



Welcome to Pack 1218

Pack 1218 is part of the Orange County Boy Scouts of America - Valencia District, which serves La Habra, Brea, Fullerton, Placentia and Yorba Linda. Our chartered

organization is Fullerton Morningside Presbyterian. The parents, leaders and committee members of this Pack are committed to providing a quality year-round program of Cub Scouting activities in a safe and trustworthy environment for children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

What should I know about Pack 1218? This Pack is a very active, year-round Pack with lots of opportunities to participate and try new things. Members and their families participate in family campouts, nature hikes, bowling, fishing, science days and more. We are also involved in Scout events like the Webelos Camporal, Pinewood Derby, Scout-o-Rama, and Summer Day Camp. Our families and friends also get together to celebrate Scouting and to recognize the achievements of the kids and their leaders at our annual Blue and Gold Banquet in February. Together we also plan and participate in service projects throughout the community. Recently, we have done trail cleanups, making thank you cards to health care workers, placing crosses and flags for Memorial Day, collecting canned goods for those in need and Love Fullerton. If you would like to stay informed of our Pack activities and events visit our <https://cubscoutpack1218.wixsite.com/pack1218/events> and join our Band group once registered. **Signup instructions can be found on page 5 of this packet.**

What is the time commitment? The grade-level “Dens” gather about **1-2 times a month** to work on rank-specific achievements found in their Scout handbooks. At these meetings they learn, play, create, share, try new things and practice the values of Scouting. Our Pack meetings are **once a month**, held typically at **6:30pm** on the **3rd Wednesday, at Raymond Elementary School's Multipurpose Room (MPR)**. We currently draw members from Raymond, Commonwealth, Acacia and Rolling Hills public elementary schools as well as private schools in Fullerton, Anaheim and Yorba Linda areas.

What must I do? As a volunteer organization, **our Pack is successful because of parents like you!** We hope that you'll be an active participant so that we can make this the very best Pack for our children! This is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child and be engaged in their experience. Consider taking an active role within the Pack. Lead an event, organize one of our pot-lucks, share a hobby or talent, or jump right in and become one of our Den or Pack leaders! The minimum requirement is to get your child to their Den and Pack meetings and assist your Scout with their home-based activities when necessary. We also gather for parent planning meetings once a month in-person or via Zoom. Every parent is welcome and encouraged to help shape our Pack activities.

BSA Mission

The mission of all levels of Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath:

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Pack 1218 Yearly Events and Fundraisers

Veterans Day: We join other Scouts and the American Legion to honor our Veterans at the Fullerton Veterans Day Parade. Our Scouts distribute water to the groups marching and assist with cleanup.

Trail's End Popcorn Sales: This is our main fundraiser. This helps our Pack reach its financial goals. Download the Trail's End app by texting the word APP to 62771. With this app, you can register for storefront sales, keep track of sales, and use a square for credit card purchases. On average a 2-hour storefront shift will sell about \$150. We are asking that each Pack 1218 Scout sell between \$300-500, some Scouts have raised more than \$2500! *Up to 25% of each purchase goes directly to your Scouts' account and can be used to pay for activities and future registration costs!*

Scout Service Day: Saturday in the beginning of November. Scouts all come together for service activity within their community. Register with the OC council and Scouts will receive a badge.

Scouting for Food: In November, Scouts meet at a local grocery store and ask for canned goods donations. Donations are then delivered to food banks or churches.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser: This was a new fundraiser for our pack in 2020. We pre-sell Christmas trees starting in September until November. We use the earnings from this fundraiser to put on a pack event. 2020 helped pay for the paddleboarding and kayaking event at Newport Seabase for all of our Scouts. This year it will go towards either an Angel's game or trip to Medieval Times in the Spring!

Pinewood Derby: This is a famous National Scouting event held around January or February. The kids build and decorate their own derby car. Parents are encouraged to let their Scout do as much work on their own as possible. Adults and siblings also can race their own creations in their own divisions.

Blue and Gold Banquet: This annual Cub Scout event is held in February to honor Cub Scouting's birthday in the USA. This event is done differently every year, so come to our parent planning meeting to have your preference heard! This is our last event with the AOLs as they bridge into a Scout Troop during this month.

Adventure Card Sales: Are discount cards that Scouts sell starting around March-April. These cards are \$10 and offer many discounts to various stores and eateries. 25-50% of each sale comes back to the Scout. This is a great way for Scouts to earn money for their adventures throughout the year.

Scout-O-Rama: Is a day-long carnival of Scouting with lots of activities and food. Pack 1218 has a booth and Scouts sign up to work a shift. While not working the booth the kids wander around with their family and den to see all of the excitement of Scouting. This year Scouts will be able to camp out the night before! More details to come!

Friends of Scouting (FOS): A soliciting program that asks corporations and individuals for financial donations that will be utilized by the Orange County Council Scout program. The funds raised through this program will directly benefit the Scouting Council that our Pack belongs to. Each family is asked to donate what they are able and comfortable with. *Our theory: if we all pitch in a little, it helps us to reach our goal.*

Memorial Day: Each year, Pack 1218 joins members of the community, local Packs, Troops, Girl Scouts and the American Legion to decorate gravesites at the Loma Vista Memorial Cemetery with Crosses and American flags.

