

Back to the Pack

Back to the Pack is a concept that has been developed and implemented in districts and councils across the country. The premise is that the Pack hosts a fun summertime event that begins to reengage scouts with their friends, dens, and leaders along with providing a vital opportunity for the Pack Committee to establish recruitment, program, fundraising, and leadership goals for the coming year. Events may vary but the key is to provide a fun experience for the youth and to give the Pack Committee space and time to commit to goals that will ultimately lead to another successful year.

Back to the Pack Agenda (Youth Program)

12:30 PM—Arrival and gathering

12:40 PM—Introduction of Existing Leaders

12:45 PM—Lunch (barbecue, brown bag, pizza)

1:15 PM—Assign returning youth to Dens

1:30 PM—Games and Activities

2:15 PM—Pool party or other fun event

4:00 PM—Return to parents/Announce Next Pack Meeting/Head home

Back to the Pack Agenda (Committee Meeting)

12:30 PM—Arrival and gathering

12:45 PM—Lunch (grab lunch and head to meeting space)

1:00 PM—Committee Chair Welcomes Leaders/Committee Members

1:15 PM—Establishment of Pack Goals—Number of new youth, Programs, Events, Camp

2:00 PM—Funding the Pack goals (popcorn, camp cards, product sale, donations, dues, etc)

2:30 PM—Selecting new leaders/filling vacant positions

3:00 PM—Recruiting strategy and assignment of duties

3:30 PM—Task ownership discussion/deliverable dates/next meeting

4:00 PM—Meeting ends, pick up children

Tips for a successful Back to the Pack:

- Ask members of the committee to come to the meeting prepared to discuss the items on the agenda
- Ask the families that have children in Kindergarten and First Grade for a class roster so that those families can be individually invited to join the pack
- In the event that Social Distancing is still in effect, host your committee meeting via virtual platform
- If social distancing prevents an in-person youth oriented event, try a virtual event like a timed scavenger hunt, baking challenge, or building extravaganza.
- Make sure that every task has an owner and a due-date—check in regularly with members of the committee to ensure they have everything needed for success
- Thank each member of the committee for their continued support and ask them to recommit to their positions for the coming year