

Pack Policies for Pack 909, BSA
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These policies apply at all Cub Scouting Functions

1. When the sign goes up, the mouth goes shut. This is true not only at our Pack meetings but also at every Cub Scout event. Failure to stop talking when the sign is raised cuts into time allocated for the program and fun.
2. No fighting allowed. Fistfights, hurtful comments, jokes at other people's expense, etc. have no place in Cub Scouting. Loud arguments and shouting matches only lead to more trouble. Fights never resolve the problem and are simply not allowed in Pack 909. Suspension is the minimum consequence.
3. No Hazing or bullying. See the separate Bullying policy. We consider the Cub Scout Pack to be a safe place.
4. Respect the property of others. Practical jokes such as hiding someone else's gear, sabotaging tents, stuffing a sleeping bag with leaves, etc. have no place in this Pack, and will not be tolerated. This type of behavior is nothing more than a crude attempt at "having fun" at someone else's expense. Remember, it hurts to be on the receiving end. This type of behavior usually leads to arguments, fights and punishment.
5. Never leave the campsite, Pack meeting or any Cub Scouting event without telling the adult in charge where you plan to go. Your Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Parent need to know where you are at all times. If a Cub Scout needs to leave a meeting early, make sure the Cubmaster or Den Leader knows before leaving. Cubs should never venture off alone. In all Scouting, we use the buddy system for safety reasons. Read your Cub Scout handbook for more information.
6. Whittling Chips are required to use or carry a Pocketknife. We want to maintain the safety of all our Cub Scouts. A Cub Scout must be at least a Bear Cub and have been trained and passed his requirements to receive his Whittling Chip, and must carry his Whittling Chip card on his person at all times when carrying a pocket knife, this is particularly important at District or Council sponsored events. Unsafe use of pocketknives will result in confiscation of the knife and possibly the revocation of the Whittling Chip until such time that the boy's parents, Cubmaster and Den leader feel that it should be returned. Unsafe use includes the destruction of property, carving into trees, not using good whittling technique that results in self injury or the injury of others, or any other unsafe or reckless use of the knife (e.g., aggressive jesters towards others, wielding in the air or throwing it). No sheath knives are allowed. The only knives allowed are of the Swiss Army pocketknife variety with blades less than 4 inches long. Any knife deemed unacceptable will be confiscated. The Cubmaster's, Assistant Cubmaster's, and Den Leader's word is absolutely final in this area.
7. Fire safety rules will be enforced at all times. We don't allow Cub Scouts to play in the fire or wave burning sticks in the air. The use of campfires is at the discretion of leaders. Fires

will be placed only in designated locations. Additionally, Cub Scouts are not allowed to bring matches, lighters or other fire starting equipment to Pack functions. Candles, lanterns, etc. are also not allowed. Fire starting materials may only be used by adults.

8. Combustible materials such as aerosol sprays, lighter fluid, charcoal lighter, are not allowed at any Cub Scout function.
9. Fireworks of any kind are not allowed. The penalty for bringing fireworks to Raven Knob is suspension from the camp for a whole year. Additionally, a Pack suspension for at least 30 days and the next scheduled outing. Remember, it's not worth it!
10. Lanterns and stoves will be used under adult supervision only.
11. This Pack practices the principals of the Leave No Trace policy. We spend a lot of time in backcountry areas and appreciate the undisturbed state we find them in. It is our duty to minimize the impact we have on the environment.
12. We don't throw rocks or other objects as a general rule. Throwing rocks is a quick way to get into trouble with the Cubmaster.
13. Shoes are to be worn at all times, except while swimming or sleeping. Open toe shoes like sandals are not allowed. This is especially true on our Camping trips and at Summer Camp.
14. No running in the campsite. There are always all kinds of things to trip over in a campsite, running just compounds the problem.
15. Damage to Pack Property: Any behavior that results in damage of Pack Property will result in the guilty party replacing that property.
16. CD players, portable TV's, radios, portable games, etc. should be left at home. The Pack accepts no responsibility for the safety of these items. Personal CD players and radios, with headphones, are allowed during travel to and from an event, however, these items must be left in the car or van during the event. If a Cub Scout chooses to bring one of these items to use during the travel he does so at his own risk!
17. Lying: This type of behavior is inconsistent with the goals and ideals of Cub Scouting and will not be tolerated.
18. Off Limit Areas: Certain areas of the church are designated as off limits to keep our relationship with Parkway Presbyterian Church positive. Remember we are guests using the facilities and we must respect their property and wishes at all times. The Sanctuary of the Church is off limits at all times.

Playing in other areas that have not been designated as a Cub Scout meeting place is off limits. No Cub Scout should move through the church or outside the designated areas without adult supervision.

Playing on the basketball goals is strictly prohibited; they are not play gyms and can be toppled over and become very dangerous to others standing in the area.

Playing on the stage or stairs is dangerous and off-limits. Loitering at the top of the stairs and on the balcony is off limits.

Playing in the restrooms, trashing them or creating mess is unacceptable.

After each meeting, everyone is responsible for cleaning up after themselves. The Leave no Trace policy applies indoors as well as out.

19. When in doubt, let the Cub Scout Oath and Cub Scout Law be your guide. These policies will be enforced by:
 - A. Confiscating the item (as appropriate).
 - B. Payment to repair/replace damaged property.
 - C. A Committee Chair/Cubmaster Conference with the Cub Scout and/or Parents, Church Minister.
 - D. Potential suspension from the Pack for 30 days or more (depending on the severity of the violation and the safety hazard caused). The 30 day suspension will include the next Pack weekend outing.
 - G. Potential expulsion from the Pack.

Parents - your help is needed in enforcing these policies. It is impractical for the adult leaders to search each Cub Scout's gear before each trip. You need to check your Cub Scout's gear as he packs or before he leaves to make sure these policies are followed for the safety and well being of your son and the entire Pack.