

Pack 946's Frequently Asked Questions

When and where does Pack 946 meet?

Each pack meeting is usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Elementary in the gymnasium. Pack meetings are scheduled to be held for an hour. You can generally expect to go home no later than 7:30 p.m.

Den meetings are held at each den leaders' discretion at their location of choice. Meetings are held at least twice a month for one hour each. Please see your respective den leader for your schedule.

When can my son join Cub Scouts?

The Cub Scout program operates year round. We accept new members anytime. You are always welcome to visit us at Pack or Den meetings. We also have an annual recruiting effort at area schools in the fall and spring of each school year.

What is the cost?

- **Membership**

Signup for Cub Scout Pack 946 is as follows:

Enroll Month through December 31 st	Registration Fee	Boy's Life Magazine (optional)
January	\$10.00	\$12.00
February	\$9.35	\$11.00
March	\$8.50	\$10.00
April	\$7.65	\$9.00
May	\$6.80	\$8.00
June	\$5.95	\$7.00
July	\$5.10	\$6.00
August	\$4.25	\$5.00
September	\$3.40	\$4.00
October	\$2.55	\$3.00
November	\$1.70	\$2.00
December	\$0.85	\$0.00

Recharter is held in November/December to pay for the following year. The cost for recharter is \$10.00 for the entire calendar year.

There is also an additional fee of \$1 to pay for insurance on your scout.

- **Dues**

Pack dues are \$20 due at the time of recharter. These dues are used to offset the cost of awards given through the year. If the scout sells a minimum of \$100 in popcorn during our annual fundraiser, this \$20 amount will be waived.

Den dues are requested at the discretion of each den leader. Den dues help support your den's crafts, patches, activities, etc. Dues are an important and necessary responsibility of each parent for his scout.

- **Activities**

There may be other minimal activity costs during the year for camping and other special events. We try to keep these charges to a minimum and will let you know about them well in advance.

How does the Pack raise money for various needs?

To keep the costs down, Cub Scouts participate in an annual popcorn sale in September. Out of these funds, the pack pays for:

- Advancements
- Awards (example: patches and beltloops)
- Blue & Gold Banquet associated costs
- Christmas Parade Float costs
- Meal assistance at selected campouts

The pack has asked that if a scout does not sell more than \$100 in popcorn that the scout pay an additional \$20 at the time of recharter.

What is a Pack?

A pack is a group of Cub Scouts, volunteer adult leaders and parents who belong to the same Cub Scout unit (e.g. Pack 946 of the Indian Nations Council). A pack generally draws its membership primarily from the local elementary schools or church that is associated with the pack's Chartered Organization. Each pack is made up of Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and Webelos dens.

Who runs the pack?

- Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Treasurer, Secretary, and other committee members
- Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders who are most directly involved with the Cub Scouts

An adult member of each Cub Scout household is encouraged to participate in a volunteer position or serve on a committee if at all possible.

What are Pack Meetings like?

Each pack meeting consists of advancements, recognition and awards to the individual Cub Scout, adult recognition, Cubmaster's messages and announcements. Also included are skits, songs and/or demonstrations from various dens. All Cub Scouts and at least one parent are strongly encouraged to attend.

What is a Chartered Organization?

A Chartered Organization is the sponsoring organization for a Cub Scout pack. Pack 946 Chartered Organization is the American Legion Post 226 in Coweta.

What is a Den?

A den is a small group of boys (ideally about 8) of the same grade level. Each den meets at least twice a month to work on achievements and other activities. The den is led by adult den leaders and assistant den leaders, who are responsible for planning and conducting each den meeting.

What Den will my child join?

Dens are divided by grade level as follows:

- 1st = Tiger Den
- 2nd = Wolf Den
- 3rd = Bear Den
- 4th - 5th = Webelos Den

What will our uniforms consist of?

- **Tiger Cubs - 1st Grade**
Tiger Cubs wear an official blue Cub Scout shirt, the Tiger Cub neckerchief and slide, a Cub Scout belt, and any dark pants or shorts.
- **Cub Scouts - 2nd Grade**
Cub Scouts wear an official blue Cub Scout shirt, the Wolf neckerchief and slide, Cub Scout belt, and any pants or shorts.
- **Cub Scouts - 3rd Grade**
Cub Scouts wear an official blue Cub Scout shirt, the Bear neckerchief and slide, Cub Scout belt, and any pants or shorts.
- **Webelos Scouts - 4th & 5th Grade**
Webelos Scouts wear the official beige shirt, belt, Webelos neckerchief and slide.
- **Rank Cap** Some den leaders do not require that this item be purchased.
- **T-Shirts** Pack 946 t-shirts are available for pre-order at least once a year. The cost is \$7.50 for all youth sizes and adult small through x-large. We also have hoodies available for pre-sale for \$15.50 for all youth sizes and adult small through x-large. The cost for xx-large or larger in both the t-shirt and hoodies is \$1.50 extra per item. We wear these shirts on pack campouts and any casual activities. Parents and siblings are welcome to wear Pack t-shirts as well. They are bright orange and easily identifiable when we are camping or on our various outings.

What activities do our Cubs enjoy?

Pack 946 prides itself on the fun activities we hold and are a part of year round. In the fall, we have a Dad and Lad campout, with the Mom and Me campout occurring in spring. During the summer, Pack 946 holds Cub World for the entire family to attend an overnight campout with lots of fun activities. During these campouts, we hike, fish, shoot bb and archery, have campfire time and many more planned activities.

Each January, we hold our annual Pinewood Derby. In February, we have our annual Blue and Gold Banquet in celebration of the creation of Boys Scouts. We also participate in Scouting for Food, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day activities with the city of Coweta and city of Tulsa.

Does our family participate in any activities?

Cub Scouting is for families. We encourage participation of all family members in most of our events and activities. Our parents and siblings jump right in and enjoy the opportunities that Scouting has to offer. It is so beneficial for a scout to be able to share his accomplishments with his family. Cub World is a perfect example of a family activity.

What is the parents' role in Scouting?

We need your help to keep our pack going. We have many functions within the Cub Scouts just waiting for someone like you. We are all volunteers and parents who want the best for our boys. We ask that you participate in as many activities and meetings as possible. Tiger Cubs are required to have at least one adult partner with them at all scouting functions.

Parent / Leader meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the Tuesday following each monthly pack meeting at Northwest Elementary for the purpose of planning and organizing all pack activities including future pack meetings, camping and overnight trips, service projects and other activities. All leaders and committee members are expected to attend and parent attendance and involvement is strongly encouraged.

What if I'm a Grandparent, or other caregiver, can I still participate?

Most definitely, as stated earlier, Cub Scouting is for families. We encourage all family members to be involved with their Scouts achievements and activities. We have enjoyed the company of many different family members on our campouts.

Who do we contact to join?

For more information, you can contact Mrs. Rikki Garrett, Pack Membership Chair, at 486-8181 or email at imrocksgal@valornet.com. You can also contact the Scout Resource Center, at 743-6125 or e-mail at twinarrows@okscouts.org