
Den Leaders!

Welcome, new Den Leader, to Pack 616. This instructional letter and packet are specifically for you, a new Pack 616 Tiger Den Leader. In your Den Leader Packet you will find *Help! I'm a New Tiger Den Leader* and *Cub Scout Program Helps*. These are your best resources for ideas on how to run your den meetings and Go-See-It events. Also included in your packet are forms for parents to complete and return back to you.



Cub Scouting is designed to be a family-oriented activity. All family members are invited to our pack shows and pack events. A parent or adult partner of each child is required to be present at each Tiger Den meeting and to help out with the program. You should not be running the Tiger Den alone.

Included in your packets are den roster sheets so you can gather the names, phone numbers and email addresses of the parents in your den. You should ask all parents to complete this information before leaving tonight.

The *Family Talent Survey* is a way to take inventory of skills that family members of Tigers have, and that can be of use to you. Someone with a photography hobby could be your den photographer; a person with a love for making scrapbooks can assist your Cubs in maintaining their individual scrapbooks; and someone with woodworking skills can be an invaluable resource for many Cub Scout projects.

Information on the Tiger Cub Uniform Guide and the Pack Calendar was handed out to parents at the Orientation meeting. We encourage you to refer to the pack website often to keep track of upcoming pack events.

All leaders are required to be trained. This requirement ensures the safety of both the scouts and leaders – and success of the dens. At a minimum, den leaders must take *Youth Protection Guidelines (YPG)*, *New Leader Essentials*, and *Leader Specific* training. To find out when the courses are offered, refer to the www.pack616.com website, click on the Leaders tab, and scroll down to Training. You can take *YPG* and *Fast Start* training on-line, at a time that is convenient for you. We recommend that you sign up for both of the Leader classes, which can be taken back-to-back on October 14. See the flyer in your packet.

We invite you to attend our monthly Pack Planning meetings. This is where you can connect with the other den leaders, keep your den in sync with monthly Pack Show themes, find out about upcoming events, and get help if you need it.

Remember to keep it Simple, Safe, and Fun.

Thank you for joining our team, and remember if you need any help, feel free to contact your Pack 616 staff. See the Pack Roster included in your package.

Leadership in Cub Scouting

Leaders in Cub Scouting work with boys and their families, in improving the life of their community by enriching the lives of the families who live in it. Leaders help boys respect their homes and families and help families understand their boys by doing things with them. Cub Scout leaders take a positive stand in support of the family, and they take an active part in helping to strengthen those families and their boys by providing a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values.

Cub Scout Leaders Have

- Character
- Honesty
- Ability to guide and influence boys
- Energy
- Patience and tact
- A sense of humor
- A sense of purpose and direction

Leaders

- Are able to accept and live by the aims and ideals of Scouting.
- Do his or her best to model the ideals of Scouting for the boys by personal example.
- Are willing to see that a well-rounded, quality program is presented to the boys that meets their needs and is compatible with the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Make an effort to learn as much as possible about Cub Scouting and his or her responsibilities as a leader.
- Wear the official uniform to show support for the aims of Scouting and to show membership in a worldwide movement.
- Meet leadership requirements.
- Are at least 21 years old.
- Are of good moral character, are interested in, and enjoy working with boys, and are able to work with adults.