

Cub Scout Pack 926

Cascade Pacific Council
Pacific Trail District



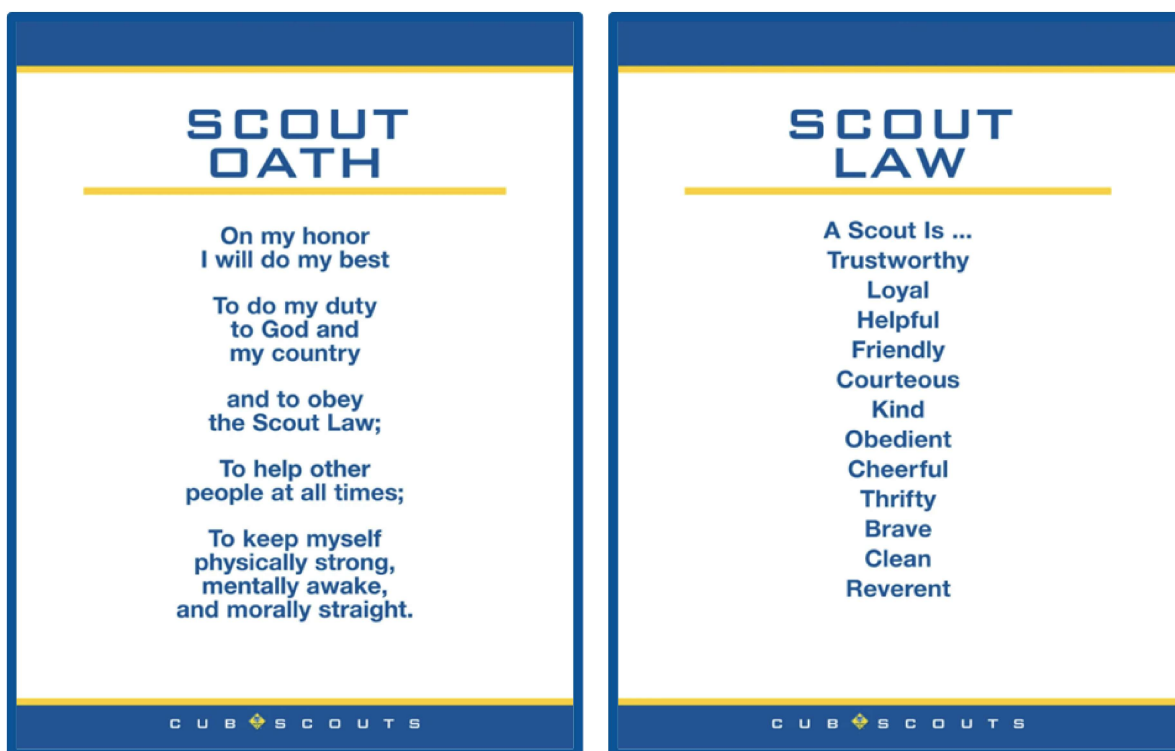
Family Information Guide
2026-2027

Purpose of the Family Information Packet

As a Pack 926 parent, you may have questions related to the people, programs, and structure of the Pack and Scouting in general. This guide is the starting point for answering many of these questions. The information contained is not all encompassing, but we have included links to various websites that contain more information.

Welcome!

Thank you for choosing to invest in your child by becoming members of Pack 926. The Pack Leaders are members just like you and we aim to provide a safe and fun program that teaches and reinforces the Scout Oath and Scout Law:



Contact Information:

The primary point of contact for your scout is their Den Leader. If you would like to take on a leadership role with the Pack or have questions of a sensitive nature, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Pack leaders directly:



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Pack 926 Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/SatoScoutPack926>



Youth Protection

Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, Scouting America developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.



Youth Protection Training

******Pack 926 requests that all parents take the 'Safeguarding Youth Training' (offered online at no charge) so that there is full awareness of all Scouting America policies and procedures related to Youth Protection.******

Detailed information and training link
can be found using the QR code or website:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth/>



Background Clearances

Scouting America realizes that background checks are an important component of a comprehensive Youth Protection program. That's why, before a volunteer can be confirmed, references are checked, a National criminal background check is conducted and the person is screened against a list of names of people who do not meet the high standards of Scouting.

Scouting America's Commitment to Safety

In Scouting, we will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants by utilizing:

- Mandatory youth protection training.
- Criminal background checks.
- Banning one-on-one adult and youth interactions.
- Mandatory reporting of suspected abuse to law enforcement.
- A volunteer screening database.

