



Welcome to Pack 214!

Whether you're joining us for the first time or coming back for another great year, we're glad you're here. Pack 214 has been part of the Matthews community since 1971, and every scout's experience is built by the families and volunteers who show up for it — thank you for being part of that. If anything in this packet is unclear, don't hesitate to reach out — we'd rather answer a quick question now than have you guess.

At a Glance

- Where we meet: Matthews United Methodist Church, 801 South Trade St, Matthews, NC 28105 (mail: PO Box 3602, Matthews, NC 28106)
- Weekly commitment: Tuesday evenings most weeks, plus one Saturday-ish pack event a month
- What it costs to join: About \$230 for the year — \$154.95 national/council registration + \$75 Pack 214 dues. Scout Life Magazine is an optional \$15/year add-on.

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We can't wait for a great year of Scouting with your family.

New to Scouting? Here's How It Works

Cub Scouting is a national program for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade, built around hands-on adventures, outdoor experiences, and a set of values scouts live by — the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Whether your family has done this before or this is all brand new, here's the shape of a year in Pack 214.

Ranks & Dens

Every scout is grouped by grade into a den — a small group of same-age scouts who meet weekly with a den leader. As scouts move up a grade each June, they earn a new rank:

- Kindergarten → Lion
- 1st Grade → Tiger
- 2nd Grade → Wolf
- 3rd Grade → Bear
- 4th Grade → Webelos
- 5th Grade → Arrow of Light (AOL)

Den Meetings vs. Pack Meetings

- Den meetings happen weekly (Tuesdays at MUMC) — this is where your scout works on hands-on activities with their den.
- Pack meetings happen once a month (Eagle's Nest) — the whole pack comes together for ceremonies, awards, and bigger group activities.
- Committee meetings are a separate, adult-only meeting where pack leadership handles logistics, budget, and planning. You're always welcome to attend, but it's not scout-facing.

Adventures & Advancement

Scouts earn their rank by completing "adventures" — hands-on activities tied to their age group, like building things, learning outdoor skills, or exploring science and nature. Completed adventures are tracked in Scoutbook (more on that later in this packet) and lead to badges, belt loops, and pins your scout wears with pride. Everyone moves at their own pace — there's no falling behind.

Parents Are Part of It

Cub Scouting is a family program, especially for our youngest scouts — Lion and Tiger parents are expected to stay and participate in den meetings alongside their scout. As scouts get older, they'll do more on their own, but Cub Scouting is built to be something your whole family experiences together.

A Typical Year

Beyond weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings, Pack 214's year includes a Scouting Kickoff, family campouts, the Pinewood Derby, service projects, and a springtime Crossover Ceremony for our oldest scouts. The full calendar is a few pages ahead — bookmark it.

What's Next After Cub Scouting

After Arrow of Light, scouts "cross over" to a Scouts BSA troop to keep growing as a Scout. Troop 39 (boys) and Troop 139 (girls) both meet right here at MUMC, making them a natural next step — many of our AOL families choose one of them. Crossing over to a specific troop isn't required; our goal is simply that every scout continues in Scouting, wherever that leads them.



2026-2027 Pack Contact Information

Where we meet: Matthews United Methodist Church, 801 South Trade St, Matthews, NC 28105

