



New Parent Orientation 2018

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Welcome to Pack 518!

- We are a very large and active pack.
- We plan lots of activities to give you choices. Our leadership understands that your family has other commitments and we don't expect you at everything. Of course, the more you do, the more fun you have!
- Almost everything we do is family oriented. There may be limitations to events hosted by others. Of course, lodging and bathroom procedures are affected by gender.
- We use 2-Deep Leadership and the Buddy System.

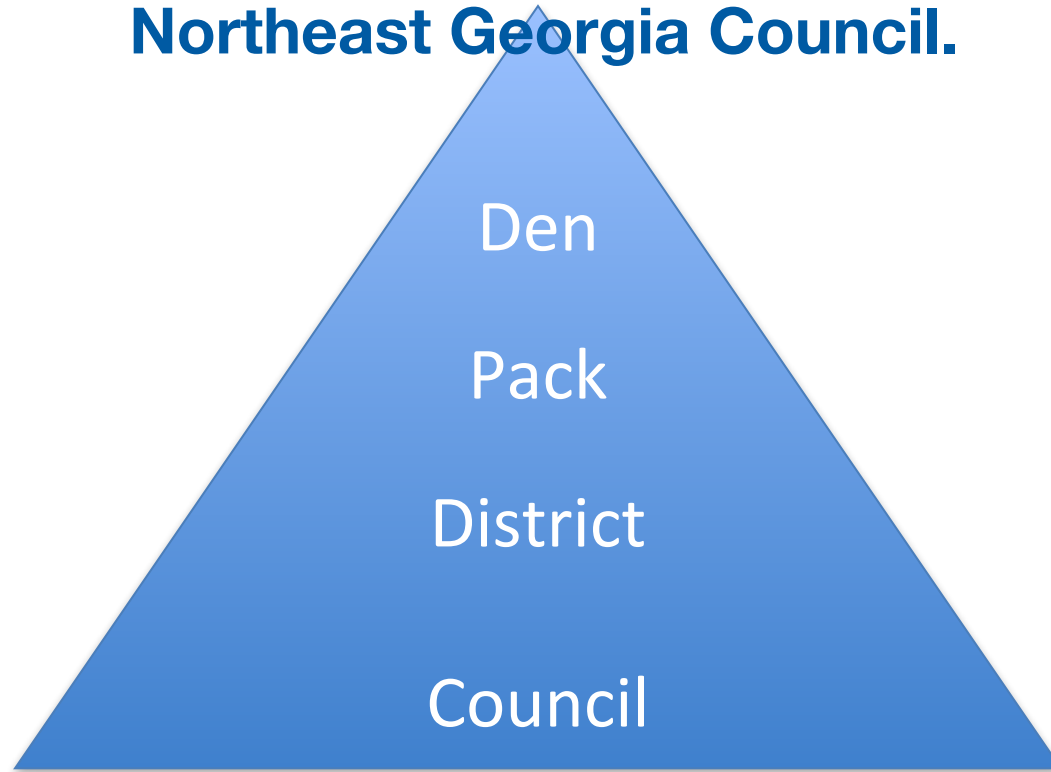
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- We are part of the Apalachee District in the Northeast Georgia Council.



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Meetings

- **Pack meetings: first Monday of the month, with the exception of school holidays, 7-8 pm at North Gwinnett church.**
- **At Pack meetings, we collect for North Gwinnett co-op and Egleston Parent Pantry.**
- **Den meetings: typically 2-3 per month. Also, usually on Monday, but is up to the Den Leader.**
- **We do ask that there be no eating or drinking during meetings. This is to help keep the meeting areas clean.**

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Participation Requirements

- Each rank level has 7 requirements for promotion to the next rank.
- These requirements are called “adventures”.
- Dens work on adventure requirements during meetings.
- If you miss a Den meeting, talk to your leader to see if you can make up the requirements at home.
- Each rank also has “elective adventures”.
- Feel free to work on these at home.
- Please talk to your leaders if you feel your child is not meeting requirements. We will be happy to help!

