Amber,

Hooray!  We are so excited that your daughter Sofia is joining Cub Scout Pack 445 as a Wolf!

Pack 445 is a family-friendly Pack and we encourage the entire family to participate in events. It is also a Pack committed to safe Scouting. Please complete parts A and B of the health form and the disability/allergy form for each of your Scouts and all family members who will attend Scouting events. One information sheet per scout will also be needed (all forms are attached).

A Cub Scout Pack is comprised of Dens:

* Lions (Kindergarten)
* Tigers (1st grade)
* Wolves (2nd grade)
* Bears (3rd grade)
* Webelos (4th grade)
* Arrow of Light (5th grade)

Lions and Tigers must have an adult partner at all Scouting events. When Scouts reach the 6th grade, they will transition into the Scouts BSA program.

There are three main types of activities in Scouting: Den meetings, Pack meetings, and other outings.

**A. Den Meetings**: **Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic we are being flexible with the Den meetings with a combination of virtual and in-person Den meetings.** **Dens meet twice a month (generally) historically during the school year. Den leaders are highly engaged and will attempt to hold effective virtual learning experiences with the Cub Scouts. All attempts will be made to conduct in-person Den meetings in groups of less than ten; to include family members. These in-person meetings are pending due to the conditions of community and CDC/BSA guidelines and polices. Please see below on the following changes which are implemented this year (20/21) to keep our loved ones safe and healthy:**

**1. All family members and cub scouts in Pack 445 are required to wear a face mask and maintain strict adherence to social distancing of at least 6 feet apart when face-to-face den meetings are occurring.**

**2. Den leaders have the right to choose virtual den meetings at any time if community conditions worsen or if there is a consensus with all members within the den for a virtual learning environment.**

**3. Den leaders who choose to execute face-to-face den meetings have the right to end the den meeting if mitigation efforts are ignored.**

**4. No more than 10 total personnel per gathering in a face-to-face den meeting to include the family member’s attending.**

**5. Pack 445 meetings on the third Thursday of the month are virtual until further notice.**

**6. Provide predictability more than 30 days out even with uncertainties towards community events.**

**7. Additional mitigation steps may be implemented if warranted by the Pack leadership.**

- *Once permitted to resume Den meetings at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church (SVUMC) in the Fellowship Hall, they will work on achievements and activities to earn patches, rank, and awards. A calendar of all events can be found on our Pack Facebook Page (CUB SCOUT PACK 445). Dens are same-age Scouts, usually in groups of 6-8. During the 2019-20 school year all Dens will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at the following times:*

* 2-3:30 pm - Lions, Wolves, and WEBELOS
* 3:30-5 pm - Tigers, Bears, and AOL

**B. Pack Meetings:**Our Pack meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm virtually at the following Google Meet link:

meet.google.com/xqg-oxth-cst.

*-When permitted to resume in-person Pack 445 meetings we will gather at the Fellowship Hall* ***(3225 St Andrews Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650)*** *located at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church (SVUMC). We will begin with pizza sales, $1/slice. This is a voluntary fundraising event and brings the Scouts together before the Pack meeting to socialize over pizza and lemonade or water. You are welcome to bring something else if your Scout does not like pizza. At 6:30 pm, we begin the meeting and try to keep it to one hour.  After opening ceremonies, the Cub Master and Den Leader’s will pass out Cub Scout achievement awards. Skits and presentations will be done after the awards. Each month there will be a theme for the Scouts to learn about and practice.*

**C.** **Activities and Outings:** Throughout the year, Scouts take part in a range of adventures from hikes to field trips to family camping weekends and day camps with structured programs.