Guide to Safe Scouting (GTSS)

We are committed to injury and illness prevention by integrating safety measures in our handbooks, literature, and training materials including the **Guide to Safe Scouting**. We expect leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the program. SAFE Scouting measures include:

- Youth are **Supervised** by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.
- Activities are **Assessed** for risks.
- Pre-requisite **Fitness** and skill levels are confirmed before participation.
- Appropriate **Equipment** is utilized and Environmental conditions are monitored.

When incidents do occur, we expect a timely, clear, and complete incident report. We are committed to the prevention of future occurrences.

About Scouting

Mission Statement

The mission of Scouting America is 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.

Vision Statement

Scouting America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Core Objectives of Scouting

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| 1. Character Development | 6. Respectful Relationships |
| 2. Spiritual Growth | 7. Personal Achievement |
| 3. Good Citizenship | 8. Friendly Service |
| 4. Sportsmanship and Fitness | 9. Fun and Adventure |
| 5. Family Understanding | 10. Preparation for Boy Scouts |

Every Cub Scout outing aims to fulfill at least one of these objectives.



Who is Scouting For?

Scouting America provides scouting opportunities for all families with youth, age 5 through 17.

- **CUB SCOUTS:** All youth, ages 5 through 11, or in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- **Scouts BSA:** (*formerly Boy Scouts*) is for middle/high school youth, 11 to 17 years of age or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old.

Aims and Methods of Scouting

Scouting America is committed to creating a welcoming, safe environment where Scouts can freely express themselves, share their experiences, and become the best version of themselves by learning from and respecting each other.

To fulfill its mission statement and achieve the overall goals of building character, learning citizenship, personal fitness, and leadership, Cub Scouting utilizes seven methods:

1. Living the Ideals

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout motto, and Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in children and the leaders who guide them.

2. Belonging to a Den

The den—a group of six to eight kids who are about the same age—is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.

3. Using Advancement

Recognition is important to children. The advancement plan provides fun for the kids, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with kids on advancement projects.

4. Involving Family and Home

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that children have a good experience in the program.

5. Participating in Activities

Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

6. Serving Home and Neighborhood

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps kids strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support their growth and development.

7. Wearing the Uniform

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating membership in the group (everyone is dressed alike) and individual achievement (kids wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.



Pack Structure

Chartered Organization

This is the organization that partners with Scouting America to deliver a Scouting program. They adopt Scouting to serve the youth in the community. The Lions Club is Pack 926's Chartered Organization.

Pack Committee

Made up of parents, leaders, and other caring adults, the pack committee works to support Den Leaders and the Cubmaster.

The Pack

The pack is made up of several dens. The make-up and size of the pack varies based on local interest and resources. Each pack is identified by a number.

Dens

A den is a small group of Cub Scouts who are in the same grade. The ideal size is 6 to 8 Cub Scouts.

During the Lion and Tiger years (kindergarten and 1st grade), Scouting America **requires** that a parent or guardian is present for all Den, Pack gatherings, and events. For Wolf through Arrow of Light, parents are encouraged to be present.



Beyond the Cub Scout Pack

National Organization

Scouting America is the national organization that develops and supports various youth programs. It provides charters to communities to operate a council. The national organization provides service to local councils and develops Scouting programs and establishes rules and regulations.

Councils

To effectively support local Scouting programs, the national Scouting America provides a charter to a community board of volunteers to be responsible for providing the Scouting program to a defined geographical area. These geographical areas are called “Councils.” Councils have a volunteer board, which employs a Scout Executive to serve as the CEO and give leadership to the day-to-day operation. The Scout Executive hires staff to provide direct and indirect support to local Scouting programs. In each council there are many more volunteers than staff as the organization is volunteer lead and professionally guided.

Councils are different in size based on factors such as population, geography, and local markets. Most councils operate Scout Camps and local Scout Shops and have a regional office to provide administrative support and record keeping. To identify what Council a Scout or an adult belongs to, an identifying patch is worn at the top of the left sleeve shoulder of the uniform.

Pack 926 belongs to the Cascade Pacific Council (CPC) located at:

9700 SW Nimbus Ave
Beaverton, Oregon 97008
Phone: (503) 225-5777
Website: cpcscouting.org
Email: info@cpcscouting.org



Districts

To provide more localized support to Scouting, Councils create Districts. Districts are geographical areas of service. Districts have a volunteer District Committee that provides support to local programs in the areas of membership, finance, and program. Another group of volunteers called Commissioners provide direct service to Scouting programs.

Pack 926 belongs to the Pacific Trail District.

About Pack 926

Pack and Den Meetings

Pack 926 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month during the school year, except for times when school is not in session (such as during holiday periods). While we don't hold meetings during the summer months, we will still offer 1-2 activities per month during the summer.