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Cost

- The \$52.25 you paid for registration was a **NATIONAL** fee.
- There is a \$60 **ANNUAL** fee due to the **PACK** (less for additional Scouts) this may change slightly from year to year
- **Uniform:** around \$100 (for full, waist up is required)
Blue uniform is for grades 1-3. **Khakis** begin in 4th grade and can be worn into Scouts BSA.
- **Optional:** Scout's Life \$20.20 per year
- **Optional:** Pack T-shirt \$12
- **Optional:** Rank book \$15

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Fun!

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Popcorn Sales

- **Our Pack participates in Scout popcorn sales annually. You will get information at the first Pack meeting.**
- **This year we will be offering the “show and sell” option.**
- **Every year our Pack directly receives 30-38% of sales. This is used to offset operational costs.**
- **Another % stays in District and Council and is used to maintain camps and fund activities.**
- **Scouts who sell \$375 in popcorn will receive a half priced big trip. Sales of \$575 will earn a free big trip and \$1650 in sales earns 2 free trips.**
- **The top 5 sellers will present the colors on the ice at a Gwinnett Gladiators game.**

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Camping, hiking, fishing

- The Pack plans 3-4 camping trips each year. Usually 2 in the Fall and 1-2 in Spring.
- A suggested packing list will be sent before each trip.
- First trip: local, one-nighter.
- Others are usually 2-nighters.
- All trips: Pack provides one dinner and one breakfast for \$5 per person.
- REI and National Parks have rental gear.
- Talk to experienced campers before you buy.
- Most of our campsites have access to hiking and fishing.

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Big Trip

- Annual Pack/Family Trip
- Typically on a 3-day weekend in the Spring.
- We try to keep the cost at around \$125 per person.
- Families provide their own transportation. Lodging, activities, and meals are included.
- Past trips have included: U.S.S. Yorktown, Tybee Island and Rock Eagle 4-H camp, Space Camp, Snow Tubing, Warner Robbins AFB
- This year's trip is March 22-24 to the 4-H Camp Jekyll.

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Pinewood Derby

- Scouts are given a wooden block that they turn into a car.
- Pack hosts a workshop to help families have “tool time”.
- There will be an additional workshop for Tigers.
- Check in on Friday, the night before.
- Race on Saturday.
- There are categories for each Den as well as a family/sibling race.
- Concessions are available.
- This year’s race will be Saturday, March 2.

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Banquets

- **Blue and Gold: Celebrates the birthday of Scouting. Pack provides meat and families provide side dishes.**
- **Arrow of Light Crossover: Ceremony where the Order of the Arrow Honor Society does a presentation on Scouting and the 5th graders cross over to Scouts BSA.**
- **Cross-Over Picnic: Annual Pack promotion ceremony in Spring. Held at a local park. Pack provides meat and families provide side dishes.**

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Community

- **Suwanee Day Parade (winner: Most Creative 2015 and 2016, 2nd place Best Reflection of Theme 2017)**
- **Greenway hikes and clean-up**
- **Frisbee golf**
- **Service projects (North Gwinnett Co-Op, Egleston, Morning View, North Gwinnett Church, Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center)**

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Sports events

- Atlanta Braves, Falcons, Gwinnett Stripers, and Gladiators have special Scout games.
- Scouts often receive free or discounted tickets and often get to go on the field before or after the game.

