

# “BACK TO THE PACK”

## Guide for Cub Scout Leaders



## **What is a “Back to the Pack” Event?**

A “Back to the Pack” event is meant to be an event for your entire Cub Scout Pack...but not a regular Pack meeting. It is meant to be a fun activity that all the youth can participate in, parents to connect, and even an opportunity for your Pack to recruit additional youth.

## **When should it be held?**

“Back to the Pack” events are usually held in late August or September. It could serve as your first unit gathering for the school year.

## **Why should my unit hold one?**

There are several reasons that your unit should have a “Back to the Pack” event...

- Is a fun activity for the youth in your unit and serves as a “Kick-Off” to the Scouting year.
- Allows parents to meet each other and connect.
- Gives your unit an opportunity to solidify adult leadership roles for the upcoming year.
- Opportunity to recruit new leaders.
- Opportunity to recruit new youth from your local school, church, or charter organization.

## **“BACK to the Pack” Event Ideas: ALWAYS INCLUDE FOOD!!**

- Skating Party with Pizza
- Fishing Party with a Cookout
- Pizza Party
- Cookout with outdoor activities
- Belt Loop Party (teach a few sport belt loops and have a cookout)
- Have a Lock-in at your church with pizza (could even set up a “campsite” in the gym and practice pitching your tents)
- Bowling Party
- Cub Scout Carnival
- Movie Night
- Race Day (Pinewood Derby, Space Derby, Rain Gutter Regatta)

## **How Do I plan a “Back to the Pack” Event?**

- Hold a meeting with all your unit’s adult leaders
- Adult Leaders decide on the date of the event and the location
- Choose a theme for the event
- Create and distribute a flyer promoting the event
- Have adult leaders call parents and remind them to attend with their child.