*Below is an example of a letter/email sent out to prospective parents that was created by a pack in PA Dutch that uses online applications exclusively. Feel free to adapt this letter to your unit.*

Greetings from Pack XXX,

Thank you so much for expressing interest in Pack XXX and in the Cub Scouting program. It has been so wonderful to get to meet some of you at our recent events. Now that we have entered September, I would like to let you know how you can sign up for Cub scouts and how to Join Pack XXX.

To register with BSA and Pack XXX please use this link:

[https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-524paa0XXX](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-524paa0125)

You will be asked for some basic information about your scout and contact information. Please provide an E-mail address that you check regularly. Your scout account moving forward will be tied to that E-mail address and you don’t want all the important information going to a Junk account.

You will be asked to pay by credit card. The fees are as such…

BSA charges $6.25/Month. Therefore, the BSA Fee is $25 for the remainder of 2022. There is also a new member joining fee of $25, and an Administration fee of $1.59. Finally, there is an optional $5 ($1.25/month) fee for the BSA magazine *Scout Life.* The magazine is written for Scouts and shows all the cool things Scouts do around the Country. My kids love the corny Jokes that they include in the back of each issue. Grand Total = $56.59 w/ *Scout Life*. Without = $51.59

Once you complete the transaction I will be notified and accept you into the Pack.

In Addition to the BSA Fees there is an annual Pack XXX Fee that you can Pay at one of our September Den or Pack meetings.

The Pack XXX Fee, what we provide, what you’ll need, and where to get it.

Lions (Kindergarteners) – The fee is $xx. Checks can be made payable to Pack XXX. We provide the Lion Book, a Pinewood Derby Car and all of the awards that your scout will earn. You will need to purchase a Lion T-shirt. You may also purchase the Lion Hat if you would like. You may purchase all of your scouting supplies online if you’d like at The Scout Shop(<https://www.scoutshop.org/lion-youth-uniform-t-shirt-634727.html>), or you may visit the PA Dutch Council Store in Lancaster. You can find more information and their address here: <http://padutchbsa.org/about-us/scout-shop/>

A final note about Lions. We want scouting to be fun, but we know that Scouting is not for everyone. We try to run our Lions program in a way that allows scouts and families to ease into scouting. Therefore, we do not require the cub scout uniform, or the neckerchief. As a result, we are able to keep your costs down for an activity that you may not be ready to fully commit to.

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Scouts in grades 1-5. The fee is $XX. Checks can be made payable to Pack XXX. We provide your scout book, neckerchief, a Pack XXX T-shirt (Cotton), a Pinewood Derby Car and all the awards that will be earned. You will need to purchase a Cub Scout Uniform. You may purchase all of your scouting supplies online if you’d like at The Scout Shop(<https://www.scoutshop.org/lion-youth-uniform-t-shirt-634727.html>), or you may visit the PA Dutch Council Store in Lancaster. You can find more information and their address here: <http://padutchbsa.org/about-us/scout-shop/>. If you visit the PA Dutch Council store, just tell them that you’re new to scouting, you’re with Pack XXX, and what grade your scout is in, and they can assist you with exactly what you need. Please remember you do NOT need to purchase a book or neckerchief. If purchasing a uniform is a barrier to scouting for your family, please reach out to me. We do have some donated uniforms that could be updated to work just fine for your scout.

As a reminder…

**Our Upcoming Meetings**

Opening Den Meeting – Monday September 13th 6:30pm – 8:00pm Lake Grubb Wildlife Preserve. The parking lot is on Hempfield Hill Road, about ½ Mile south of Marietta Avenue.

This event is something that we haven’t done before and is intended to serve as a great way to start our first den meetings of the year and another great way to give interested families a chance to see what scouting and Pack XXX is all about.

We have reserved one of the Pavilions at the park. We will begin with some opening remarks, and then we plan to split into our Dens to rotate through several stations that the Den leaders will have organized.

Opening Pack Meeting – Monday September 20th 6:30pm – 8:00pm Mountville Community Park

 (351 N Lemon St #201, Mountville, PA 17554)

We had such a great time hosting our closing Pack Meeting at Mountville Community Park, we thought we would start this year off the same way we ended last year.

We will have our normal opening flag ceremony, a song, maybe a skit, hand out awards, and conduct advancement ceremonies for scouts that we missed last spring. We also plan to have freeze pops available for kids, and as always, the playground will be available.

Yours in Scouting,

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Cub Master Pack XXX

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