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District Sponsored Events

- **Adventure-Rama:** day long event where Scouts can work on requirements to earn belt loops
- **Tiger Fun Day:** event with activities for the Tigers. In the past, some activities have involved archery and BB gun shooting, raingutter regatta, and crafts.
- **Other family camping weekends**
- **Summer activities (week long, day and evening camps, STEM activities, and more)**

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Other Pack activities:

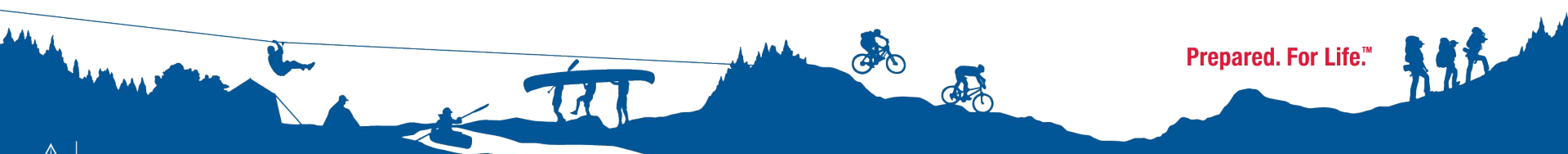
- **Rock wall climbing**
- **Movie Nights**
- **Tree Top Quest ropes course**
- **Campfire nights**
- **Cook-outs**
- **Summer day camp**

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AWARDS!



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Awards:

- **Belt loops:** belt loops are exactly what they sound like! They are awards that slide on the Scout's belt. Belt loops are given for meeting certain requirements based on academic, sporting, and character building activities.
- **Arrow of Light (Webelos):** highest Rank in Cub Scouting and means the Scout has met the requirements for promotion to Scouts BSA.
- **Patches:** given for a variety of reasons. These patches **CANNOT** go on the uniform. They can go on “brag vest” or blanket, etc.
- **Religious emblems.** Please ask if you are interested. This is a very prestigious accomplishment. Or you can Google “cub scouts + your specific faith” to bring up the requirements.

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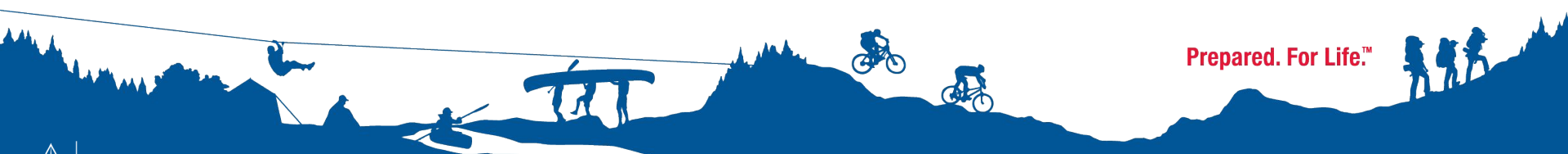
- **National Summertime Activity Award (for participating in a certain number of Pack events over the summer)**
- **Outdoor Activity Award**
- **Leave No Trace Award**
- **World Conservation Award**
- **BSA Emergency Preparedness Award**
- **NOVA/SuperNOVA STEM Awards**

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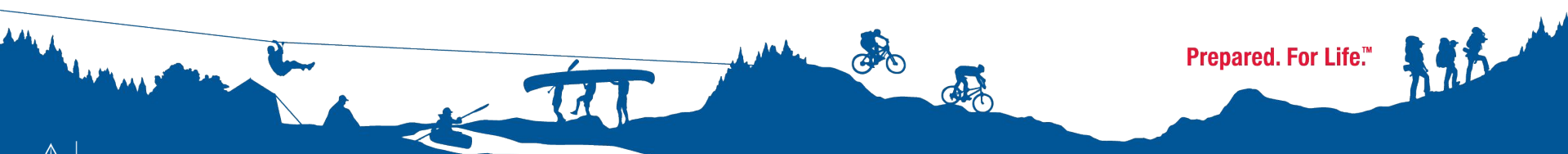
- **Zoo Atlanta has a Scout day.**
- **The Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga has discounts the months of September and February.**
- **Medieval Times has Scout discount days and the Scouts get to meet the actors before or after a show.**
- **Stone Mountain offers Scout days as well as discounts on regular admission with code.**
- **Coleman outlet offers discounts on regular priced items.**

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Parent Involvement



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How can I be involved?

