

Welcome to Pack 653!

We are happy you have joined us and look forward to an exciting year! We want parents and den leaders to be teamed together to make this year of scouting wonderful for your son with many new experiences and friends!

Registration: You will receive your son's Scout handbook at this time.

Please complete:

- a registration form
- a health form
- a Scout Parent talent! volunteer form
- pay yearly dues - \$75.00

Uniform: The necessary uniform items will cost approximately \$60.00. *Additional uniform items, such as official scout hats, pants, shorts or "Class B" t-shirts are optional.*

YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- shirt: Cub Scout Class A

BLUE SHIRT ONLY = Tigers, Wolves and Bears

BLUE or TAN = Webelos. As a Webelos Scout you may choose between two shirts. One is the blue shirt, the other is the tan shirt. If you choose to purchase the tan shirt, buy it 2-3 times larger so you have plenty of room to grow into it and get several years of use as you will utilize this during your Boy Scouting career.

- Neckerchief

- neckerchief slide

- belt

- patches: Numbers 6,5,3 (our pack #)

Grand Canyon Council

World Crest emblem - purple

- pants/shorts: blue jean - We do not require the scouts to purchase the official shorts or pants, but we are asking the boys to wear blue jean pants or blue jean shorts for all meetings.

- shoes: gym - We have many physical activities that require proper footwear.

Scout Shop: Uniforms, etc. may be purchased at the Riverview-Mesa Scout Shop, 480-926-0345, 1061 N. Dobson Road, Suite 109 (located off the 202/Dobson Road, behind the Bass Pro Shop and by the Cinemark Theaters) Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Den Mtgs: 6:50-8:30 p.m. - every Monday

Line up outside the Outback building by 6:50 p.m. Please make sure your son is in his complete uniform and has his Scout handbook. After a brief flag presentation, your son will go with his fellow scouts to a specified room for their den meeting. (see map) Parents are welcome to observe and help out.

At 8:15 p.m., parents must pick up their son in this room, as scouts will not be released on their own. At this time we will review any necessary information/homework with you.

- Pack Mtgs:** 7:00-8:00 p.m. -last Monday of each month in the Outback.
Cub scouts AND parents are asked to attend these. Each month your son will be recognized and sometimes be performing. It is so important to your son for you to be there and we do not want you to miss out! As a den, you are responsible to provide cookies at two of the pack meetings. Each scout will need to bring in one package of cookies on that particular night.
- Flag Duty:** 6:40 p.m. on specified Mondays (see calendar)
Throughout the year, your den is scheduled for flag duty/presentation. On these particular nights, your son will need to arrive at 6:40 p.m. inside the Outback room to practice.
- Volunteers:** WE NEED YOU! The only way to make our pack run as efficiently as possible is to rely on our parent volunteers. There are several events during the year that need help from all of the parents in the pack, as well as den specific events.
- Absences:** If your son is absent from a den meeting, he will need to make up the activities on his own and turn in the necessary paperwork in order to earn that achievement.
- Bobcat Trail:** If your son has not been a scout before or did not earn his Bobcat patch, this is the first thing he MUST work on right away! Refer to his handbook. Each night have him practice all eight tracks for the Bobcat Trail. Notify a den leader as soon as he has these mastered. During the pack meeting, you and your son will be in front of his peers as he says and does these requirements. *No worries! We will be there to guide and assist him if needed.* At this time, he will receive his Bobcat pin, which will be pinned on upside down. To have his pin turned right side up, your son will need to do five good deeds (that are not his normal chores) during the next few weeks. At the next monthly pack meeting, he will need to tell what five good deeds he did.
- Email:** All of our communication/ reminders will be sent through email, using a Google mailing list. If you do not use email on a daily basis, please let your den leader know.
- Website:** Additional information is made available on the pack website: <http://www.pack653.com>