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TBD

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Room: 104

Veronica McMaster, Shannon Vo & TBD

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Room: 158

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Room: 217 - 219

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Room: 210 - 212

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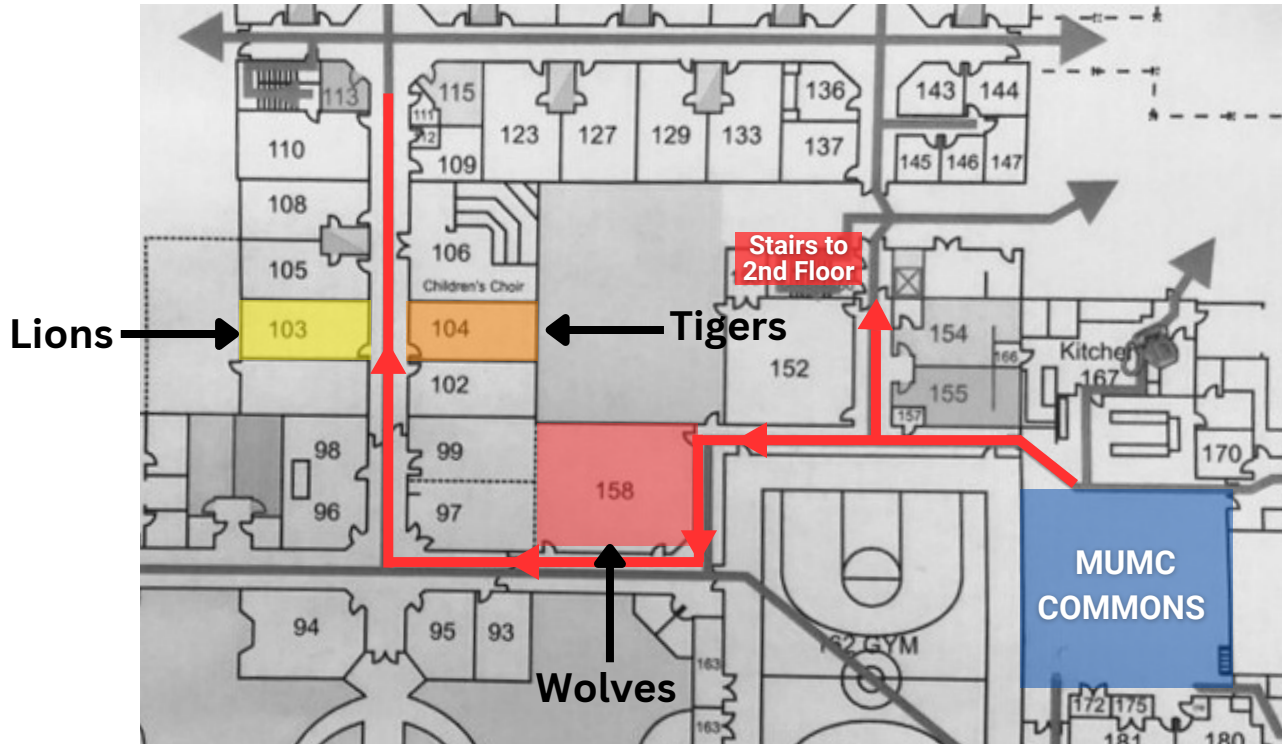
AOL Den Leaders: den7@pack214.com

Room: 213 - 215

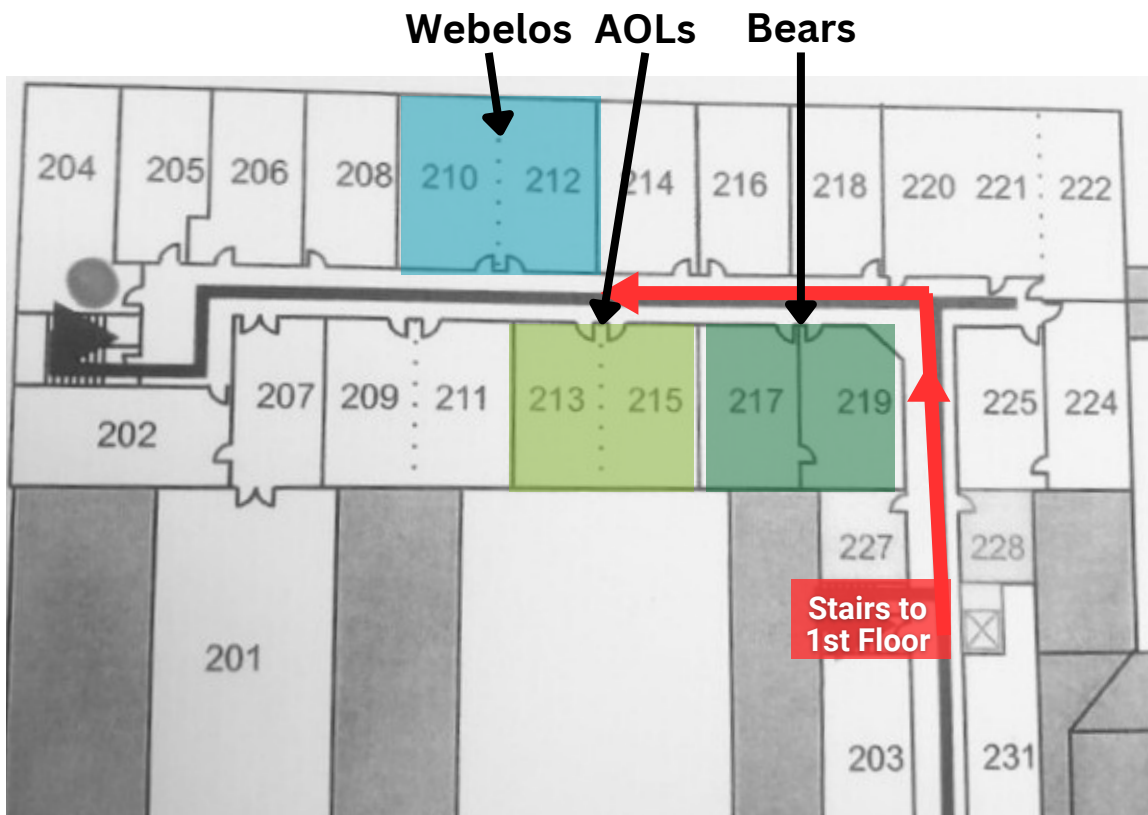
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2026-2027 Room Assignments

