



CATHOLIC CUB SCOUTS

PACK 226

A ministry of St. Michael Catholic Church • Bedford, Texas

WELCOME PACKET

2026 – 2027 Program Year

Faith • Service • Adventure

For boys in Pre-K through 5th grade • www.pack226.org

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Checklist for New Scouting Families

Welcome to Pack 226! Here is everything to do in your first couple of weeks — most of it takes just a few minutes online.

- ☐ Apply to Pack 226 online at pack226.org/go/join (registers your Scout with Scouting America; a national registration fee is paid during signup)
- ☐ Fill out our two online family forms at pack226.org → Forms & Resources: the Parent Planning Survey and the Family Faith & Altar Server Interest Form
- ☐ Turn in a completed Health & Medical Record (Parts A & B) for your Scout and participating adults — form at pack226.org → Forms & Resources
- ☐ Pay pack dues (\$50 — or waived through fundraising; see the Dues page) at pack226.org/go/pay
- ☐ Mark the pack and den meetings on your family calendar — full calendar at pack226.org/calendar
- ☐ Purchase the official Cub Scout uniform and your Scout's rank handbook (see the Uniform & Handbook page — Chipmunks skip this!)
- ☐ Meet your Den Leader and come to your first den meeting (3rd Thursday, 6:30–7:30 pm, Formation Building)
- ☐ Come to your first Pack Meeting (2nd Thursday, 6:30–7:30 pm, Great Hall)
- ☐ Create your Scoutbook account at advancements.scouting.org to follow your Scout's progress
- ☐ Tell us how you'd like to pitch in — every family helps somewhere, and no experience is needed

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Cub Scouting 101

A family adventure

Cub Scouting is built around families, not just boys. Parents and guardians are part of everything — you'll camp together, build together, serve together, and watch your son grow in confidence, character, and faith. Along the way he'll earn adventures, make real friends, and make memories that stick for life.

Cub Scouts is not a drop-off program. A parent or guardian attends all pack and den activities with their Scout — meetings, campouts, outings, and events. Siblings and the whole family are welcome at pack activities.

Your Scout belongs to a Pack — and a Den

The Pack is all of us: every Scout from Chipmunk through Arrow of Light, together with families and leaders. The whole pack gathers monthly for the Pack Meeting — games, skits, award ceremonies, and the occasional rocket — led by our Cubmaster.

The Den is your Scout's small group of boys in the same grade, led by a volunteer Den Leader (a pack parent!). Den meetings are where most advancement happens: hands-on adventures, outdoor skills, crafts, games, and service.

When and where we meet

Meeting	When	Where
Pack Meeting (everyone)	2nd Thursday • 6:30–7:30 pm	Great Hall, St. Michael Catholic Church
Den Meetings (by grade)	3rd Thursday • 6:30–7:30 pm	Formation Building, St. Michael Catholic Church

St. Michael Catholic Church • 3713 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021. Dates occasionally shift — the calendar at pack226.org/calendar is always current.

Who can join

Pack 226 is an all-boy pack for Pre-K through 5th grade. You do not have to be Catholic or a St. Michael parishioner — every boy is welcome to join the adventure. And new families can join at any time of year, not just in the fall.

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Our Pack & Our Parish

Pack 226 is a ministry of St. Michael Catholic Church in the Diocese of Fort Worth, chartered through Scouting America's Longhorn Council (Pathfinder District). Our pack number honors Proverbs 22:6. We form boys through the outdoors, service, and the life of the Church — with monthly faith moments, Scout Sunday, service to the parish, religious emblems, and encouragement toward altar serving for boys who are ready.

Pack leadership

Role	Name	Contact
Cubmaster	Nathan Fritch	cubmaster@pack226.org
Committee Chair	David Ruegg	chair@pack226.org
Charter Org. Representative	Ana Ayala	formation@smcchurch.org
Den Leaders	Now forming — ask us!	(volunteer parents like you)

All pack leaders undergo Youth Protection Training, background checks, and the Diocese of Fort Worth's Scout Leader Catechist Training.

The Pack Committee makes it happen

Behind every event is a team of parent volunteers — the Pack Committee — who plan activities, manage finances, and keep the program strong. The committee meets monthly, and every interested parent is welcome. As a brand-new pack, we have open seats for founders: popcorn kernel, awards chair, outdoor/camping lead, derby lead, and more. No Scouting experience required — training and support are provided.

Every family helps

Cub Scouting is entirely volunteer-led. If every family contributes a little, no one has to do a lot — an hour at a table, a campout carpool, a den snack. Tell any leader how you'd like to help, and we'll find a role that fits your talents and schedule.

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Dues, Costs & Fundraising

Pack dues: \$50 — or free through fundraising

Pack 226 dues are **\$50 per Scout for the program year** — and they are **completely waived for Scouts who participate in our popcorn fundraiser**. Selling popcorn funds your Scout's own adventures, teaches real salesmanship, and covers his dues at the same time.

Dues cover adventure awards and patches, rank neckerchiefs, Pinewood Derby cars, program supplies, and most non-camping pack events. They are separate from Scouting America's national registration fee (paid during online signup) and from camping or special-event fees, which are collected per event.

Cost should never keep a boy from Scouting. If dues or an event fee is a hardship, speak quietly with the Committee Chair — we will work something out.

Paying the pack

Dues, camping fees, and donations are all paid securely online through St. Michael's giving system: pack226.org/go/pay (or scan the QR on our website's Donate page).