Volunteering and Pack Specifics!

With year-round activities, our Pack provides Scouts with lots of opportunities to learn and grow. Your help is greatly appreciated! There are constantly new volunteer opportunities that arise and we can't do it without you! It's our hope that each family will take on *at least* one of these roles per year!

Volunteer! Everyone takes on a role to ensure that our Pack will run smoothly and successfully - this requires the help of all! The current list of Pack 1218 leaders and open positions can be found on pages 9 and 10. Some events require planning and committees, while others require minimal work. **For each event we'd like to have a leader, assistant leader, and coordinator (three people total).**

If you're interested in facilitating, leading, or assisting with an event, email us: cubscoutpack1218@gmail.com. For new **Event Suggestions** fill-out the form on our Pack website: <https://cubscoutpack1218.wixsite.com/pack1218/events> and we will discuss it at our monthly committee meeting!

Why should Scouts have all the fun? Suit up and jump in! You'll look sharp in a Scout uniform or Pack t-shirt (see the Committee Chair at our monthly meetings - \$16 for parents)!

Den doesn't have a leader (yet)? Every year some dens may need a parent to step up and become a leader. As a leader, it does require a bit more planning and preparation, but we're here to help (we have a binder for you!) and there are many resources available to help new and existing den leaders.

Is your Scout joining an existing den? Your assistance at the den meeting is greatly appreciated and den leaders often welcome a helping hand! Taking on an achievement or requirement for the leader helps enormously. Have an idea for a den outing? Feel free to take the lead and make it happen.

What is a chartered organization? This is the group that sponsors the Scout unit. Chartered organizations typically provide meeting space for the unit, leadership and/or financial assistance. Our charter is Fullerton Morningside Presbyterian. 2021 was our first year with this Chartered organization.

How do I join?

You can join Pack 1218 ONLINE! It's a lot to navigate so we'll walk you through it:

- 1. Signup for Scouting:** <https://beascout.scouting.org/> and look for **Pack 1218, Fullerton**. Click **APPLY NOW** to join! Initial registration fees are paid online and good for one calendar year. You will receive an email reminder around the time of your anniversary to submit registration payment for the upcoming year. There is no longer a prorated amount.
 - Create account: my.scouting.org
 - Fill out an application for each child and one adult per family (mandatory).
 - If you sign up for a leadership position (Cub Master, Assistant Cub Master, Den Leader, Committee Chair, Treasurer). Pack will credit your Scout's individual account the \$81 adult registration fee if paid online. Please provide a copy of your receipt to the Pack Treasurer.
- 2. All adults in Pack 1218 must take the Youth Protection Training (YPT) before officially becoming a member.** This training certification is free and must be completed every year per OCBSA. Find the course at <https://my.scouting.org/>. The course takes about 1.5 hours/
 - Scouts BSA places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. Subjects of this course include: BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond, disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It takes you through situations that require choices and produce consequences.
 - **Email your YPT certificate of completion to cubscoutpack1218@gmail.com.**
- 3. Signup for Scoutbook:** www.scoutbook.com
 - We use this site for sending out email reminders for our events, RSVPs, locations, quarterly calendar can all be found here.
 - Track your Scout's achievements. Your den leader will tell you more about this feature.
- 4. Join BAND:** Download the app and we will send you a link to join! Be sure to set up your notifications! Pack leaders use this for sending out event specific reminders, RSVPs and updates.. You can message other Pack members here also!
- 5. Like our Facebook page Pack 1218, Fullerton.** Share photos from events with the pack.
- 6. Visit and share our Pack website:** <https://cubscoutpack1218.wixsite.com/pack1218>
Word of mouth is the best way to advertise our Pack and recruit new members. Tell your friends! We have our calendar on this page also and lots of information!

7. **Questions about anything?** Email our Pack at cubscoutpack1218@gmail.com and one of our leaders will get in touch with you asap! Do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions!

Breakdown of Fees for Scouts:

Unlike sports, Cub Scouts is a yearlong activity. When fees are divided over 12 months, the expense is very little in comparison! Our Pack tries to disclose all fees upfront and provides families with several opportunities to fundraise for their individual Scout accounts. We also have a program available to help families with fees. See Cubmaster for details on this.

Never hesitate to ask questions!

* Note: A \$100 Unit Recharter Fee is paid for directly by the Pack. In addition to our National and Council fees, Pack dues are collected separately and are explained next!

Orange County Scouting Registration Cost Effective August 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

	New Youth	Return Youth	Adult Leaders*
Council Registration	\$72	\$72	\$21
National Registration	\$80	\$80	\$60
One Time Join Fee	<u>\$25</u>	—	—
Total:	\$177	\$152	\$81

* Select Adult Unit Leaders: Committee Chair, Cub Master, Assistant Cub Master, Den Leaders will have fees reimbursed or credited to youth's Scout account

Pack dues are paid by November.

This fee is voted on annually at our Parent Planning Meeting.