(1st Floor)



(1st Floor)



(2nd Floor)



Pack 214 Finances

Scouts BSA and Mecklenburg County Council require an annual registration fee — \$154.95 per child when paid online (includes a small processing fee), paid directly to Scouts BSA and Mecklenburg County Council. Each scout's membership is good for one calendar year; when you receive a renewal email from Scouts BSA, you'll need to complete it. Families may also add a Scout Life Magazine subscription for \$15/year (optional, added at renewal).

In addition to the registration fee, Pack 214 dues are \$75/scout/year. This is the only money our pack receives directly for each child, outside of fundraising, and it covers awards and advancement, the Pinewood Derby car, and den supplies.

These are two separate payments — registration is paid online directly to council; dues are paid to the pack via Zelle (cc@pack214.com), check (payable to "Meck Co Council – Pack 214"), or cash. See "How to Register" in the New Cub Scouts checklist for the registration link.

The pack's major fundraiser each fall is the Trail's End popcorn sale — all dens participate except Lions, with each scout working two show-and-sell shifts sold through the Trail's End app. Full shift requirements, goals, and dates are on the Expected Expenses page.

The pack also offers the council's Camp Card fundraiser each spring. Each card costs \$10, and \$4 goes directly into your scout's Scoutbook account to use toward activities.

On the pack level, funds are spent on badges and pins, pack activities, leader training, and the supplies needed to run the pack, and may also help offset pack excursions, overnight trips, and guest speakers.

Scholarships: No child should miss out on Cub Scouting due to a lack of funds. Families may request confidential financial assistance for pack fees, uniform costs, and more by contacting Committee Chair Andrew McDermott (cc@pack214.com). All inquiries and awards are kept confidential.



Pack 214 Finances & Expected Expenses

Here's a quick reference for what's owed and when. Full explanations of each fee are on the previous page. Payments may be made via Zelle (cc@pack214.com), check (payable to "Meck Co Council – Pack 214"), or cash.

Quick total: about \$230 to join for the year — \$154.95 registration + \$75 pack dues. Add \$15 if you want Scout Life Magazine.

Registration and dues are two separate payments — registration is paid online directly to council (see "How to Register" in the New Cub Scouts checklist); dues are paid to the pack.

Dues and registration fees are due by October 16, 2026. Need more time, or want to discuss a payment plan or financial assistance? Reach out to Andrew (cc@pack214.com) — no questions asked.

