



WHO ARE WE?

Pack 7 is a cub scout pack that serves all of East Lyme (Flanders & Niantic) and welcomes all boys and girls from Kindergarten through 5th grade. The pack is organized and run entirely by parent volunteers.

Pack 7 is part of the Connecticut Rivers Council district (ctscouting.org) and our charter organization is the Bay View Masonic Lodge (32 Society Rd.) which has similar moral and community serving interests as the cub scouts and provides us with meeting and storage space.

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and the Connecticut Rivers Council to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law.

SCOUT OATH: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

PACK LEADERSHIP

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Fishing Coordinator	Josh & Jess Shelberg	jshelberg23@gmail.com
Camping Coordinator	[Open Position]	eastlymepack7@gmail.com
COR/Executive Officer	Seth Beebe	sethbeebe17@gmail.com



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



(Arrow of Light)

5th Grade

Pack 7 will help cover costs for any families who are in a state of financial hardship.
We believe that all families should have an equal opportunity to participate.

FAMILY COSTS

Pack 7 only asks families to cover the registration fees associated with the district and national BSA organizations. We do not collect any dues to fund the pack itself. *All of our pack funding comes exclusively from fundraising efforts and donations.*

2024 Registration Fees

Scouts: \$154 per year

Scouts who qualify for Husky Insurance: \$24 per year

Scout Life Magazine (*optional*): \$15 for a year's subscription [10 magazines total]

Uniforms

Lion Uniform

- Lion T-Shirt: ≈\$15

Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Uniform

- Blue Uniform Shirt: ≈\$35 [one-time purchase]

Arrow of Light Uniform

- Tan Uniform Shirt: ≈\$35 [one-time purchase]

Additional Uniform Elements (All But Lions)

- Patches: ≈\$10 [one-time purchase]
 - Connecticut Rivers Council shoulder patch
 - Red 7 Unit Number Patch (our Pack Number)
 - Den Number Patch

- Neckerchief: \$0 [pack provides this]

- Neckerchief Slide: ≈\$8 [new one at each rank]

Materials:

- Handbook: \$0 [pack provides this]

Optional:

- Hat: ≈\$23 [new one at each rank]



NOTE: Ask your Den Leader for your Den Number



For Uniforms and Accessories visit Johnson True Value in Groton, or you can order items online direct at www.scoutshop.org and have them shipped to your home.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Visit eastlymepack7.org, click on the **Pack Shop** button on the top banner to reveal the following menu

Home Photos Scouting Basics ▾ Pack Leadership Dens ▾ Resources ▾ Event Calendar Facebook Group  Pack Shop  ▾

Pay Reduced
Dues
(2024-25)

New Member
Registration

 Shop

 my account

 go to cart

 DONATE

NEW SCOUTS

Brand New Cub Scouts Only (Not Husky Eligible)

- **Pack Shop → New Member Registration:** this will link you to my.scouting.org where you will be prompted to register your child as a new scout with Pack 0007 Brainard Lodge 102. During this process you will have to pay the yearly dues directly to the district/BSA. You can also choose to purchase the Scout Life Magazine Subscription for your Scout.

Brand New Cub Scouts Receiving HUSKY Benefits

- Reach out to us directly at EastLymePack7@gmail.com and send us a picture of your HUSKY benefits card, and we will work with you privately to handle registration with the District/BSA

TRANSFERRING SCOUTS

Transferring Cub Scouts From Another Pack

- **Pack Shop → New Member Registration:** this will link you to my.scouting.org where you will be prompted to register your child as a former scout using their BSA member ID.

RETURNING PACK 7 SCOUTS

Returning Scouts (Not Husky Eligible)

- You will receive an email to renew your membership about 30 days before it will expire. Follow the links to renew and pay. You can optionally choose to order the Scout Life Magazine subscription

Returning Scouts Receiving Husky Benefits

- Please let us know that you have received your renewal email and **email us a copy of your scout's Husky Card** [EastLymePack7@gmail.com] Please let us know if you would like Scout Life Magazine as well. Then...
- To pay dues go to our website, select **Pack Shop → Shop** from the banner and follow the links to add Reduced Rate Dues and optionally Scout Life Magazine if you would like it.
- When you are ready to checkout, select **Pack Shop → go to cart** and follow the checkout procedure.

NOTE: please add your scout's name in the comment section of the checkout so it's easier to track.

CONSIDER BECOMING AN ADULT LEADER

The entire pack is run by parent volunteers, and the more we have, the easier it is to keep things running smoothly!

All of our Adult Leaders go through brief but incredibly valuable Youth Protection Training to help ensure that we remain vigilant during meetings, outings, and other activities to help provide a safe environment for our children.

The BSA requires **Two Deep Leadership** – the presence of at least one registered adult and one other parent/adult present at all meetings and events – and the more registered and trained adult leaders we have, the easier it is to coordinate these activities and execute them safely.

Every new den will need to work together to nominate a Den Leader who will need to register and will work to help organize and coordinate the Den Meetings. Often times our dens will ask families to take turns helping with different adventures and meetings in one way or another (planning, materials, snacks, etc.) so it is really a group effort within the den to make it all work.