Popcorn: our fundraiser

We sell popcorn through Trail's End each fall — online sales plus storefront tables after Sunday Masses. Sign your Scout up in three steps:

- Download the Trail's End app (App Store or Google Play)
- Log in or register your Scout
- **Enter our unit code: INIQ5**

Families use the app to record sales and claim table shifts. Full details: pack226.org → Forms & Resources → Popcorn.

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Getting Started: Registration

Joining Pack 226 takes four steps — all of them from your couch.

1. Apply online with Scouting America

Go to pack226.org/go/join — it takes you straight to Pack 226's official application on BeAScout (no searching required). You'll create a my.scouting.org parent account during the process and pay the national registration fee. A pack leader can walk you through it at any meeting.

2. Fill out our two online forms

At pack226.org under Forms & Resources: the Parent Planning Survey (your answers literally shape our calendar) and the Family Faith & Altar Server Interest Form (helps us walk with your family in faith). Both take about two minutes and go only to pack leadership.

3. Turn in your Health & Medical Record

Every Scout and participating adult needs the Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Record, Parts A & B — no doctor visit required. Download it from Forms & Resources, fill it out, and hand it to any leader. It's required before campouts.

4. Pay dues — or fundraise them away

Pay the \$50 pack dues at pack226.org/go/pay, or sign up for popcorn and sell your way to free dues. That's it — welcome to the pack!

Then: Scoutbook

Pack 226 tracks advancement in Scoutbook. Create your parent account at advancements.scouting.org, connect to your Scout, and watch the adventures add up.

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Uniform & Handbook

Chipmunks first: our Pre-K Chipmunks don't need a uniform or handbook — just bring your boy and his grown-up, ready to play. Everything below applies to Lions through Arrow of Light.

The Field Uniform (“Class A”)

Scouts wear the official uniform to pack meetings, den meetings, flag ceremonies, and Scout Sunday. Approximate prices at the Scout Shop:

Item	Approx. price	Notes
Uniform shirt (blue; AOL wears khaki)	\$33	Lions may wear the Lion tee
Pants or shorts	\$20–\$33	Navy blue
Belt	\$15	Holds adventure loops!
Hat (rank-specific)	\$23	Optional for year one
Neckerchief & slide (rank-specific)	\$8	Ask before buying — packs often gift these

Start simple: shirt, belt, and pants cover it. The Longhorn Scout Shop staff will pick correct patches and can even sew them on for a small fee.

Where to buy

Longhorn Scout Shop — 850 Cannon Dr., Hurst, TX 76054 • 817-427-1555 (Mon–Fri 9–5:30, Sat 9–3, closed Sun), or online at scoutshop.org.

The Handbook

Each rank has its own handbook (about \$13–\$24) with every adventure for the year. Grab your Scout's grade's book with the uniform — and read the “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse” pamphlet in the front with your Scout, then sign the last page for your Den Leader.

A pack or Scouting t-shirt (“Class B”) works for messy outdoor days and campouts — details to come as the pack grows.

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Ranks, Advancement & Awards

Cub Scouts advance by doing — every rank is a year of hands-on “adventures” earned with the den and at home. Scouts work on the rank matching their grade; nothing has to be made up from earlier years.

Grade	Rank	Den group
Pre-K (ages 4–5)	Chipmunk	Play-based pilot — stickers, not badges
Kindergarten	Lion	Parent partner attends every meeting
1st grade	Tiger	Adult partner attends every meeting
2nd grade	Wolf	
3rd grade	Bear	
4th grade	Webelos	
5th grade	Arrow of Light	Bridges to Scouts BSA in spring

How it works

Every Scout starts with the Bobcat Adventure (the Scout Oath and Law), then earns six required adventures plus at least two electives to claim his rank badge. Most requirements happen at den meetings and pack events — and anything missed can be finished at home with you. Awards are presented at pack meetings, because applause matters.

Faith and religious emblems

As a Catholic pack we also encourage the age-appropriate religious emblems — Light of Christ (ages 6–7) and Parvuli Dei (ages 8–10) — earned with your family and recognized at Mass. Details on the Catholic Scouting page at pack226.org.

Crossing over

Arrow of Light is Cub Scouting’s summit. In spring, AOL Scouts bridge to a Scouts BSA troop in a ceremony at our Blue & Gold Banquet — on to Eagle!

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The Year at a Glance

The rhythm: Pack Meeting every 2nd Thursday, Den Meetings every 3rd Thursday, and one signature event most months. Highlights this year:

- Fall Camping Trip — October 24-25
- Popcorn fundraiser & recruitment Sunday — October 11
- Eulless Parade of Lights — December 5
- Pinewood Derby — March 7 (Derby Garage build days in Jan & Feb)
- Blue & Gold Banquet — February 7
- Scout Sunday at St. Michael — March 21
- Spring Camping Trip — April 17
- District fun all year: Cub Quest, Haunted Adventure, Cub-O, day camp & more

The always-current calendar — with locations, times, and registration links — lives at pack226.org/calendar. Past events hide themselves automatically, so what you see is always what's next.

Quick Links

What	Where
Pack website	www.pack226.org
Apply / join	pack226.org/go/join
Pay dues & fees	pack226.org/go/pay
Shared pack documents	pack226.org/go/docs
Support the pack (wish list)	pack226.org/go/support
This Welcome Packet	pack226.org/go/welcome
Scoutbook	advancements.scouting.org
Longhorn Council	longhorncouncil.org

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