Item	Cost
Pack 214 Dues	\$75.00
Scouts BSA Membership (online, incl. processing fee)	\$154.95
Scout Life Magazine (optional, yearly)	\$15.00

Popcorn Requirement: 2 show-and-sell shifts per scout (single-scout shifts; siblings and new scouts on their first shift may pair up), or opt out for \$100/shift (\$75/shift for siblings). Sign up through the Trail's End app. Storefront selling begins September 4, 2026; shifts or opt-out due this fall (exact date to be confirmed via Cubby Notes). Per-scout sales goal is \$600; pack-wide goal is \$30,000. Pack commission is 35% of all sales, retail and online.

Cub O'Ree Family Camping Weekend: October 23-25, 2026 — \$15 per person

Super Trip: Riverbanks Zoo & Garden, March 13-14, 2027 — ~\$90/person. Details to follow via Cubby Notes.



NEW Cub Scouts

Scout Name:

Scout Grade/Den:

How to Register

1. Go to BeAScout.org, enter your zip code, and select your preferred program. On the results page for Pack 214, select "Apply Now." You'll create an account with my.scouting.org and submit payment there — this covers BSA registration + council fee (\$154.95 online, includes a small processing fee) and the optional Scout Life Magazine (\$15/year).
2. Separately, pay Pack 214 dues (\$75) via Zelle (cc@pack214.com), check (payable to "Meck Co Council – Pack 214"), or cash. This is not part of the online registration — it's paid directly to the pack.
3. Complete Safeguarding Youth Training (see later in this packet) and turn in your certificate.
4. Turn in the Parent/Guardian Information & Volunteer Form and medical form (see checklist below). Download the official medical form — Parts A & B — at scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr (this is the only valid source; it can't be substituted with another form). Lion and Tiger parents need one too, since they're required to stay with their scout at meetings and events.

Prefer a paper application? Ask Andrew (cc@pack214.com) — we're happy to provide one, though online is faster for you and for us.

Use the checklist below to confirm everything's turned in to the committee chair. Questions?
Email cc@pack214.com.

- ☐ Completed Application (online via BeAScout, or paper by request)
- ☐ Registration Payment (\$154.95, paid online during application)
- ☐ Pack 214 Dues Payment (\$75, paid separately — see step 2 above)
- ☐ Safeguarding Youth Training Completion Certificate (All Participating Adults)
- ☐ Parent/Guardian Information & Volunteer Form
- ☐ Completed Medical Form with Copies of your Insurance Cards
- ☐ Your scout will receive a Pack T-shirt when all information is turned in

Please turn in all completed materials by October 16 — bring them to the August 22 Kickoff, hand them to your den leader at Meet Your Den (September 1), or email scanned copies to cc@pack214.com.



RETURNING Cub Scouts

Scout Name:

Scout Grade/Den:

Good news: if your scout's my.scouting.org status shows "Active Renewal," their national BSA registration renews automatically, including payment — typically around \$154.95 charged to the card on file near your scout's renewal date. No action needed on your part, but worth knowing so it's not a surprise on your statement. Want to check the card on file or opt out of auto-renewal? Log in at my.scouting.org.

Need a fresh medical form? It's an annual requirement for everyone, scouts and participating parents alike. Download the official form — Parts A & B — at scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr.

Use the checklist below to confirm everything's turned in to the committee chair.

Questions? Email cc@pack214.com.

- ☐ Payment for Pack 214 Dues (\$75)
- ☐ Safeguarding Youth Training Completion Certificate (All Participating Adults)
- ☐ Parent/Guardian Information & Volunteer Form
- ☐ Completed Medical Form with Copies of your Insurance Cards

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Pack 214 2026-2027 Family Calendar

Summer 2026

- 7/7 | **Summer Pack Meeting - Fishing** | Squirrel Lake Park
- 7/12-7/16 | **Webelos Adventure Camp** | Camp Grimes, Nebo
- 7/13-7/17 | **Cub Scout Day Camp** | Belk Scout Camp, Midland

August 2026

- 8/3 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Grace O'Malley's
- 8/22 | **Pack 214 Kickoff and Information Session** | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Eagle's Nest

September 2026

- 9/1 | **Meet Your Den** | 6:15 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 9/8 | **Pack Meeting (Den Flags)** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 9/14 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 9/15 | **Den Meetings / Greenway Cleanup** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 9/22 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 9/29 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons

