



# Pack 300 Welcome Packet

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# Welcome Letter

## Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 3000!

Welcome to Pack 3000 — also known as Pack3K or P3K. We are excited to have your family join our Scouting community.

Pack 3000 serves youth in Milton, Georgia and is part of the Atlanta Area Council of Scouting America. The pack is chartered by Birmingham United Methodist Church and is open to boys and girls from Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Our pack is built around family fun, outdoor adventure, service, leadership, character development, and community

Whether this is your first Scouting experience or your family is returning for another year, we want you to feel welcome, informed, and supported. Cub Scouting works best when families participate together — and there is a place for every parent, guardian, and caring adult to help in a way that fits their schedule.

### **Quick truth:**

You don't need to know everything right now. You'll learn as you go — and we'll help you every step of the way.

Your Adventure starts here!

Welcome to Pack 3000!

# Quick Start Guide for New Families

## Your First Steps

### **Talk with your Den Leader**

- This will include your meeting schedule and first steps for your den

### **Add the Pack Calendar to your phone**

- This is your source of truth for all events and updates

### **Attend your first Den or Pack meeting**

- No experience needed—just show up

### **Introduce yourself to leaders and other parents**

- We're a community, and connection starts on day one

### **Review uniform basics before buying anything**

- Start simple—your Den Leader will guide you

### **Complete health forms before any overnight events**

- Required for participation in campouts and similar activities

### **Ask questions — seriously, just ask**

- No question is too small, especially early on



### **Helpful Reminder**

You don't need to have everything figured out on day one. Scouting is designed to ramp up gradually as your family gets comfortable.

# How Pack 3000 Works

Scouting is designed to be simple, predictable, and fun for families. Here's how it breaks down:

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## Your Scout = Part of a Den

- Scouts are grouped into small teams called Dens
- Each den has about 5–10 Scouts
- Scouts are usually grouped by grade level
- Dens are led by trained parent volunteers (Den Leaders)
- Den meetings usually happen 1–2 times per month

### What happens in den meetings?

- Hands-on activities
  - Age-appropriate learning and skill-building
  - Working toward advancement and achievements
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## The Pack = Everyone Together

Once a month, all dens come together for a Pack Meeting.

These are typically held at  
Birmingham United Methodist Church

### Pack Meetings include:

- Recognition (awards and achievements)
  - Games and activities
  - Pack announcements
  - Community building and fun
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## What Your Scout Will Do

Your Scout gets to try a wide range of activities, such as:

- Camping
- Pinewood Derby

- Rocket launches
  - Hiking and outdoor skills
  - Service projects
  - Field trips and community outings
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## Big Picture

- Den meetings = small group learning and advancement
- Pack meetings = whole-pack celebration and community
- Events = hands-on adventures and memories

# Meetings & Schedule

Scouting is a family-friendly program built around consistent meetings and exciting monthly activities. While schedules may vary slightly by den or season, here's what you can generally expect.

## Pack Meetings

- Typically held on a Monday of each month
  - These are all-Pack gatherings
  - Celebrate achievements, awards, and announcements
  - Fun activities, skits, and recognition for Scouts
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## Den Meetings

- Held about twice per month (varies by den)
  - Smaller, grade-level group meetings
  - Focused on advancement, activities, and skill-building
  - Led by Den Leaders with parent support
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## Events

- Campouts: Typically 2 or more per year
  - Special events: Pinewood Derby, Rocket Day, and other themed activities
  - Optional outings: Community trips, service projects, and adventures
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## Always Confirm Details

The Pack calendar is the official source of truth for all scheduling updates, changes, and event details. Families should check it regularly to stay informed.

# Uniforms

Scouting uniforms help build identity, pride, and a sense of belonging—but new families should start simple.

## Two Types of Uniforms

### Field (Formal)

- Blue uniform shirt with correct patches
- Worn for ceremonies, pack meetings, and official events
- Hat, neckerchief, slide, and handbook may be included or provided through Pack dues in prior years (confirm current year with leadership)

### Activity (Casual)

- Pack t-shirt (often provided through Pack dues in prior years—confirm current year)
- Worn for meetings, outdoor activities, and hands-on events

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## Smart Parent Advice

- Don't buy everything upfront
- Ask your Den Leader before purchasing anything
- Focus on getting started, not perfection

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## What You Need for a Cub Scout Uniform

If you purchase uniforms through the **Atlanta Area Council Scout Shop**, they can also sew on your required patches for you—making it much easier.

### Required Items:


- Official Cub Scout shirt (blue uniform shirt)
- Council patch (Atlanta Area Council)
- World Crest emblem (purple circle, usually already on the shirt)
- Unit numbers (3000)
- Den number strip
- Scout belt

# Costs

Pack 3000 strives to keep Scouting affordable while providing a high-quality program filled with adventures, recognition, and family engagement.

## Typical Cost Categories

- **Annual Scouting Registration**  
Paid through my.scouting.org when you register or renew your membership.
- **Pack Dues**  
Covers core program expenses such as:
  - Awards and advancement items
  - Pack supplies and program materials
  - Basic activity support
- **Optional Event Costs**  
Some activities (such as campouts, special outings, or excursions) may have separate, pay-as-you-go fees depending on the event.

 **Exact costs change year to year. Your Pack leadership team will provide the most current pricing for the program year.**

## Why Dues Matter

Pack dues help ensure every Scout has access to:

- A well-supported program
- Meaningful hands-on activities
- Recognition for advancement and achievement
- Safe and well-organized events

All financial practices align with the standards and expectations of Scouting America.

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# Safety & Required Forms

## Health Forms (Important)

Health forms help ensure we can safely support every Scout, leader, and participating family member during Pack activities—especially overnight campouts.