**D. Uniform:** **(NOT REQUIRED THIS YEAR 20/21)**

*- However,**if you should choose to purchase a uniform it does unify Scouts. It also benefits the Cub Scout emotional sense of pride through displaying their achievements obtained within their Den’s.  If families should purchase, then the following uniform items are recommended:*

*       Blue shirt for Tigers through Bears. Webelos and Arrow of Light use the tan shirt. Buy it big, particularly if you are buying it for a Tiger to grow into. (Lions have a special t-shirt they wear.)*

*       Patches: The Catalina Council patch and red Pack numbers 445 are sewn on the left sleeve. The World Scout Crest (purple crest) goes above the left pocket.*

*       A Cub Scout Handbook for your Scout’s rank should be purchased. This handbook also provides guidance on placement of the patches.*

*      Uniform pants: Scouts wear navy pants/shorts (Tigers through Bears) or olive drab (Webelos and AOL). Lions can wear jeans or navy pants.*

*       A Scouting belt is highly recommended to be purchased as awards toward rank are designed to fit on the belt.*

*       Rank hats are recommended, but not required.*

*****The Pack provides the neckerchief and slide so please do not buy one from the Scout Store.***

*       The Pack sells T-shirts for informal occasions (Pack activities, Den meeting, etc.…); cost is around $14.*

*The staff members of the Council Scout shops are very helpful and can tell you what you need and where to put the patches and numbers. The website* *http://bsauniforms.org/#/home* *also provides guidance.*

*There is a Council Scout shop in Tucson at 2250 E Broadway.  Materials can also be ordered from**Scoutstuff.org**, though their shipping rates are often higher.  We recommend you call the Council Scout Shop to order any items; they will ship it out within a day directly to your home.  Their number is (520) 750-9877. To save on shipping, you can also ask them to mark it for pickup by Juanita Portz. (She usually makes weekly trips to Tucson).*

**E. Dues**: **(Suspended till January 2021). No Dues are required until January 2021. The Pack is internally funding the achievement awards obtain in Den meetings for the Cub Scouts. Please note due to funding constraints on the Pack’s financial resources, no achievement awards will be purchased for extracurricular activities obtained outside of regular scheduled Den meetings.**

*- However and once restated, the Pack Treasurer will begin to collect a monthly fee of $10 for dues at each Pack meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If Pack meetings are still restricted for in-person meetings these dues will be collected at the Den meetings over the course of the month. These dues cover the cost of programs, patches, badges, and achievement segments. You can either pay dues in advance, or month to month.*

**F. Signing Up or Transferring:** You can complete an application at any Den or Pack meeting.  Please bring the attached form to your first Pack meeting.

- **Please Note: If finances are a barrier to joining Scouting or purchasing a uniform or handbook, please contact the Cub Master. Scholarships are available through the District office and the Pack.**

**G. Family Participation:** The Pack runs on volunteer support.  Every position is filled by a volunteer who is dedicated to helping your Scout reach their maximum potential.  Leaders want all of our Scouts to have a fun-filled learning environment. Parents, guardians, grandparents, or others who want to stay and help are welcome to do so.  If you are interested in helping, please contact one of the adult leaders.  If you choose to stay, we ask that you complete "Youth Protection Training" at my.Scouting.org and print out or email me the certificate.

**H. Pack Facebook Group:** Go to CUB SCOUT PACK 445 and request to join.  Information regarding upcoming events and other administrative information is posted on this site. This is a closed group, and only members may see this information.

**I. Attached forms:** Please complete and bring these forms with you to the next event.  Any adult/sibling accompanying a Scout to an event must also have a completed A/B health history form and a completed disability/allergy form.  The registration form will be available for completion at that time.

There will be additional forms to complete once your registration form is submitted.

**UPCOMING PACK EVENT:**

Aug 8th – Bottle Rockets @ Veteran’s Park 8-11am

**UPCOMING PACK MEETING:**

Aug 20th @ 6pm (Virtual)

**UPCOMING DEN MEETING:**

Aug 2nd – Times and place to be decided by each den/may be virtual

Aug 16th - Times and place to be decided by each den/may be virtual

**UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENT:**

Please feel free to contact:

Cub Master Matt Capps at 445cubmaster@gmail.com or 248-825-2251 – or -

New Member Coordinator Juanita Portz at kk7wa1@gmail.com or 520-227-7085 with any questions.

Yours in Scouting,

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