October 2026

- 10/3 | **Den Leader Training** | MCC Council Office
- 10/5 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 10/6 | **National Night Out** | Time TBD | Stumptown Park
- 10/6 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 10/13 | **Pack Meeting (Camping Stations)** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 10/16-10/18 | **Council Webeloree** | Camp Grimes
- 10/20 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 10/23-10/25 | **Cub O'Ree** | Belk Scout Camp, Midland
- 10/27 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 10/31 | **Trailblazer Day** | 9:00-1:00 pm | Belk Scout Camp, Midland

November 2026

- 11/2 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 11/3 | **No Meeting - Election Day**
- 11/10 | **Pack Meeting (Bobcat Ceremony)** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 11/17 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 11/24 | **No Meeting - Thanksgiving Break**

December 2026

- 12/1 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 12/7 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 12/8 | **Pack Meeting (YE Celebration)** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 12/15 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 12/22 | **No Meeting - Winter Break**
- 12/29 | **No Meeting - Winter Break**

January 2027

- 1/4 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 1/5 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 1/12 | **Pack Meeting** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 1/19 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 1/26 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- TBD | **Scouting for Food**
- TBD | **January Excursion**

February 2027

- TBD | **Scouting for Food**
- TBD | **Derby Workshop**
- 2/1 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 2/2 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 2/9 | **Pack Meeting (Blue and Gold)** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 2/16 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 2/23 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 2/26 | **Pinewood Derby Set-Up** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 2/27 | **Pinewood Derby Race-Day** | 8:00 - 4:30 pm | Eagle's Nest

March 2027

- 3/1 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 3/2 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 3/9 | **Pack Meeting (AOL Crossover)** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 3/13-3/14 | **Super Trip** | Riverbanks Zoo & Garden
- 3/15 | **AOL First Meeting with Troop 39** | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 3/16 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 3/23 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 3/30 | **No Meeting - Spring Break**

April 2027

- 4/5 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 4/6 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 4/13 | **Pack Meeting** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 4/20 | **Den Meetings / Greenway Cleanup** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons
- 4/27 | **Den Meetings** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC Commons

May 2027

- 5/3 | **Committee Meeting** | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | MUMC RM 158
- 5/4 | **Pack Meeting - Rank Up!** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Eagle's Nest
- 5/11 | **End-of-Year Cookout** | 6:15 - 7:30 pm | Squirrel Lake Park
- 5/17 | **27/28 Planning Meeting** | TBD
- 5/23 | **Council Memorial Day Flag Service**

June 2027

- 6/5 | **End-of-Year Campout** | TBD



Parent/Guardian Information & Volunteer Form

Name	
Email	
Phone	
Scout Name	

Name	
Email	
Phone	
Scout Den	

Cub Scouting relies entirely on the dedication of volunteers. To ensure our success, we ask each family to take on a role to support our activities. Please select more than one option so we can match you with a role that best fits your talents and our needs.

- ☐ Advancement Chair
- ☐ Membership Chair
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Activities/Events Chair
- ☐ Lion Den Leader (Kindergarten)
- ☐ Tiger Den Leader (1st Grade)
- ☐ Wolf Den Leader (2nd Grade)
- ☐ Assistant Bear Den Leader (3rd Grade)
- ☐ Popcorn kernel (Co-Lead)
- ☐ Camp Card Coordinator
- ☐ Medical Form Coordinator
- ☐ SignUpGenius Coordinator
- ☐ Social Media Assistant

- ☐ Troop 39/139 Liaison
- ☐ Kickoff Event Team
- ☐ Recruitment Chair
- ☐ Cub O'Ree Grubmaster
- ☐ Scouting for Food Assistant
- ☐ Pinewood Derby Workshop Helper
- ☐ Pinewood Derby Set-Up Volunteer
- ☐ Pinewood Derby Check-In Volunteer
- ☐ End-of-Year Cookout Grubmaster
- ☐ End-of-Year Campout Grubmaster
- ☐ Pack Meeting Special Speaker
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Other:

Each family is asked to complete a minimum 2 hours of volunteer service to the pack. Signing up and completing one of these activities meets this requirement. If you're unable to give your time, we accept a \$150.00 Volunteer Opt-Out.