### Required for:

- Scouts
- Leaders
- Parents attending overnight events

 **Complete before your first campout.**

### What is required?

For Pack 3000 activities, only **Parts A and B** of the Annual Health and Medical Record are required.

### These sections:

- Are completed by a parent or guardian
- Do **not** require a doctor's visit or medical signature
- Include basic contact, emergency, and health information

### Why this matters

Health information helps leaders:

- Respond quickly in an emergency
- Be aware of allergies or medical conditions
- Ensure appropriate care during activities and campouts

### Helpful reminder

Forms should be kept up to date and brought when attending any overnight event.

All health requirements follow guidance from Scouting America and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

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## Our Safety Culture

At Pack 3000, the safety and well-being of every Scout is our highest priority. We are committed to providing a fun, welcoming, and safe environment where youth can learn, grow, and explore with confidence.

### Youth Protection

All registered adult leaders are required to complete Scouting America's S.A.F.E. Grading Youth Training before serving with the Pack. This training is renewed regularly and equips leaders with the knowledge to recognize, prevent, and appropriately respond to situations that could place youth at risk.

### Qualified & Trained Leaders

Our volunteer leaders complete position-specific training and additional courses to ensure they are prepared to deliver a safe, high-quality Cub Scout program. We encourage ongoing learning so our leaders remain aligned with current best practices from Scouting America.

### The S.A.F.E. Initiative

Pack 3000 follows Scouting America's S.A.F.E. approach when planning and conducting all activities:

- **S – Supervision:** Qualified, trained adults provide appropriate supervision for every activity.
- **A – Assessment:** Activities are evaluated for potential risks, and plans are made to reduce those risks.
- **F – Fitness & Skill:** Participants are expected to have the appropriate skills, equipment, and physical readiness for each activity.
- **E – Equipment & Environment:** Proper equipment is used, and activities are adjusted based on weather and environmental conditions.

### Guide to Safe Scouting

Our Pack follows the Guide to Safe Scouting, which establishes the policies and procedures for all Scouting America activities. This ensures that meetings, campouts, hikes, service projects, and adventures are conducted safely and responsibly.

## Age-Appropriate Activities

Every activity is selected using Scouting America's Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities. These guidelines ensure that adventures match the age, maturity, and abilities of Cub Scouts while still providing exciting opportunities to learn and grow.

## Parent Partnership

Parents are a vital part of our safety culture. We encourage families to ask questions, stay informed, and participate in Pack activities. Together, we create an environment where every Scout can have fun, build confidence, and return home with great memories.

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# Parent Involvement

Cub Scouts is **not a drop-off program**.

It works because families participate—at a level that fits their schedule, energy, and comfort.

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## Good News: You Have Options

Most volunteer support in Pack 3000 is:

- About 1–2 hours per month
- Often behind-the-scenes
- Flexible—you can start small and grow over time.

There's no expectation to do everything—just to do *something when you can*.

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## Ways to Help (Pick ONE to Start)

Choose one simple way to get involved:

- Help at one event
- Bring snacks
- Take photos
- Assist at a meeting
- Support a field trip
- Join a small committee task

 **That's it. One small contribution really does make a difference.**

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## Why This Matters

When families participate, Scouts benefit from:

- Stronger confidence and belonging
- Safer, better-supported activities
- A more fun and connected Pack experience

# The Pack 3000 Culture

At Pack 3000, culture isn't just a slogan—it's how the Pack works every day.

Everyone deserves the chance to learn, grow, and belong in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment.

## Do your best

We don't expect perfection—we celebrate effort, growth, and progress. Every Scout is encouraged to try, learn, and improve at their own pace.

## Scouting is fun

From games to campouts, rockets to hikes—Scouting is designed to be exciting, hands-on, and memorable.

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## What Makes This Pack Work

- Family-first approach
- Inclusive Scouting for all youth and families
- “Learn by doing” hands-on program
- Focus on fun + personal growth
- Strong, supportive parent community

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## What This Looks Like in Practice

### For your Scout:

- Confidence grows through real experiences
- Friendships form naturally
- Independence develops over time
- They try new things in a supportive environment
- They learn that they belong

### For your family:

- You connect with other families
- You share meaningful experiences together
- You become part of a welcoming community
- You see your child grow in real time

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## The Big Picture

Pack 3000 culture is simple: when scouts feel included, supported, and encouraged, they thrive.

This approach aligns with the mission of Scouting America, which builds character, leadership, and confidence through safe, inclusive, and engaging youth programs.

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# First 30 Days Game Plan

A simple week-by-week guide to help your family get started.

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## Week 1: Get Connected

- Meet your Den Leader
  - Add the Pack calendar to your phone
  - Log into Scoutbook+ (as soon as you receive your invitation email)
  - Confirm your account access (don't worry about learning everything yet)
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## Week 2: Show Up & Get Comfortable

- Attend your first Den or Pack meeting
  - Introduce yourself to other parents and leaders
  - Lightly explore Scoutbook+ (peek around—no pressure to master it)
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## Week 3: Learn How Things Work

- Learn communication channels (email, GroupMe, Facebook.)
  - Ask questions about uniforms and gear before buying anything
  - Start checking Scoutbook+ for your Scout's den and basic progress
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## Week 4: Get Involved

- Sign up for one small volunteer role (just start simple)
  - Register for your first event or campout (if applicable)
  - Begin using Scoutbook+ more regularly to follow updates and advancement
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### Reminder

There is no need to do everything at once. Scouting works best when families ease in and grow over time.

Most families only need to check Scoutbook+ occasionally—it is not something you need to manage daily.

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 Big Idea

The first 30 days are about **connection, not perfection**—finding your rhythm in the Pack and getting comfortable.