

# PACK & TROOP 360 POLICY MANUAL

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## ORGANIZATION & CHARTER

Pack and Troop 360 are units of the Boy Scouts of America, West Los Angeles County Council, Crescent Bay District. All pack and troop policies and practices shall be in accordance with national program directives as implemented at the Council and District level.

Our sponsor is Beth Jacob Congregation, Beverly Hills, California. Our Rabbinic advisor is Rabbi Steven Weil and all events are run in accordance with orthodox Jewish law.

The leaders of Pack and Troop 360 are volunteers who are motivated to provide Scouting opportunities to Jewish youth. Your respect and support are needed.

**Cub Scouts:** Pack 360 is for boys aged 6 - 10 who are enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The Pack is made up of a Tiger Den (1<sup>st</sup> graders), Wolf Den (2<sup>nd</sup> graders), Bear Den (3<sup>rd</sup> graders) and Webelos Den (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders).

**Boy Scouts:** Troop 360 is for boys aged 11 - 17 who are enrolled in the 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

## PARTICIPATION

Unless otherwise announced, participation at all events is open to all registered members of Pack or Troop 360 as follows:

**Cub Scouts:** A parent or guardian is required at all events; Cub Scouts is not a 'drop-off' activity. Siblings aged 5 and over, parents and grandparents are invited. Scouting activities are not age appropriate for children under 5 years old (exception on page 4). Please do not bring them, even just to watch or stand with you on the side. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys may come to one event as a guest to try it out. The parent/guardian of the Scout is responsible for the guest.

**Boy Scouts:** Parents (except adult leaders), siblings and other family members are not to attend.

For many events, advanced reservations and/or payment is required. Your prompt cooperation will ensure efficient planning, adequate supplies and reduced waste.

## UNIFORMS

We are a uniformed organization. Wearing the appropriate uniform is an important part of Scouting and helps promote Scout spirit and a feeling of camaraderie.

Pack and Troop 360 Full Dress or "Class A" uniform consists of the official Scout shirt (with appropriate insignia), official Scout hat, official belt and buckle, and appropriate neckerchief and slide, either blue jeans, tan long or short pants, or official Scout pants or shorts, white socks, closed shoes, and the age appropriate Scouting Program Book plus:

**Cub Scouts:** Optional vest for event patches and pins.

**Boy Scouts:** Merit badge sash.

Unless otherwise announced, uniforms are required at all times during all events including travel to and from such events except during sleeping hours at overnight events. Scouts not in uniform may be suspended from participating or sent home from a given activity. Exception: New Scouts shall have a one-month grace period from the time of joining.

## KOSHER FOOD

Because Pack and Troop 360 keep strictly kosher, no outside food is allowed except: unflavored bottled water, medically necessary food and, for Boy Scouts, the foods of the 10 essentials.

## CONDUCT

All Scouts are to conduct themselves to the standards of the Cub Scout Promise, and Boy Scout Oath and Law. Parents, siblings and guests are to abide by this standard too.

Pranks, hazing, disrespect of property or the environment is forbidden.

Scouts, parents, siblings and guests are strongly encouraged to participate in organized religious services at Pack and Troop 360 events. Anyone not participating in services must be respectful of others who do by avoiding disruptive behavior.

During all organized activities (including prayer services) parents or guardians are responsible for the behavior of Cub Scouts and other children under the age of 11.

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Pack and Troop 360 follow an environmental policy including preventing and removing litter, minimizing or eliminating waste, and protecting and preserving nature, habitats and wildlife.

Please encourage your child(ren) to pick up any and all litter during the campout or activity, thereby setting the example. Do not wait to be asked to clean up at the end of the event.

With regard to wildlife, please teach your children to avoid scaring, chasing, capturing or injuring any living creatures including plants and trees. If your child finds something interesting, stop, look and be quiet. Watch from a distance.

In order to reduce trash, paper cups will not be provided at our events. Attendees are required to bring their own water containers such as a water bottle, lexan container or canteen.

### HIKES:

All participants (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, siblings, and adults) must bring required permission slips, and, of course, proper uniform in order to participate.

**Boy Scouts:** are also required to bring their ten essentials.

### OVERNIGHT EVENTS:

Quiet must be observed during 'lights out', typically from 10 PM to 7 AM, in order to ensure adequate rest for the next day's activities. During this time, all lights are to be turned off, everyone must be in their tent and no talking or other noise is permitted.

All participants must bring required permission slips, proper uniform, sleeping bag, tent, water container, personal equipment and toiletries in order to participate.

**Cub Scouts:** one sibling under the age of 5 is permitted to attend overnight events provided that two adults or guardians attend and one adult entertains the young sibling away from the organized program.

**Boy Scouts:** Boy Scouts are required to bring their ten essentials.

## PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

Parents are invited to become registered adult leaders and participate in organizing our events.

As a volunteer organization, Cub and Boy Scouts depend on ALL parents helping out-- even those who are not formal leaders. Parents are expected to find ways to pitch in at each event. At campouts, volunteer to cook, clean and carry. Become the Awards Master. Host a campfire program. Please do not leave all the work to the adult leaders who already pitch in an enormous amount of time planning, shopping and running our events.

**Cub Scouts:** Parents are also requested to host one den meeting a year. Check with your den leader for guidance.

### OTHER

Personal events (such as birthdays, etc.) may not be combined with Scouting events.

Pack and Troop 360 are non-profit organizations striving to bring the ideals of Scouting to Jewish youth. In order to be inclusive to as many as possible, events are priced at or just above cost. For example, overnight campouts typically including three or four meals, campground fees and programming costs \$25 per person or less. Financial aid is available for families in need.

In order to keep prices low, Pack and Troop 360 event fees are non-refundable. If an event is cancelled, a partial credit towards future events will be issued after expenses for the cancelled event are covered.

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Pack and Troop 360 are YOUR keys to a myriad of safe, fun, healthy, inspirational and educational Scouting adventures. We welcome your participation and look forward to years of growth and camaraderie.