What Each Role Does

Committee Leadership

- **Advancement Chair:** Runs the Needs Purchasing report from Scoutbook before each pack meeting and places the badge order with the Scout Shop. Currently done by hand by the Cubmaster — this is the single highest-impact role open in the pack. A few hours before each pack meeting.
- **Membership Chair:** Welcomes new families, coordinates registration paperwork, and helps with recruiting follow-up after events like Kickoff and National Night Out. Great fit for someone who's organized and likes being a friendly first contact for new scouts.
- **Secretary:** Takes minutes at monthly committee meetings and helps keep agendas and records organized. About one evening a month, plus a little follow-up.
- **Activities/Events Chair:** Helps coordinate logistics for Blue and Gold and pack service projects — think venue, headcounts, and supplies. Works closely with the Committee Chair.
- **Recruitment Chair:** Pairs with Membership Chair to own recruiting events, tables, flyers, and school outreach.

Den Leadership

- **Lion Den Leader (Kindergarten):** Co-leads weekly den meetings and guides Kindergarten scouts and their parents through their first year of Scouting. No prior Scouting experience required — training and support provided.
- **Tiger Den Leader (1st Grade):** Leads weekly den meetings for 1st graders working on Tiger adventures.
- **Wolf Den Leader (2nd Grade):** Leads weekly den meetings for 2nd graders working on Wolf adventures.
- **Assistant Bear Den Leader (3rd Grade):** Our Bear den is one of our larger ones — an assistant leader helps us split into two groups so every scout gets more hands-on time.

Program & Fundraising Coordinators

- **Popcorn Kernel (Co-Lead):** Helps manage the fall popcorn campaign — scheduling storefront shifts, tracking sales in the Trail's End app, and answering family questions. We need a second Kernel this year for continuity.
- **Camp Card Coordinator:** Manages the spring Camp Card fundraiser — distributing cards to families and tracking what's sold and returned.
- **Medical Form Coordinator:** Collects and securely holds each family's health form at fall onboarding, and confirms coverage before overnight events.
- **SignUpGenius Coordinator:** Builds and manages online sign-ups for pack events throughout the year.
- **Social Media Assistant:** Helps keep the Pack 214 Facebook page updated with photos and event reminders. Must be a registered adult leader.
- **Troop 39/139 Liaison:** Helps coordinate AOL crossover visits and communication with our partner Scouts BSA troops.

Seasonal / Event Support

- **Kick Off Event Team:** Helps set up and run the August Scouting Kickoff — a few hours on one Saturday.
- **Cub O'Ree Grubmaster:** Plans and prepares meals for our fall camping weekend at Belk Scout Camp.
- **Scouting for Food Assistant:** Helps coordinate our January food drive — one weekend dropping door hangers, one weekend collecting food.
- **Pinewood Derby Workshop Helper:** Assists families building their cars before race day.
- **Pinewood Derby Set-Up Volunteer:** Helps set up the track the evening before race day.
- **Pinewood Derby Check-In Volunteer:** Checks in cars and racers the morning of Pinewood Derby.
- **End-of-Year Cookout Grubmaster:** Plans food for our spring cookout at Squirrel Lake Park.
- **End-of-Year Campout Grubmaster:** Plans meals for our final campout of the year.
- **Pack Meeting Special Speaker:** A one-time visit to share your job, hobby, or skill with the scouts — perfect if you don't have time for an ongoing role but have something fun to share.



Uniform Requirements

Pack 214 asks each scout to meet the uniform requirements from the waist up.

Class A - Scout Shirt, Neckerchief, Slide and Hat

Class B - Scout T-shirt



Headwear

Lion Cap, Tiger Cap, Wolf Cap, Bear Cap or Webelos Cap according to Den

Neckerchief and Slide

- Lion - None
- Tiger - Orange with Blue Border
- Wolf - Red with Blue Border
- Bear - Light Blue with Blue Border
- Webelos - Plaid
- AOL - Chosen by patrol

Each is secured by a color-coordinated slide for that rank.

