

“Back to the Pack!”

Get your program off to a great start!



Concept:

Somewhere amidst all of the hustle and bustle of School Night, many returning youth members do not get contacted to come back from summertime activities. As a result, youth are lost along with potential leadership from their parents. The “Back to the Pack” Program is an effort to get all returning Cub Scouts together prior to School Night.

Activity:

We are encouraging every pack to conduct a “Back to the Pack” promotion sometime in July or August for all of its existing members. The purpose of the meeting will be to get old members signed up for the upcoming Scouting year, recruit leadership to fill vacancies (whether it be for Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, or Committee Member), and to discuss plans for pack activities for the fall.

We encourage you to make this a fun event for your returning Scouts and parents. Suggested activities include: an ice cream social, watermelon feast, pool party, carnival sports, etc. The meeting is designed to make sure that your pack is organized prior to receiving new boys and parents.

Promotion:

Each Cub Scout pack should personally contact all members, preferably by telephone, to get a commitment for their attendance. Research has shown many boys will not continue without being personally contacted. In other words, in their minds, they have only taken a vacation during the summer and are waiting to be contacted about when to start attending the meeting again.

Remember: in July or August, all Cub Scouts should be contacted about the “Back to the Pack” meeting and encouraged to become active in Cub Scouts for the fall. Parents are requested to attend as well.



Suggested Agenda for the “Back to the Pack” Meeting

(To be held in July or August)

Circulate Attendance Roster, Or Better Yet, Sign Everyone In As They Arrive

1. Welcome “Back to the Pack”
2. Introduce Cub master, Assistant Cub master(s), Den Leaders, committee members, etc.
3. Announce Pack plans for the fall (recruit organizers/chairmen if needed).
4. Assign Cubs to dens and determine any room for new boys joining at School Night.
5. Recruit Den Leaders to fill vacancies in existing dens.
6. Discuss Fall Round-up/School Night for your pack.
 - a) Encourage Cubs to assist with recruiting, developing recruiting incentives for your pack.
 - b) Ask Cubs wear uniforms to school on day of School Night.
 - c) Ask parents’ assistance in locating potential members and leaders.
7. Announce date of next Pack Meeting.
8. Questions for parents?
9. Collect Attendance Roster.
10. Activity – swim party, ice cream social, watermelon feast, carnival, sports, etc.
11. Adjourn.