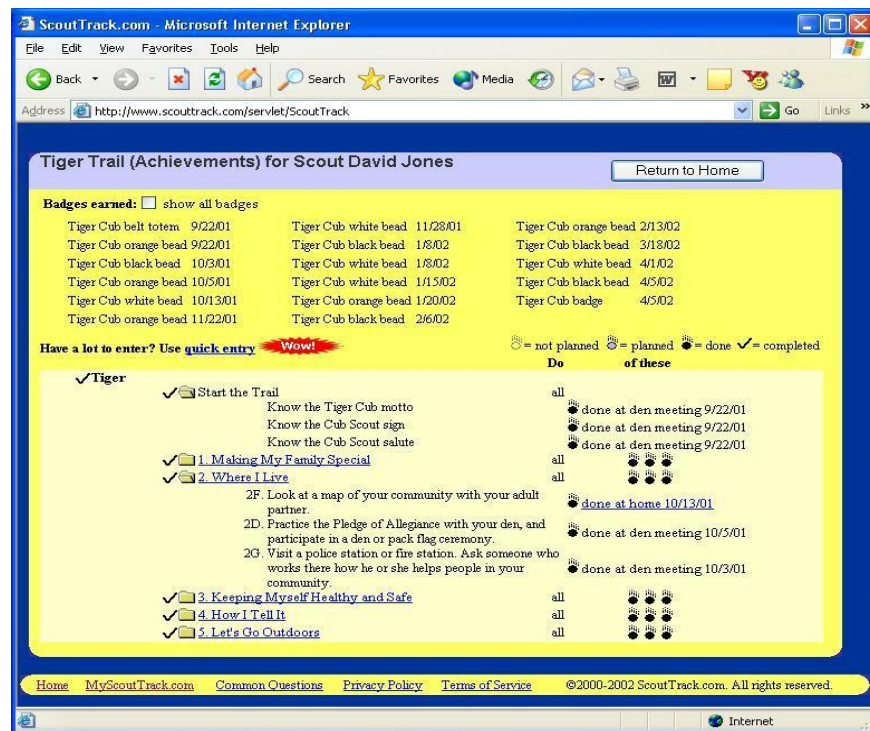
- Record and track awards and achievements
- Track advancement progress
- Official Pack calendar
- Pack and Den rosters
- Send e-mail to den/pack members and leaders

To sign-in to ScoutTrack, go to www.scouttrack.com. Your login information will be provided to you by your den leader. If you are unable to log in, please contact your den leader.

In order to enter activities performed by your son, click on the "advancement", "electives" or "sports and academics pins" link. From there, simply enter the date the applicable item was completed. Remember, Cub Scouting works on the honor system. Unlike Boy Scouts, your son will not be questioned by the pack leadership regarding completed items unless there is reason to suspect there is an error in any ScoutTrack entry. By entering an item in ScoutTrack, you are certifying that your son has completed that activity to the best of his ability. He must have completed that activity no earlier than June 1 of the current year to qualify.



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Tiger Trail Achievement Entry Page

You will find yourself spending a lot of time in ScoutTrack during your time with Pack 1220. If you have any questions, please talk to your den leader.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Your den will conduct approximately 2 activities per month. These may be in the form of a den meeting held in a den member's home or a field trip. If you are in a Tiger den these field trips will be called "go see its". Your den leader(s) will post the schedules for these meetings on the ScoutTrack calendar.

In addition to the den functions, you will attend a pack meeting each month. The pack meetings are normally held in the Hedgcoxe gym on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:00. The pack meeting schedule is posted on the ScoutTrack calendar and the pack website calendar. Each den will play a role in the pack meetings. The schedule of den duties may be found on the pack website (www.pack1220.org) calendar page.

There are 3 exceptions to the normal pack meeting schedule. The first is February. There is no pack meeting in February due to the Blue and Gold Banquet. Second, the March pack meeting is normally held on the 1st Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict at the school. Finally, there is no pack meeting in May. We hold our annual spring family picnic this month.

Pack 1220 offers many additional activities throughout the year, including:

- Family pack camping trips (Spring and Fall)
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter regatta
- Blue and Gold Banquet
- Community volunteer projects

UNIFORMS

You will be responsible for the purchase of a uniform for your son. The items you will need to purchase include:

- Blue Cub Scout shirt (khaki for Webelos Scouts)
- Patches
 - Numbers 1 2 2 0 for pack number
 - Den number
 - Circle 10 patch
- Blue Scout belt (khaki for Webelos Scouts)
- Hat (optional)
- Pants (optional) Your son may wear dark blue denim jeans or shorts, if desired.
- Neckerchief
 - Tiger – Orange
 - Wolf – Yellow
 - Bear – Blue
 - Webelos – Checkered
- Slide for rank

The above items may be purchased at the Scout Shop located in Allen, located on the East side of HWY 75 North of Stacy Rd. Their phone number is 972-359-9992.

DUES

The dues for pack 1220 are collected upon enrollment with the pack. If your son joins the pack in the fall, he will actually pay for 1 ½ years upon initial enrollment. Refer to the pack website at www.pack1220.org for current dues information.

Dues renewal takes place in January each year. If your son joined Pack 1220 in the prior fall he does not owe dues the following January. Refer to the pack website at www.pack1220.org for renewal dues information. If your son joins the pack during the year (other than Sept.), the dues are pro-rated for the remainder of the year.

Additional charges incur for pack camping and other outings if you take part in these functions. You may pay these fees online using the pack website www.pack1220.org.

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There may be additional dues for den activities to cover the cost of projects, field trips, etc. Your den leader will provide information on any den dues.