Shirt

- Lion - Official Blue T-shirt with Lion Logo or Pack 214 Class B T-Shirt
- Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos - Navy Blue Scout Shirt
- AOL - Tan Scout Shirt

Bottoms

- Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos - No official pant required. May buy/wear navy blue scout pants
- AOL - To prepare for the troop, scouts should plan to have official olive green pants

Belt

- Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos - Official navy blue cub scout belt, with buckle, cut to length. (Allow room for growth!)
- AOL - Olive green belt



Where to Buy

Mecklenburg Scout Shop — 1410 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204, (704) 333-5471. Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-3pm (closed Sunday).

Don't want to buy new? Ask about our Scout Closet — gently used shirts, pants, neckerchiefs, and hats, free or low-cost. Contact Andrew (cc@pack214.com) to see what's available.



Safeguarding Youth

Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain that environment, Scouting America has developed procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout program.

It is the mission of Safeguarding Youth volunteers and professionals to maintain a culture of youth protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.

ALL adults participating in any capacity are required to complete Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) and have a certificate of completion on file with the pack. This includes any parent attending meetings, campouts, or pack events with their scout – not just registered leaders. Training is completed online and is valid for 12 months – renewal is required every year.

Please visit the link below, complete the course, print the certificate of completion, and return it with your registration and paperwork.

scouting.org/training/youth-protection/



Setting Up Scoutbook

Scoutbook is how Pack 214 tracks your scout's advancement, requirements, and fundraising credits throughout the year.

Getting started:

1. Once your scout is registered with the pack, you'll receive an invitation email from Scoutbook (scoutbook.scouting.org). This may take a few days after your paperwork is processed.
2. Follow the link in that email to create your account and connect to your scout's profile.
3. Your den leader logs all completed requirements — that's their job, not yours. If your scout completes an adventure or requirement outside a den meeting (at home, on a family trip, etc.), just let your den leader know what was done and when, and they'll enter it. Please don't log advancement yourself, even if you're able to — keeping one consistent record-keeper avoids duplicate or conflicting entries.
4. Any fundraising credit your scout earns (popcorn, Camp Cards) will show up here as a scout account balance you can apply toward dues, camps, or gear — that part's yours to check anytime.

Didn't get an invite? Check your spam folder first, then reach out to your den leader or cc@pack214.com and we'll get it sorted.



Pack 214 Cell Phone Policy

At Pack 214, we recognize that cell phones are both powerful tools and potential distractions for our Scouts. We encourage all Cub Scouts to leave electronics at home. Parents may bring cell phones, but we request that they use them away from the scouts to maintain the focus on Scouting activities. It is crucial that cell phones do not interfere with our Leaders' ability to deliver an effective Scouting Program.

As such, the pack has adopted the following policy related to cell phones:

Pack 214 and its leadership are not responsible for cell phones and smart watches that are lost, stolen, or damaged during Scout activities. Cell phones are considered personal property, and it is the Scout's responsibility to keep track of their device. If a cell phone is lost during a scout activity, the pack will not allocate significant time to search for it. Additionally, Scouts should not use or handle others' cell phones without permission.

Cub Scouts are discouraged from using electronic devices at meetings and events unless required for specific activities, such as using a GPS app for geocaching. Recognizing that Cub Scouts are influenced by adult behavior, we discourage adults from using electronics during meetings and events unless necessary for the activity or to take pictures. If an adult needs to use their device for work or other essential purposes, we ask that they step away from the Scouts' view. Leaders with younger children attending meetings may allow them to use electronics to stay occupied.

Technology can be appropriate in the right situation, but we aim to help our Scouts learn that they can have fun without it.



Pack 214 Behavior Policy

Along with our efforts to live according to the values of the Scout oath and law, Matthews United Methodist Church, our gracious sponsor, generously allows us to use their facilities for our meetings and events. In return for their kindness, we must uphold the highest standards of respectful behavior while at scouting events and meetings.

Our primary goal is to create a positive and nurturing environment for all our scouts. To ensure this, in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting we have established policies that will be implemented immediately to address any behavioral issues that may arise during our gatherings.