Dues cover the cost of awards and recognition (loops, pins, patches); crafts, special events and other miscellaneous fees. It also covers a returning Scouts' advancement: neckerchief and slide.

A portion of our Pack's annual expenses are paid using funds from our Pack fundraisers. If you register online, please provide a separate check to "Cub Scout Pack 1218" for your Pack fees at the next Pack or Den Meeting.

We ask all Scouts to participate in our fundraising!

Pack 1218 dues for 2023-24: Lion-Webelos: \$50; AOLs: \$25 (approx. \$5/month)

Check out these links for more information:

Online registration here: <https://beascout.scouting.org/>

Scout Talk | What is Cub Scouts video?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=De1JbT6VgIg>

Additional out of pocket expenses:

- **Uniform:** Uniform Pack shirt, hat, neckerchief, and slide is recommended to be worn at our Pack meetings, while our Pack t-shirts are worn at den meetings and adventures. Scout pants and socks are not required for our Pack. These items can all be purchased at the Scout Shop. They can also be found on Craigslist, Ebay, Offerup, and by asking friends! Pack 1218 has a donation box, which can be checked for uniform pieces at monthly meetings. *Class A Pack shirt should have our Pack 1218 patch (purchased through our pack for \$3), OC Council shoulder patch, Scouting World Crest, and US flag (see Scout handbook or online).
- **Den Handbook (~\$17, or free online!):** Handbooks are used for the year and contain grade-level specific Scout requirements and elective adventures for each rank. They also serve as a Scout's record of completing adventures. Den Handbooks are purchased at the Scout Shop and are fun for the Scouts to sit down and read, but they can also be found in a pdf version online if cost is an issue. This is a great item to place in the donation box at the end of the year!
- **\$ for activities:** Campouts, field trips, day camps, etc. can have additional costs associated with them. Each Scout has an opportunity to fundraise (popcorn, Christmas tree and Adventure Cards) and use their Scout account funds to pay for their portion. All events are opportunities and not obligations! Scouts will have more fun and be more invested in the program when they attend events, no event is ever mandatory. We do ask that you RSVP via BAND so we can have accurate headcounts. If you cancel, please send event leaders a message and update your BAND rsvp as soon as possible.
- Each Scout has an individual Scout account. Scout accounts are something special we provide our Scouts as they invest in their Scouting journey - this is not provided by all Cub Scout packs. Scouts must request a check to their new Troop within three months of bridging. A portion of our fundraisers go directly to individual Scout accounts to help pay for Scouting adventures and expenses.

2023/2024 Leaders of Pack 1218 (updated 8/2023)

Cubmaster	Jim Hodgson (2023-24)
Assistant Cubmaster	
Committee Chair	Sara Goya (2022-23) Jenette Lopez (2023-24)
Assistant Committee Chair	
New Member Coordinator	Jazzlyn Phan (2023-24)
Pack Secretary Attend and take notes at Parent Meetings. Post to share drive.	
Pack Treasurer Issue report at Parent meetings, keep track of Scout funds, reimbursements, etc.	Jennie Myhra (2022-2023) Jeff Lee (2023-2024)
Recharter Chair(s)	Pack leadership members (2022)
Fundraising Chair Popcorn, Christmas Tree and Adventure Cards	Helen Gonzalez (2023-2024)
Pack Webmaster/Pack Communications BAND messages, Facebook posts+updates, website calendar updates and monthly website (text) updates.	
Pack Activities Chair Help plan/coordinate events and update Band	
Pack Communications Assistant Assist communications lead where needed	
Training Chair Keep record of Pack training. Coordinate and communicate group training opportunities (ie. Baloo, YPT, Uni. of Scouting).	
Chartered Organization Representative	John DeLoof (Morningside) (2023-24)
Valencia District Commissioner	Todd Lassig

Den Leaders (2023-24)			
Lion Guide	Kevin Moore and Jenette Lopez	Bear	Jenette Lopez
Tiger	Stephanie Hodgson	Webelos	
Wolf	Andrew Ashford and Cecille Lamorena	Arrow of Light	Cecille Lamorena

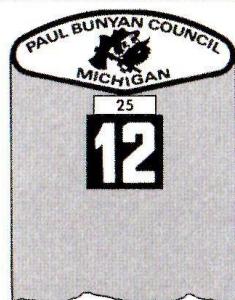
Thank you to all of our volunteers! Many hands make light work and more fun for everyone.

Please consider taking on a leadership position within the Pack.

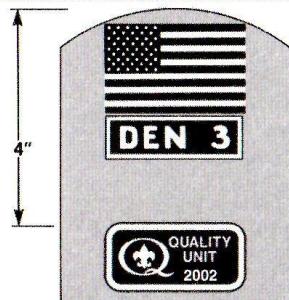
Your Adult Pack registration fees and position training fees will be covered!

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RIGHT SLEEVE



SERVICE STARS

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



RIGHT POCKET



Any questions or changes that need to be made in this packet, please contact Pack 1218. Much of the information contained in this packet was put together using information from a similar packet made by Patrick Huber in 2011 for the benefit of our future Pack 1218. Many thanks to him and the others that have contributed!

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Feel free to cut, paste or alter for future Pack 1218 publications.