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Welcome to Pack 704’s Hiking Manual. This book is collection of hikes the Pack has completed over the years. It is a resource to aid Den Leaders in program planning for the Scouts they lead. It is to be noted, that while the hikes in this manual have been described for interest and difficulty, outings must still be properly planned. Always refer to your Den Leaders guide for assistance with planning hikes.

Hiking is a sport (YES HIKING IS A SPORT) and a great one at that. Leaders must know and understand the capabilities of the Scouts they lead. Physical fitness must always be a consideration in hike planning. Additionally, Scouts should be properly trained in hike preparation, preparing necessary equipment, clothing, footwear, hydration and nutrition before heading out. All of the Cub Scout ranks have adventure requirements that support hike preparation.

A PROPERLY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED SCOUT WILL DEVELOP A LIFE LONG LOVE OF HIKING

In addition to Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, it is recommended that leaders take BSA Weather Hazards, BALOO, BSA Climb on Safely and Leave No Trace training. These trainings will aid you in outdoor activity planning and understanding risks.

Leave No Trace. At all levels of Scouting, Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace are at the top of the list. Each Cub Scout rank has requirements that support Leave No Trace and it should be practiced during each outdoor activity.

Some Benefits of Hiking

Physical Fitness

Adventure

Exploration

Challenge

Nature

FUN



