



GRAFTON PACK 107

Connecting with family, friends, and nature.

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 107! We are excited that you are interested in being members of our Pack. This letter is a means to help families understand more about Cub Scouting and about Pack 107.

Scouting Mission

- The mission of the Boy Scouts of 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.

About Cub Scouting

- Cub Scouting is a year-round program for all boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- Cub Scouting promotes strong values and character development, positive self-worth, a desire to learn, a sense of service to others, and strong leadership skills.

About Pack 107

- Pack 107 has been serving the families of Grafton for over 40 years.
- We are committed to providing a quality, year-round program of activities with an emphasis placed on character development, physical fitness, citizenship, and family.

Council and Charter Information

- We are registered with the Heart of New England Council of the Boy Scouts of America.
- The Council Service Center and BSA store are located at the following address:
Heart of New England Council
Lancaster Service Center
1980 Lunenburg Rd Lancaster, MA 01523
- We are chartered (sponsored) by the Congregational Church, located at 30 Grafton Common.

Registration Fees

- New Scout registration for the 2020-2021 Scouting year will be \$150 and includes: BSA registration fees for 15 months, a subscription to *Boy's Life* magazine, and a Pack activity shirt.

Dens & Rank

- The Pack is organized into groups called Dens. Dens are separated by grade level:
Kindergarten - Lion* 1st Grade - Tiger*
2nd Grade - Wolf 3rd Grade - Bear
4th Grade - Webelos I 5th Grade - Webelos II (Arrow of Light)

* Lion & Tiger Scouts require a parent/guardian to be present with them at all meetings and outings!

Meetings & Outings

- The entire Pack meets once a month for a *Pack Meeting* on the first Friday of each month with gathering starting at 6:45pm. Pack meetings are a time to share information on upcoming events, present special awards the Scouts have earned, and to have fun with a purpose- including games and activities that enhance the knowledge and skills being taught during den meetings. We also have guest speakers, stories, skits, ceremonies, and more!
- *Dens* meet two to three times per month, typically on Fridays at 7pm (unless a Den outing is planned for another day and time- at the discretion of the leader and parents).
- Pack outings occur at least once per month and include hiking, fishing, camping, community service, day/overnight trips and more!
- Some outings and trips may have costs associated with them. Some of these costs may be reimbursed based on the Scout's participation in our annual popcorn fundraiser.

A calendar of events can be found at: www.graftonpack107.org and on your Scoutbook account.

Advancement

- Each Scout works with their family, den members, and den leaders to complete adventures (represented by adventure belt loops or pins) toward their rank. Each adventure has different requirements that are mostly completed at den meetings. Some requirements or adventures are asked to be completed or made up (in the event of a missed meeting) at home.
- Each rank has a different number of required and elective adventures that must be completed in order to earn it. For those who complete all of the required and elective adventures for their rank, they will be awarded their rank patch at the end of the year at our annual Advancement Ceremony.

Uniform and Books

- Each Scout is required to have two uniforms. The first is the Field uniform, which differs in color based on rank. The second is the Pack Activity shirt, which consists of the lime green Pack t-shirt included with each registration.

Please refer to the Field Uniform Buying Guide for more information.

- Each Scout will also need a copy of their rank handbook.

Fundraising

- The Pack participates in the annual Council popcorn fundraiser. The popcorn sales raise funds for Pack programming, outings, and events. All Scouts are encouraged to participate, with rewards based on participation level.

Please refer to the Popcorn Fundraising Information and Incentives sheets for more details.

Financial Assistance

- Financial assistance to participate in the Scouting program is available both at the Council and Unit levels. At Pack 107, we believe that every Scout deserves an equal opportunity to participate in our Scouting program, and we will do our best to assist families in need.
- To inquire about financial assistance, please contact the Cubmaster (see below).

Health Forms and Information

- All participants (Scouts, parents, and siblings who participate) are *REQUIRED* by the Boy Scouts of America to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form. The information contained in the form is to ensure the safety of all participants throughout the Scouting program. These forms are kept private, and are only accessed when medically necessary.

More information about the health forms can be found at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

Communications

- Communication with parents will mostly be via Scoutbook messages and email. Emails will include meeting, outing, and event notifications and reminders. Emails are sent through our messaging server and will appear as "(name of leader) via Scoutbook.com". Any reminders that have been set up for events will appear as "Scoutbook.com".
- Additionally, we use a website called Sign-Up Genius to coordinate different events throughout the year that may include potluck sign-ups or sign-ups that have a time frame. Emails will appear as "Grafton Cub Scout Pack 107".

Supervision at Pack Events

- All registered leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training. It is the standard for protecting our youth at all Scouting events. The safety of all youth is our number one priority!
- At EVERY Scouting event (including all meetings, outings, and events), there will be a minimum of two registered adult leaders present. Additionally, for any event where female youth are in attendance, a registered female leader is required to be present.
- All adults (leaders and parents) are prohibited from having any one-on-one contact with youth.
For more information about Youth Protection Standards, please refer to the YPT Pamphlet.

Your Pack Leadership Team

Cubmaster

Cubmaster – Tabitha Lefrancois

Den Leaders & Assistant Den Leaders

Lion Den Leader – (pending)

Tiger Den/Asst. Leaders – (pending)

Wolf Den/Asst. Leaders – Matt Davy

Bear Den/Asst. Leaders – John & Tiffany Bubriski

Webelos I Den/Asst. Leaders – Dan Gaspar & Larry Drew

Webelos II (AOL) Den/Asst. Leaders – Tony Frederico & Clay McDonald

The Pack Committee

Committee Chair – Dan Gaspar

Committee Secretary – Tabitha Lefrancois

Treasurer & Popcorn Kernel – April Lane

Public Relations Chair- Cindy Fong

Committee Member – Christine Gaspar

Committee Member – Chris Nichols

Committee Member – Megan Frederico

Committee Member – Rob Lane

Chartered Organization Representative – Susan Thomas

Contact Information

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Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions! We are always here to help!

Sincerely,

The Pack 107 Leadership Team