Demonstrating Respectful Behavior:

- All scouts are expected to ALWAYS demonstrate respectful behavior.
- Treat fellow scouts, leaders, and volunteers with courtesy and kindness.
- Respect personal space, belongings, and the property of Matthews United Methodist Church.
- All scouts are expected to learn and play in a safe manner keep their hands to themselves, and should listen to the direction of their leaders.

Zero Tolerance for Physical Aggression:

- Any physical aggression, including pushing, hitting, punching, bullying, or any other form of physical violence, will not be tolerated, will be documented in an incident report, and can include disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the Scouts BSA.
- In the event of physical aggression, the scout will be asked to leave the meeting or event immediately.
- They may return to the following meeting, but a parent or guardian must accompany them and remain with them for the duration of the event.
- Any further issues with physical aggression toward scouts or adults will be addressed and will be forwarded to the committee for additional action taken up to/including dismissal from the Pack and Scouting BSA.

Behavioral Infractions:

First Offense: Verbal Warning

- When a scout exhibits inappropriate behavior, they will receive a verbal warning from a leader or volunteer.
- The scout will be reminded of the expected standards of conduct and given a chance to correct their behavior.

Second Offense: Removal from Activity

- If a scout's inappropriate behavior persists, they will be removed from the activity taking place and will be asked to reflect on their actions.
- The removal from the activity will be at the discretion of the adult leaders.
- Parents may be asked to remain on campus during future meetings.

Third Offense: Parent or Guardian Required

- If a scout's inappropriate behavior continues, after Pack Leadership has taken the first two disciplinary steps, they will be required to have a parent or caring adult stay with them during all meetings and events. In the event of a third offense, the Cubmaster will set a meeting with the scout's caring adults before any action is taken.
- The parent or caring adult will be responsible for supervising and guiding the scout to maintain proper behavior until such time it is determined that the scout can control themselves.
- If a parent or caring adult is unable to attend, we will ask that the scout remain at home until they can be accompanied.

Any further issues with behavior will be addressed with parents/guardians and the Cubmaster.

Reporting and Assistance:

- All parents are encouraged to help the volunteer scout leaders in maintaining a safe and respectful environment.
- If you witness any inappropriate behavior, please do not hesitate to speak up and report it to the scout leaders.
- We value the partnership between parents and leaders in ensuring the well-being and development of all our scouts.

Prompt Departure after Meetings:

- Please be on time for pickup. Our meetings end promptly at 7:30 p.m.
- We kindly request following Tuesday meetings, that you promptly gather your children and conclude your time in the meeting area.
- The playful post-meeting activities, such as hide-and-seek and tag, have become disruptive, and we aim to maintain a professional and organized atmosphere during the transition out of our meetings.

Scout Spirit Song Reminder:

- During our meetings, we will emphasize the importance of singing the announcement song in a more measured and harmonious way, rather than screaming it.
- We kindly ask parents to reinforce this message with the scouts, ensuring the tradition is celebrated while maintaining a respectful atmosphere.
- The church commons are a shared space with other community groups. We need to be mindful of sound level, so as to not disturb other groups.

By adhering to this behavior policy, we aim to create an inclusive, positive, and respectful atmosphere where all our scouts can learn and grow together. We appreciate your commitment to upholding these standards and making our Cub Scout Pack 214 a great experience for all involved.



Stay Connected

Cubby Notes

Our weekly newsletter is the primary way we keep families in the loop — announcements, upcoming events, and den notes by rank. Sent every week via Mailchimp in the Cubmaster's voice. Ask your den leader or email cc@pack214.com to get added.

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Our website is home base for the pack calendar, resources, and the Cubby Notes archive. Bookmark it for quick reference throughout the year.

Facebook & Instagram

Search "Pack 214" for photos and secondary announcements from pack events throughout the year.

Scoutbook

Once your scout is registered, you'll get access to Scoutbook (scoutbook.scouting.org) to track advancement and requirements. Your den leader will help you get set up — look for setup instructions earlier in this packet.

Questions?

Program and advancement: Heath Bixel, Cubmaster — cubmaster@pack214.com

Everything else — dues, forms, logistics, volunteering: Andrew McDermott, Committee Chair — cc@pack214.com