Time: 6:15pm-7:30pm

Location: Bethany Presbyterian Church, 15505 NW Springville Rd., Portland, OR 97229

Pack/den meetings are when all the scouts and parents come together to have fun, learn new skills, and enjoy each other's fellowship. The individual dens also conduct break-out groups where the respective ranks learn skills in accordance with their skill levels and complete many requirements for your scout's rank advancement.

Pack Events

Pack events include camping, hiking, service projects, fishing, biking, fundraising, Pinewood Derby, Holiday Parades, and other events. Attending Pack events is highly encouraged and it is a great time for the Scouts to interact and learn about outdoors related activities. Scouts will earn a segment patch for participating in events outside of our regularly scheduled meetings.

Community Service

The Pack participates in various community service projects throughout the year, including Scouting for Food (annual food drive), Cooking for Veterans, planting flags at veterans' memorials, and other similar events. Please notify Pack leadership if you know of any community service opportunity you would like the Pack to participate in.

Community Events

The Pack participates in community events, such as Veteran's Day services, the 4th of July Parade, Back-to-School Nights, and other events whenever possible.

Attendance

Scouting is not just an afterschool activity; it becomes a way of life. Scouting is a commitment in which we highly encourage regular attendance. We completely understand vacations happen, kids get sick, or other life events happen, but regular attendance ensures your child's success. If you do miss a meeting, we can help you determine the most efficient way to make up the missed material. Den meetings are

important for the youth's social interaction, and Pack meetings are important for parents to receive important information.

Uniforms

Wearing a uniform provides a sense of belonging and commitment to both the youth and adult volunteer leaders. Uniforms allow the public and other scouts to easily identify the organization. While uniforms are not required, they are highly encouraged.

Please review our Pack 926 Uniform Guide for tips and information about uniforms.



Communication

Google Groups and WhatsApp

Pack 926 uses both email and the text app, WhatsApp, for Pack and Den communication. Important information from Adult Leaders in the Pack will be sent via email. Your Den Leader may have a separate WhatsApp chat, and they will provide you with a QR code or link to join once your Cub Scout is assigned to a den.

Cub Scout Pack 926
WhatsApp QR Code:



Parent's Role in Scouting

Cub Scouts is a family centric organization. Cub Scouts CANNOT be successful without parental involvement. Lion and Tiger scouts MUST have a parent present for all activities, and we encourage all parents to participate with their youth. While not all parents can be Den leaders, all parents can help the Pack in some way. The Pack needs every parent's help so we can provide the best program possible to the youth. Parents may assist the Pack in the following roles:

- Den Leader
- Treasurer
- Advancement Chair
- Committee Secretary
- Blue & Gold Coordinator
- Campout Grubmaster
- Assistant Den Leader
- Fundraising Chair
- New Member Coordinator
- Dad Joke Afficionado
- Pinewood Derby Coordinator
- And so much more!

Please keep in mind that alcohol is prohibited at all events, and smoking is only permitted away from the Scouts.

Fundraising

The Pack's primary means of fundraising is selling holiday wreaths and centerpieces in the Fall. This fundraiser allows scouts to pay for their scouting dues, summer camp, and activities. Scouts receive 20% of their net sales directly in their Scoutbook account.

The Pack will also earn 20% of the Pack's total net sales. The Pack uses this money for meeting materials, some event costs, Class B T-shirts, and other Pack expenses. To ensure we maintain a healthy budget for our Pack, we ask that each scout sell a minimum of \$600 of holiday items. Higher levels of fundraising can cover other costs, such as the scout's annual membership fees and summer camp costs.



Our Pack also participates in a smaller fundraiser in the Spring. This fundraiser, called “Snack Attack” is organized by our council. Scouts sell meat sticks and chocolate bars and receive 30% of gross sales. The Pack does not earn any portion of money from this fundraiser.



Participating in fundraisers helps to teach scouts important lessons about finances and working hard to earn a benefit.

Adult Leader On-boarding and Training

We welcome all adults to volunteer as a member of our Pack Leadership Team. To become a leader in our Pack, an online adult application with a full background check, and online training needs to be completed. The Pack will reimburse active volunteers for the full amount of their initial online application and subsequent annual renewals.

All scouts deserve well trained leaders. Basic position training can be completed via my.scouting.org. After creating an account, log in to view and complete many online training courses offered by Scouting America, including Safeguarding Youth Training.

For training courses specific to your leadership position, log in on my.scouting.org, click on the ‘My Training’ box, then click on ‘My Required Training’ in the left column.