It is also a good idea for every den to have an Assistant Den Leader who can help step in when the Den Leader is not available, so that we abide by the Two Deep Leadership policy.

Please consider volunteering to become an adult leader, it can be a very rewarding experience!

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE INITIATIVES?

- **Public Service** – Community outreach events and volunteering, we love new ideas!
- **Hiking** – Hiking club, schedule regular outings, mileage tracking, badges and hiking stick earned at key milestones, mileage transfers to Boy Scouts
- **Fishing** – Fishing club, schedule outings and derbies, teach the basics, consider kayak or canoe fishing at local lakes, watersport safety
- **Camping** – Camping club, schedule overnight events, can be leveraged by many dens toward their adventure requirements!
- Do you have other great ideas? Email EastLymePack7@gmail.com to share your thoughts with us.



HOW TO SIGN UP AS AN ADULT LEADER

- Email EastLymePack7@gmail.com or reach out to your Den Leader or Cubmaster and we will help you out with the application process.
- The Adult Leader registration fee (\$77 per year) is typically covered by the pack from our fundraising efforts, but if you would like to help offset our fundraising costs, you can choose to optionally pay this fee.

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Our baseline 2024/2025 operating budget is **\$5200**, based on the expectation of a pack size of 30 scouts and 15 adult leaders. This budget includes the following:

- Per Scout: handbook, neckerchief, pinewood derby cars, badges, belt loops
- Fees: Adult Leader annual registration fees, annual rechartering fee
- Materials: leader guides, den materials budget, awards
- Core Events: pack meetings, pack outings (hikes, fishing derbies, campouts), celebrations

Our objective 2024/2025 operating budget is **\$9200**, which would include an end of the year outing to the **Adventure Park at Storrs**. To meet this objective, we would need to have very successful fundraising and good participation from every child.

FUNDRAISING

To cover our annual operating costs, we fundraise through a partnership with Trail's End to sell popcorn in the local community (this year we will get a 38% commission on all popcorn sales). This helps to teach the scouts the value of hard work, earning their own way, and give them an opportunity to work on their social skills. Scouts will participate in "Show 'n Sell" events where they sell popcorn at public events, and they will have the ability to sell popcorn to their friends, family, and neighbors conveniently using the Trail's End app/website. The online marketplace also makes it easy for the scouts to sell to friends and family that may not be local. Scouts also participate in "Wagon Sales" where they are given a fixed amount of popcorn to walk around their neighborhoods with to sell and this works tremendously well. Bethany Viens, our Popcorn Kernel, will be helping to steer our popcorn fundraiser!

Each scout should aim to sell **at least \$650** worth of popcorn in order for the pack to hit its budget goals. This includes individual orders, Show 'n Sell split sales, and Wagon Sales combined (plus equivalent sales from donations). On average our scouts easily reach and exceed this goal every year!

SELLING INCENTIVES

- Scouts will earn reward points for every dollar of popcorn sold, which can earn them an Amazon gift card at the end of the selling season



- Scouts will earn 1 pie for reaching \$250 in sales, and an additional pie for every \$250 beyond that. These pies can be delivered to the face of some unlucky Adult Leaders during a special Pack Meeting.



- Scouts who participate in Show and Sell events will be able to take part in a special event where water balloons can be thrown at Adult Leaders in a firing squad style at the end of the selling season!

GENERAL PACK MEETING AND EVENT INFORMATION

PACK MEETINGS

When we meet: 2nd Friday of each month, 5-7pm

Where we meet: Bayview Lodge (32 Society Rd)

Who should attend: All Dens and leaders



What we do: We recognize individual Den achievements, hand out awards, and typically will have one major activity or event planned for the evening. Pack Meetings are a great opportunity to tackle some Den Adventure Requirements which require larger group interaction, so Den Leaders should coordinate with the Cubmaster to try to overlap as much as possible.

DEN MEETINGS

When we meet: TBD by individual Den Leaders, typically 1-2 times a month or so, but this can fluctuate and can conform to the Den families' schedules and availability

Where we meet: TBD by individual Den Leaders. The Bayview Lodge is available as long as days and times are coordinated with the building manager, but other town facilities are available through coordination with the Parks & Rec Dept, family houses are an option, and so are local parks with gazebos (Peretz, McCook) which offer a nice outdoor environment.

Who should attend: members of the particular Den and their parents/Akelas, siblings are welcome

What we do: work on required and elective adventures, each of which will earn the scouts belt loop awards (or pin awards for the Webelos) and eventually will earn them their formal rank badge (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light).

NOTE: in some cases, to complete adventures, Den Leaders may schedule outings in place of regular meetings where the Den may go on a field trip, a hike, visit a local business or town facility, etc.

SPECIAL PACK EVENTS

Every year is a little different, but here are some examples of special events that we have done in previous years:

- Community Outreach: Care & Share, Gemma E. Moran Food Center, Safe Futures, Soup Kitchens
- Wheelabrator Lisbon Trash Incinerator
- Police and Fire Department
- *PINEWOOD DERBY!!!*
- Hikes
- Campouts
- Fishing Derbies
- Blue & Gold Ceremony (Badge Awards & Arrow of Light Crossing Over)



We are always looking for new ideas and motivated people to help coordinate fun events for the kids, so if you've got ideas let us know!