

PACK 527

COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION



Hiking Club Chair

The Hiking Club Chair would be responsible for running and maintaining the Hiking Club Program for the pack. The Chair for this program should have some familiarity with hiking and be willing to lead hikes for the pack in addition to maintaining the mileage records and presenting awards.

Time Commitment: Three hikes (or more) per year, occasional maintenance of records and website information, about one week (twice a year) to make staffs.

Specific Responsibilities

- Prepare and lead at least three (3) hikes per year for the **pack** in the Santa Clarita area and nearby regions. These hikes should be of different lengths and difficulties to allow all scouts to take part throughout the year.
- For safety purposes, hikes *must* be pre-hiked before any scouts are taken on the trail.
- Ensure the hike has a BSA tour permit assigned for the outing. If the Chair is not leading the hike, the Chair would need to remind the hike leader of this responsibility.
- Ensure all den leaders and scouts understand the restrictions on what qualifies as a “hike” for this program, namely any den, pack or BSA hike. Individual hikes made by families outside of scouting will *not* qualify.
- Communicate with the pack at meetings or through the website or emails to let all know of upcoming hikes, along with crucial information such as location, time, possible weather conditions, clothing requirements, and other materials needed to take part in the hike safely.
- Follow BSA safety requirements for hiking. It is strongly recommended that the Chair be BALOO trained and take part in the online Weather training.
- Take responsibility for barring scouts and families members from taking part in the hike if they are not safely dressed or prepared for the hiking conditions. This can include (but is not limited to) improper shoes and clothing, to not having water.
- Maintaining records of all miles hiked by all scouts on qualified hikes.
- Track progress and order patches/rockers twice a year (Blue & Gold and Advancement) for presentation.
- Construct the hiking staffs for the scouts when they have earned their 10 miles of hiking. When this program was established, it was agreed that the staffs would be made for no more than \$5 each. (Staffs cannot be purchased through the scout shop for this amount of money.) Staffs are made and presented twice a year, once at Blue & Gold and again at Advancement.
- Coordinate with the webmaster for maintaining updated hiking mile records on the hiking page of the website and for keeping hiking page content updated with new hike information and pictures, if available.