Other Training Opportunities

There are many other training opportunities, such as Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Angler training, Rangemaster training, First Aid, University of Scouting, Wood Badge, and more. To see the Council training calendar, go to:

<https://cpcscouting.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

Or use the following QR Code:



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training

At least one BALOO trained leader must be present at every outdoor Pack camping activity. All adult volunteers are recommended to complete BALOO Training to ensure adequate coverage of BALOO Trained leaders at an outdoor Pack camping event.

BALOO Training is a two-day, one-night training session that will give your pack's outdoor activity leader(s) the tools to conduct a safe and successful overnight camping experience.

After completing BALOO Training, you will be able to:

- Apply the six steps of planning a pack campout.
- Understand the camping equipment needs of an individual and a group of Cub Scouts.
- Demonstrate the proper ingredients of a successful campfire program.
- Describe applicable safety standards for fire, water, and weather considerations.
- Explain how the outdoor program runs progressively through different age levels of Scouting.
- Demonstrate knowledge of foil cooking practices.
- Understand the focus of Cub Scout level outdoor cooking.
- Describe health, safety and sanitation procedures for outdoor activities.
- Organize and lead different types of nature hikes with confidence.
- Demonstrate and supervise the lighting and operation of different styles of camp stoves and lanterns.
- Describe the advantages of using stoves over campfire style cooking.
- Have fun on a campout.

Information on BALOO training dates and times can be found at:

<https://cpcscouting.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

Or use the following QR Code:



Pack Policy

Joining the Pack

A National Cub Scout Application form must be completed to be a member of our Pack. The online application can be found at <http://www.beascout.org> or scan the QR Code below. The registration fee is \$130. Youth who are eligible to join Cub Scouts are:

- 5 years old or in kindergarten – LIONS
- 6 years old or in the first grade – TIGERS
- 7 years old or in the second grade – WOLVES
- 8 years old or in the third grade – BEARS
- 9 years old or in the fourth grade – WEBELOS
- 10 years old or in the fifth grade – ARROW OF LIGHT (AOL)

Join Cub Scout Pack 926



Finances at Registration and Annual Renewal

Total registration fees for all scouts is \$220 (\$130 National + \$15 Scout Life Magazine-opt in/out + \$75 Pack 926 Dues) for the 2026-27 year. This will cover the national and council registration fee and the rank materials (neckerchief and rank advancement awards).

National and Scout Life fees are paid annually, online. You may choose to opt-out from the Scout Life magazine subscription. A parent will receive a renewal notice email a couple of months prior to membership expiration.

Pack Dues are charged annually through their scout's online Scoutbook Account, which must be monitored by parents and maintained with a positive balance. Cub Scouts who have not paid their dues or maintain a negative balance will not be able to receive the awards they have earned until the dues are paid.

Financial Hardship

In the event that your family is experiencing a financial hardship and you need financial assistance with pack dues, please speak to the Cubmaster or Treasurer. All inquiries will be held in the strictest of confidence and we will work with you and your Cub Scout to provide assistance.

Event Registration Fees

Some Pack and Council events require the Pack to pay registration fees prior to the event to reserve spots. Once you confirm attendance for an event, and the Pack has paid for registration as a group, your scout's Scoutbook Account will be charged for their portion of the registration fee.

Event Refund

Non-Refundable registration fees paid by families for Council events, such as Summer Camp, Webelos Woods, Haunted Trails, Cub Scout Super Weekend, etc. cannot be refunded by the Pack.

Discipline

Den leaders will not tolerate conduct of any child that is detrimental to our main function of providing a healthy, safe and fun Cub Scout program to all youth in our pack and dens. Den and Pack Leaders have the option of requesting that a parent take his or her child home for disruptive behavior. Remember, we are all volunteers here. Behavior problems that cannot be reconciled by parent and the pack leaders working together will result in a request for resignation from the Pack.

Parent Participation

When a youth joins Cub Scouting, parents in turn obligate themselves to help with the following:

- 1) Help and encourage their scout's progress in Cub Scout achievements and electives by working with the Den Leader when they complete requirements.
- 2) Assist den and pack leaders by volunteering to help with activities, serve on special committees, or take leadership positions within the pack. Each family is expected to assist the den in its responsibilities for pack meetings during the year.
- 3) Attend pack meetings and take part in ceremonies when appropriate. Scouting promotes family togetherness. Each family should be actively involved in their child's scouting program. This Pack belongs to all the scouts and their families, not just a few select volunteer leaders. Constructive suggestions are always welcome. Please ask if your help is needed, get involved, and help make this program successful, exciting and fun for ALL of our scouts!
- 4) Drop off and pick up your scout promptly for den meetings, when parents are not normally present in order to avoid inconveniencing the den leaders. For the Cub

Scout program (Kindergarten – 5th Grade) parents are encouraged to attend and participate. For Kindergarten (Lions) and 1st Grade (Tigers) an adult partner, who is often the parent, is required to be in attendance with the Cub Scout at all meetings and activities.

