

“Back to the Pack!” Get your program off to a great start!

Concept:

Each fall, Cub Scout Packs put a lot of time and effort into organizing their Join Night event. New Cubs attend the Join Night program to be assigned to a den. New den leaders are recruited from those parents in attendance to work with the new den.

Unfortunately, somewhere amidst all of this hustle and bustle-the promotion for new boys to join Cub Scouts and the excitement surrounding Join Night - is the fact that many current members do not get contacted to come back from the summer break that many Packs take. As a result, youth are lost along with potential leadership from their parents.

Activity:

We are encouraging every Pack to conduct a “Back to the Pack” activity sometime in July or early August for all of its existing members. The “Back to the Pack” meeting should be prior to your Pack’s Join Night.

The purpose of the meeting will be to get existing 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:

The Council will promote the meetings, but the individual Pack must develop its own promotion plan in order that all members are contacted personally, preferably by telephone, to get a commitment for their attendance. Research has shown many youth 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 meetings 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 early August)

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

1. Welcome to “Back to the Pack”.
2. Introduce Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster(s), Den Leaders, committee members, etc.
3. Announce Pack plans for the Fall (recruit organizers/chairs if needed).
4. Assign Cubs to dens and determine any room for new youth recruited at Join Night.
5. Recruit Den Leaders to fill vacancies in existing dens.
6. Discuss Join Night for your Pack, August 29 @ your school
 - a. Encourage Cubs to assist with recruiting, developing recruiting incentives for your Pack.
 - b. Ask Cubs wear uniforms to school on day of Join Night.
 - c. Ask parents’ assistance in locating potential members and leaders.
7. Announce date of next Pack Meeting.
8. Questions from parents?
9. Collect Attendance Roster.
10. Activity – swim party, ice cream social, watermelon feast, carnival, sports, etc
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