

Exciting News!! The families of Eden can now choose to sign up *both* our sons *and daughters* for Cub Scouts! Family Pack #603 will now consist of a combination of all-girl dens plus all-boy dens, 7-12 single gender dens who meet on a weekly or a bi-weekly basis. The Dens will also come together as a “Pack” monthly at co-ed special meetings and events.

*Family Pack #603 will be co-ed, with girls and boys participating together at our monthly Pack events, but the weekly Den meetings themselves will be single gender.* A registered female adult leader, 21 or older, must be present at all den meetings and any co-ed Pack activity if her female youth are also in attendance.

Den meetings will continue to be held at the Eden United Methodist Church; the EUMC will remain the Charter Organization of Eden Cub Scout Family Pack #603. Meeting times for the single gender dens have not yet been established, we are looking for new female leaders and parents to join our leadership committee. By early October we expect to have a meeting schedule that works best for our Pack families!

Currently we have six unique boy dens for each of the grade levels K-5. While Council prefers a minimum of 5 children in a den, as we are building up the number of female leaders and girl Cub Scouts, Council will allow the Family Pack the option to combine up to 3 grade levels in an all-girl den as long as the girls are working on their proper grade’s curriculum respectively.

The Leaders and Committee Members of Family Pack #603 are actively recruiting females at the age of 21 or older, who are willing to be registered Den Leaders. We need a minimum of one properly registered and trained Female Leader, plus a female Assistant Leader, or two female Co-Leaders.

All youth members of our Family Pack will be eligible to earn the same merit badges, belt loops and awards. Uniforms will remain fundamentally the same. Family Pack #603 will be running under the same curriculum as in the past. Our existing programs are relevant for both girls and boys. After all, the values of Scouting as outlined in the Scout Law – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,

courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent – are relevant and important values for all Americans to have.

If you would like learn even more about the research the BSA did to make their decision to move to Family Scouting, please visit [scouting.org/familyscouting](https://scouting.org/familyscouting)

Boy dens may have a female or male leader, that registered adult leader must be age 21 or older.

In Girl dens, at least one of the two possible leaders must be a female age 21 or older. This female leader should always be present where her girls are. It is preferable that we have more than one female Den Leader in the Pack so that the female leadership standards can be followed at all Pack events.

Other minimum adult leadership standards exist and should also be followed at all gatherings including den meetings and Pack activities. If any girl Cub Scout is at any meeting or event, an adult female registered leader must also be in attendance.

Camping now also has its own family, female adult and female scout policies and accommodations regarding activities, transportation, tents, showers and latrines.