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# Roundtable Rumors

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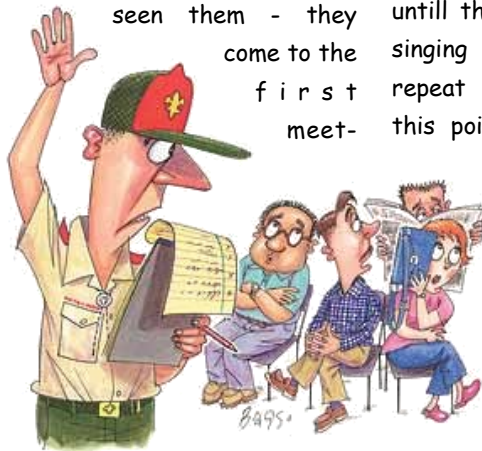
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## Orienteering - Of The Parent Kind

Every fall we kick off the program year, and with a successful kickoff you have managed to help the Pack grow with new Scouts. Along with new Scouts, you get new parents or adult partners. You've seen them - they come to the first meet-



ing with a deer in the headlights look.

Scouting can be intimidating to new parents. After all, we wear funny clothes with numerous patches and awards; we have our own language and goodness, wait until they get a load of us singing a "do as I do and repeat after me song." At this point, they are asking themselves, "What have I just got myself into? For seasoned Scouters, we remember those days. We thought, "I'll just stand

back here in the corner. I won't say a word and I won't be asked to do anything."

What your Pack does next is crucial to making those new adults feel welcome and interested in coming back next week.

It is important to be organized. (or at least create the illusion you are) Welcome packets are a good way to quickly get information into their hands. They probably have lots of questions but if you give them everything at once, it can be overwhelming and information overload.

One way to get these parents/adult leaders hooked, is to get them up to snuff on all things Scouting. One way to do this is to give them a couple

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## Religious Emblems Coordinator

The Religious Emblems Coordinator program is now in place. When properly implemented, the program not only leads to an increase in the number of religious emblems earned and provides another opportunity to affirm "duty to God" in Scouting but also serves as a tool for unit retention and

growth. BSA research indicates that Scouts working on their religious emblems remain in Scouting longer. Additionally, relationships are strengthened with the chartering organizations, more than 70 percent of which are faith-based, and doors are opened to the starting of new units.



## Cool Website

[www.scoutchannel.org](http://www.scoutchannel.org)

Looking for some great videos to help promote Scouting? Maybe you wanted to see Mr. Gate's last speech. These videos and a whole lot more are all in one place now on BSA new website: "The Scout Channel"



# Money, Money, Money....

**D**ynamic leaders and the best program in the world are of little use if your Pack has no money to deliver the program. Each Pack should develop an annual budget to ensure that they have enough funds available to last the whole year.

The "Ideal Year of Cub Scouting" Budget Worksheet and Other Resources are available at: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/resources/packbudget.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/resources/packbudget.aspx)

To develop the pack budget, complete the worksheet with the

unit leader and committee at the pack's annual program planning conference, and then share it with the Cub Scouts' parents. Be sure to keep parents involved and informed. The pack's program calendar and budget information needs to be communicated regularly to families, especially at the start of the program year. By sharing the pack's program plans and budgetary needs, you can help newly recruited Cub Scouts and their parents gain a greater understanding of just what fun is waiting for them during the pack's entire program year.

# Baloo Training

**A**sk a boy why he wants to be a Cub Scout, and nine times out of 10 he'll answer "to go camping." That's why Cub Scouting has introduced BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) training, so boys, along with their parents or some other adult, can participate in a successful overnight camping experience.

The BALOO course will give your pack's outdoor activity leader the tools to conduct a safe and successful overnight.

The morning BALOO sessions include the why and how of Cub Scout camping—planning, equip-

ment, meal preparation, and campfire programs. In the afternoon, Cub Scouters rotate among four round-robin sessions—fire safety, stoves, and lanterns; first aid and sanitation; nature hikes and games; and cooking. Scattered throughout the day are plenty of the four S's: songs, stunts, stories, and showmanship.

It is a requirement that at least one person on the outing is BALOO trained. This course is a one day training session that is jam packed with vital information on how to safely conduct an outing, whether an overnighter or just an afternoon kickball game.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

Visit the training page on [highlanderdistrict.org](http://highlanderdistrict.org)  
For more information

**Wood Badge**  
57-421-15-2  
Sep 9-13 & Sep 30-Oct 4

**University of Scouting**  
7 September  
Raleigh, NC

**Position Specific**  
26 September  
Sanford, NC

**M.O.S.T.**  
25-27 September  
Camp Durant, NC

# Parent Orientation

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weeks to settle in and get any applications or paperwork back to you in order to get the Scouts registered. Next offer them a Cub Scouts 101 Orientation. This can be done quarterly or as needed during the program year to give everyone who is new to Scouting an opportunity to get the information they need.

This is not just for new family members, but transfers too. Every Pack is different and has different expectations. Things to go over in a Parent Orientation would be to familiarize them to the Pack Leadership team and their roles in the Pack. Explain the aims and methods of Scouting. Go over Pack expectations to include dues, uniforms, events, awards, etc.

Best case scenario after a parent/adult leader orientation is that everyone is equipped with the information needed and begins to think about where they fit into their Scout's Pack. Is it as a leader or as a committee member or someone who can help out on committees. Either way it should be a win-win situation for both the Pack and the parent/family member to be able to mutually beneficial to each other and continue to make the Pack go.

## Upcoming Events

**Cub Scout / Webelos SuperNova Fun Days**  
September 26th

**Webelos OA Weekend**  
September 18-19

**Highlander District Fall Camporee**  
October 30—November 1