Committee Meetings

Pack Leadership holds twice a month online Committee Meetings, where we discuss and plan the details of upcoming Den/Pack meetings and other upcoming events. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns please feel free to attend the committee meetings and share them with us.

Annual Planning Meetings

Pack Leadership will hold 2-3 in-person meetings in June to plan meetings and events for the following school year. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and share what they would like to do in the next year.

Pack Organization

DEN: A group of Cub Scouts of the same grade level that meet on a regular basis. Pack 926 Dens meet between 1 to 2 days a month, depending on the den requirements.

PACK: A group of all the grade level dens together. The whole Pack will usually meet once a month.

CUBMASTER: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for the planning of the Pack meeting and the Master of Ceremonies at all Pack events.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for assisting in planning of the Pack meetings and assisting the Cubmaster at the Pack meetings and other pack events.

PACK COMMITTEE: The VOLUNTEER GROUP of adults assigned various duties to formulate and conduct a well-rounded, exciting scouting program.

PACK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for all aspects of the Pack operations and the person who is in charge of the Pack Committee.

EVENT CHAIRPERSON: Any VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for coordinating, planning and organizing a particular pack event.

PACK TREASURER: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for all aspects of the Pack finances.

PACK CHARTER ORGANIZATION: A religious, civic, fraternal, educational or other group that has applied for and received a charter to operate a Scouting unit.

PACK CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE: The VOLUNTEER ADULT responsible for maintaining a healthy relationship between the pack and its Charter organization.

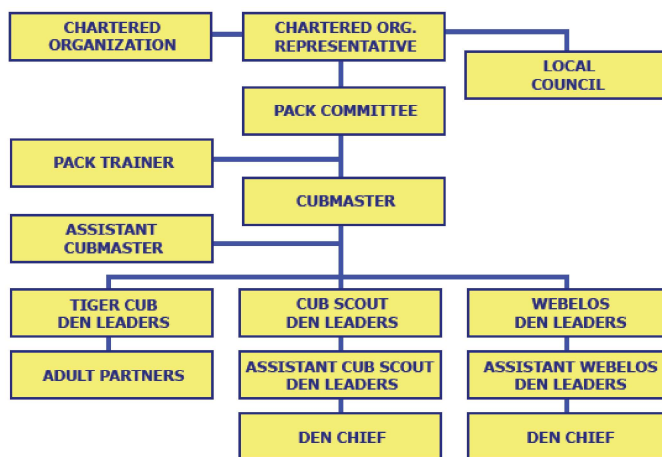
DEN CHIEF: A middle-school or high-school aged scout from Scouts BSA, who is appointed by his/her Scouts BSA Troop and the Cub Scout Pack to assist the leaders of a Cub Scout den with den activities. Typically, Den Chiefs have been Cub Scouts in the same Pack that they assist.

DEN LEADERS AND ASSISTANT DEN LEADERS: The VOLUNTEER ADULTS responsible for conducting den meetings.

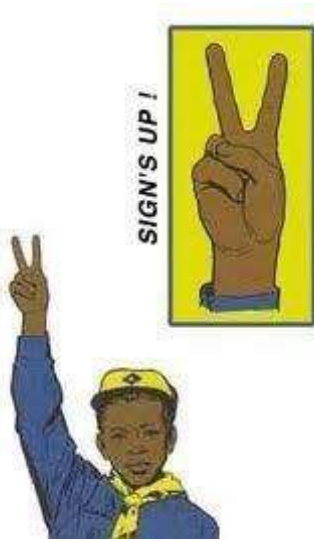
AKELA: A term of endearment given to any parent, leader, or role model who does their best to help make the pack go. (In “The Jungle Book” by Rudyard Kipling, AKELA is the leader of the wolf pack who adopts and raises Mowgli, a human boy who he finds lost in the jungle.)

PARENTS: THE PEOPLE THAT HELP MAKE IT ALL COME TOGETHER.

Pack Organizational Chart



What Does “Signs Up!” Mean?



This is a question some of you may have asked yourself. When the Cub Scout sign (the index and middle finger of the right hand) is raised above the head as shown, all meeting attendees should quiet down and give their attention to the speaker.

The sign represents a wolf's ears, perked up and listening attentively. If you see a leader put his/her "sign up" you should promptly state, "The sign is up," put up the sign yourself and remain quiet to set the example for others to follow. Our leaders greatly appreciate your help and cooperation.