



# Elk Grove Cub Scouts Pack 118

## About Our Pack

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**What is Cub Scouts?** Cub Scouts is a values-based, family-oriented program within Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America), designed for boys and girls in **Kindergarten through 5th grade** (ages 5-10 years old). Scouting America does not currently have a curriculum for Transitional Kindergarten (TK). Therefore, it is suggested to wait to join until entering Kindergarten *and* at least 5 years old.

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Aims of Scouting are: Character, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Leadership.

**What activities does Pack 118 do?** Cub Scouts Pack 118 meets regularly to uphold the mission of Scouting through fun activities aligned with Cub Scout Rank Adventures. Cub Scouts are rewarded for their achievements by earning **Belt Loops** for each completed Adventure, and a **Badge of Rank** once all requirements have been met for their grade level. Details of Cub Scout Rank Adventures are available on the [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/) website: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/>  
Some examples of activities Pack 118 has done include: Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Boat Regatta, Firehouse Tour, and various hikes in the region.

**Who is in Pack 118?** Pack 118 includes families from 95757 and 95758 area codes, with Cub Scouts attending mostly Miwok Village, Zehnder Ranch, Carrol, Helen Carr Castello, Franklin Elementary, Arlene Hein, Elliott Ranch, Stonelake Schools. Our Pack fosters diversity, inclusion, service, and friendship. We have Cub Scouts from various backgrounds, beliefs, abilities, and interests.

**What kind of organization is Pack 118?** Pack 118 is a financially independent non-profit organization within Scouting America. Pack 118 is chartered with Pride of Laguna Creek Lions Club. We are part of the 3 Rivers District within the Golden Empire Council of Scouting America.

**What is the role of parents/guardians in Cub Scouts?** Cub Scouts is a family program and parents/guardians play an important role. All activities are led by volunteer adults. Each rank (grade) level needs at least two registered leaders (Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader), and the pack also relies on adult volunteers for other roles including Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Committee Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Chair, and more! Registering as an adult costs \$125 annually but the costs may be covered by Pack 118 if you serve in one of these necessary roles.

### When are Pack 118 Meetings & Activities?

A full calendar is available on the Pack 118 website: <https://www.egpack118.org/>

- **Pack Meetings** (All grades K-5 together) are the **2nd Tuesday** of the month, 6:15-7:30pm. Most meetings are held at Point Pleasant United Methodist Church, but may be held at an alternative location depending on the activities taking place and venue availability.

- **Den Meetings** (grade-specific) are determined by the Den Leader(s) in collaboration with Den families. The suggested date/time is the **3rd Tuesday** of the month for Den Meetings, however this is flexible depending on the needs of the Den members and the activities taking place.
- **Parent Meetings** are held on the **1st Tuesday** of each month. These meetings are essential for updating families on pack activities and events.
- **Other Pack & Den Outings** may be held on weekends (Sat and/or Sun) and may include campouts/overnights, and outings such as museum visits, firehouse or police department tours, hikes, etc.

**Are activities 'drop off' or do parents/guardians need to stay?** For Cub Scouts in Kindergarten (Lion rank) and 1st grade (Tiger rank), parents/guardians must be present for *all* activities. In other ranks (2nd grade through 5th grade), activities *may* be drop-off as long as there are at least two registered adult leaders present (including at least one female leader if there are female Cub Scouts present).

**What if a Scout misses a meeting?** There is not a penalty for missing meetings or activities. Most Cub Scouts Adventures can be completed at home with parents/guardians. However, the benefits of Cub Scouts are often best achieved in the group setting so attendance is encouraged.

#### How much does Cub Scouts with Pack 118 cost?

Annual Costs/Fees	
\$165	National & Council Fees
\$100	<b>Pack Dues</b> (covers costs for awards as well as various pack activities such as Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet and Bridging Ceremony; also helps cover costs of adult volunteer registration fees). Pack 118 participates in various fundraisers throughout the year that may help reduce Pack dues.
Varies (est. \$10-50)	<b>Rank-specific materials</b> (handbook, hat, neckerchief, slide, etc.)
<b>Total = \$275-315 Annually (12 months)</b>	
Additional Costs	
~\$100-\$140 ( <i>one-time - unless new sizes or rank are needed</i> )	<b>Uniform:</b> Hat, Neckerchief, Belt, Insignia (council patch, Pack 118 numerals, shoulder loops, World Crest Emblem & ring), ClassA Uniform Shirt & Pants Available through the Scout Shop: <a href="https://www.scoutshop.org/">https://www.scoutshop.org/</a>
\$15	<b>Additional ClassB Pack 118 T-Shirt</b> (initial T-shirt is provided; additional may be purchased)
<b>Variable</b>	<b>Optional Pack Activities</b> (overnights, campouts, and outings). Costs range from \$20-\$100 per person, depending on the activity. Many activities and outings are free!

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