- Lions and Tigers require one-to-one leadership.
- Youth Protection Training is **REQUIRED** for all adult leaders and is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** for all parents. This is a short video course followed by a test. It can be found at:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>
- Women can be involved just as much as men. Some of our leaders are women. We have even had a female Cubmaster. Our Pack encourages full family participation at most events. Girl Dens need at least one female Den Leader.
- Attend meetings and events with your Scout.
- We do lots of things besides camping! And we welcome suggestions for activities from parents.

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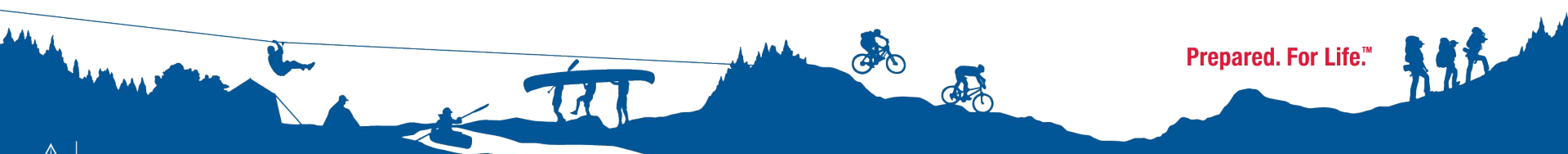
- **Be involved with PAL (Parent and Adult Leadership). This is where all Dens give a quick status report and future Pack activities are discussed and planned. We could make plans to have a “call-in” option if that would be helpful.**
- **On camping trips, we need volunteers to help with cooking and clean-up of Pack equipment as well as loading and unloading supplies.**
- **Volunteer to help with events. Remember we are all volunteers!**
- **Share your skills and hobbies with the Den or Pack. Many times things that parents do as hobbies can help the Scouts with requirements. We have had parents share: astronomy, computer, H.A.M. radio, and model rockets. You can speak at your Scout’s Den or Pack meeting.**
- **Check Scoutbook and the handbook regularly to see how you can incorporate some requirements into family time.**

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Resources



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Resources

- Your Den and Pack leaders
- www.scoutbook.com (you should be sent an invitation to setup your account). This is the main method of communication for the Pack. You will receive and have the ability to send emails from this site. This is also where you enter your Scout's advancements.
- www.pack518.org (our Pack website)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1517570288553828/> Pack Facebook page. You **MUST** be a registered member of the Pack to have access to this closed group.
- Text "@Pack 518" to 81010

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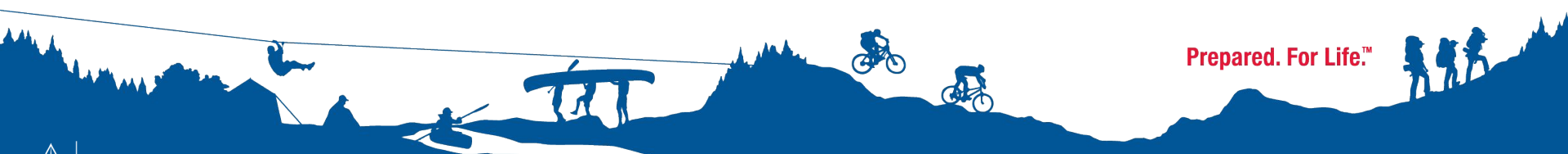
- www.beascout.org (general information for Scouts)
- <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> (Cub Scout leader Youth Protection Training” > online course) There are other great resources on this page as well.
- www.scouting.org
- www.nega-bsa.org (the website for our Council. We are Northeast Georgia Council, Apalachee District, Pack 518. You can find information about Council and District events here.)
- www.apalachee-bsa.org (District website)
- <https://cubscouts.org/library/welcome-to-tiger-cub-scouting/> (great information about the adventure trail and requirements. There are links to other ranks here as well.)

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**Thank you and
welcome to our
Pack 518 family!**



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