

PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT



What is the Parent Orientation Night?

Parent Orientation Night is a designated night to welcome and provide information to new and returning families. The evening should have two main purposes:

- 1.) Excite youth with a fun & interactive activity so they are excited for the next meeting
- 2.) Provide an orientation and overview to parents about the Pack and Scouting



How Do I Run the Parent Orientation Night?

Time:

Define a specific meeting time (on the Orientation one-pager you passed out at sign-up night) and keep the meeting length to one hour or less

When:

Ideally within two weeks after the sign up night

Setup:

- Create two main areas, one for youth & one for adults, with volunteers in place for each.
- Welcome families as they arrive & explain that the kids are going to go do an activity while the parents learn a little more about the Pack.

Scouts:

Prepare supplies for a fun, hands-on activity! Make it interactive—try a 2-part project like “Build your rocket now, launch it next time.” Kick off with a demo launch to build excitement. Ask a local Troop if a few Scouts can help run it.

Parents:

Walk through the parent orientation guide with parents:

- Explain the Den, Pack, and Council structure
- Describe how the Pack operates and outline key parent expectations
- Share the benefits of Scouting, including learning, achievement, and personal growth
- Highlight fun and safe activities your unit participates in
- Review uniform and handbook requirements for your unit
- Mention any fundraising efforts that support Pack activities
- Wrap up with details about the next meeting and upcoming events

Resources Needed:

- Parent Volunteer Sign-up Sheets
- Supplies for Scout Activity
- Pens
- Handouts (uniform, pack organization info, etc.)
- Parent Orientation Guides (encourage parents to bring this back with them from sign-up night)

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