



West Tennessee Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

Cub Scout Retention Pledge



Pack Yes/No	BEST PRACTICE	PACK COMMITMENT	COUNCIL COMMITMENT	RESULTS
	New Parent Orientation Pack "Crazy meeting" within 10 days of School Night for Scouting.	Pack's 1st meeting after the SNFS will be a Pack "Crazy" meeting and New Parent Orientation. A fun exciting program will be offered for the boys during the New Parent Orientation.	Council can provide a www.theAquaPod.com water launcher for your use at your Pack "Crazy" meeting. Other Crazy meeting ideas are available.	
	Youth Protection and New Leader Fast Start Training	New Den Leaders and Committee members will complete online YP/Fast Start Training prior to conducting their first den meeting (excludes "Pack Crazy and New Den Orientation Meeting").	Council will offer online Fast Start Training and other support as needed. If necessary, district training team will conduct additional training sessions to meet your needs.	
	1st Den Meeting / New Den Orientation Meeting Within 10 Days of Pack "Crazy Meeting"	New dens will hold either a New Den/Parent Orientation Meeting or their first Den Meeting within 10 days of the Pack "Crazy meeting".	Council will provide a "Crazy Meeting" agenda and New Parent Orientation Meeting agenda.	
	Clear and Timely Communications with Parents	Our pack will use Scoutbook.org to send texts, emails, to members. (newsletters, social media)	Council can provide newsletter and Facebook examples. SCOUTBOOK is the new BSA tool to support volunteers.	
	Frequent Communications with Parents	Our Pack will encourage Den Leaders to communicate by phone, email, or text frequently. Scoutbook and My.Scouting.org can help with member contact lists.	Council will provide guidance and coaching for using My.Scouting.org or Scoutbook.org and train leaders how to use email, text, and phone-tree communications, as needed.	
	Annual Program Plan and Budget	We will develop a calendar for the annual program year and distribute at "crazy meeting", PLUS develop an annual pack budget prior to our Popcorn Kickoff.	Council will offer a Fall Program Preview, council/district calendar; provide unit budget spreadsheet planner, plus district commissioner support upon request.	
	Bobcat Rank is earned quickly with a "repeat after me" Scout Oath and Law technique at each meeting	All new Cubs will earn their Bobcat Rank within 60 days of SNFS or the (or 2nd Pack meeting). Bobcat will be awarded in a fun and meaningful ceremony. The Oath and Law will be repeated at each den and pack mtg during the year.	Council will make available Bobcat Rank Badges in our Scout Shop, online advancement support, forms, and a guide for fun Bobcat ceremonies with Parent involvement. Council can supply a printable Oath/Law wallet card template.	
	Outdoor Pack Activity	We will conduct an outdoor Pack activity or participate in a district outdoor activity such as "Bobcat Day", Cub-O-Ree, or Fall Family Camp.	We will provide support or volunteers to plan a district "Bobcat Day" or Cub-o-ree event with shooting sports, games, etc.	

Pack # _____ Leader Name _____ Signature _____ E-mail _____

District SNFS Chair _____ District Commissioner _____ District Executive _____