

Welcome to Cub Scouting!

"Congratulations! You're the parent of a NEW Cub Scout!!!"





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My Pack Number is: 289 My Council is: Circle 10 Council My District is: Iron Horse

My Cubmaster is: William Hargis E-Mail: WillHargis@yahoo.com

My Pack Meeting is at:

Prosper United Methodist Church - 1801 Lanier Way, Prosper, Texas 75078

My Den is:	
My Den Leader is:	
E-Mail:	

Our Website

The Pack's public website is located at <u>www.pack289.com</u>. The pack website is the backbone for being in the know about our activities, your child's progress, achievements, and other vital information.

Communication Methods

The majority of the communication of the pack will come through Scoutbook. It is <u>very</u> <u>important</u> that you sign up for email communication through Scoutbook. This is also where you will record scout achievement progress and scout activities like hikes and camping.

Den updates can be found on our pack Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/Pack289/.

We also communicate frequently via Group Me for different events and dens.

Pack E-Mailing and Email Lists

If you need to send an email to the pack, your den, or any leader or member of the pack, you can find all contact information on the Communications tab of the pack website.





Events and Activities

August

8/7 Committee Meeting at 8 PM
8/9 Meet the Teacher
8/11 Pack Hike at 3 PM
8/23 New Parent Meeting at 6 PM
followed by the Pack Meeting at 7 PM
8/24 Mesquite Rodeo Scout Night

September

9/4 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 9/22 Bike Rodeo 9/27 Pack Meeting at 7 PM

Pack 289 2024-2025 CALENDAR

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February

2/5 Committee Meeting at 8 PM

2/8 Souperbowl Food Drive

2/22 Blue and Gold Banquet

2/1 Pinewood Derby

March

Hike-a-thon Fundraiser 3/2 Pack Hike 3/5 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 3/7 Pack Meeting at 7 PM 3/16 Pack Hike 3/30 Pack Hike

April

4/2 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 4/4 Pack Meeting at 7 PM 4/13 Community Service 4/25-4/27 Spring Family Campout

May

5/7 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 5/9 Crossover 5/18 Pack Hike

June

TBD Summer Camps TBD Frisco RoughRiders Scout Night 6/4 Committee Meeting at 8 PM

July

7/2 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 7/19 Fishing Derby

October

10/2 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 10/5 Mock Campout Pack Meeting and Hike at Myers Park 10/19 Community Service Event

November

11/1 Pack Meeting at 7 PM 11/6 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 11/8-11/10 Fall Family Campout 11/14 Wreaths Across America

December

12/4 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 12/6 Pack Meeting at 7 PM 12/15 Holiday Lights Hike

January

1/8 Committee Meeting at 8 PM 1/10 Pack Meeting at 7 PM 1/11 Pinewood Derby Build Day 1/18-1/20 San Antonio High Adventure 1/25 Pinewood Derby Build Day

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Pack Meetings at 7 PM Committee Meetings at 8 PM Community Service Camp Outs Special Activities Pinewood Derby Events Hike San Antonio Trip Crossover

PACK CONTACT INFORMATION



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All about Cub Scouts



Cub Scouts is a year-round program offering fun activities that promote character and leadership development. Den meetings are planned and run by a den leader with a group of scouts all the same rank/age/grade. Most dens meet once to twice a month. The Cub Scouts earn most of their rank advancement adventure belt loops/pins as a den. Scouts may also complete some elective adventures with their parents at home as well.

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in our programs.

Pack Meetings are held once per month and are attended by all the Cub Scouts in the pack and their families. Most Cub Scouts are awarded their belt loops/pins and patches during the pack meeting. Cub Scouts earn their rank by May of each year as long as they have completed all their required adventures.

The Mission of Scouting

The mission of Scouts, 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 Scout Law.

The Aims of Scouting

There are four aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, physical and mental fitness, and leadership development.

The Methods of Scouting

The methods of Cub Scouting are living the ideals, belonging to a den, advancement, family involvement, activities, serving the community, and the uniform.



The Pack's Features

Boys, girls, families, leaders and chartered organizations all work together to achieve the ten purposes of Cub Scouting.

To influence the development of character

To encourage spiritual growth



To help Cub Scouts develop habits and attitudes of good character and citizenship

To encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body

To improve understanding within the family

To strengthen the ability of Cub Scouts to have a good relationship with others and respect other people

To foster a sense of personal achievement in Cub Scouts by helping them develop new interests and skills

To show Cub Scouts how to be helpful and to do one's best

To provide fun and exciting activities and experience

To prepare Cub Scouts to become Scouts in the Scouts program





What's the difference between a Den and a Pack?

A den is a group of boys and/or girls the same grade in school who meet once or twice a month to work on advancement skills.

A pack is all Cub Scouts from all dens.

What happens at a Den Meeting?

A den meeting has games and activities to help the Cub Scouts achieve their rank by earning belt loops/pins.

What happens at a Pack Meeting?

A pack meeting is for handing out rank achievements (belt loops/pins) and other earned patches/awards. There will also be other activities as well, such as, games, songs, STEM activities or crafts.

Where can I buy a uniform?

Local Stores: Lyle Gamble Scout Shop 5600 US Hwy 75, South Fairview, TX 75069 Online at <u>www.scoutshop.org</u>



How can I become an adult volunteer?

Cub Scouts is a family adventure, and we all help our scouts be successful. So, talk to our Cubmaster or Committee Chair if you would like to join our outstanding group of volunteers!

Volunteers need to complete Youth Protection Training online (YPT) & background check

Are Cub Scouts the same as Scouts of America?

Cub scouts are for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade Scouts of America are for boys and girls in 6th grade through age 18



<u>Cost</u>

How much does it cost each year?

Council Fee \$85 •Paid directly to Circle 10 Council through My Scouting

Fall Dues \$150

•Due to the pack by September 20th through Venmo (@BSA-PackTwoEightNine)

Included in Fees:

- Pack T-Shirt
- •Advancements: Patches, pins, belt loops, awards, & other wards earned.
- •Pack Activity Materials: Pack and Den Meeting Activities, Pinewood Derby, Scout Attendance for Family Campouts, and more.

Not Included in Fees:

- •Official Cub Scout Uniform
- Patches for Unit identification
- •Council Sponsored Events (Summer Adventure Camp, Cuborees, or other council events)
- •Optional Events (High Adventure, Rough Riders, Rodeo, etc.)
- •Activity Fees charged by a venue, scouting event, or other related service provider when outside of a regularly scheduled Pack or Den meeting.





Pack 289 Budget

h Dues @ \$150 Per Scout	\$18,000
Total Annual Dues Income	\$18,000

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Variable Income

\$2,700	Total Variable Income
\$0	Fundraising - Other
\$1,500	Fundraising - Popcorn
\$400	Spring Campout - Family Contribution
\$400	Fall Campout - Family Contribution
\$400	Mock Campout - Family Contribution

Total INCOME

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\$20,700

2024-25 Academic Year

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Budget

Registration & Chartering	
Adult Volunteer Dues (\$65 Per Adult)	\$1,950
Unit Charter Fee	\$100
Pack T-Shirts (\$15 Each)	\$1,800
Meeting Budgets	
Pack Meetings (\$10 per Scout)	\$1,200
Den Meetings (\$10 per Scout)	\$1,200
Subscriptions	
Website	\$200
Storage Unit (\$192 per month)	\$2,304
Advancement	
Adventure & Rank Awards	\$4,560
Walking Sticks	\$600
Events	
Mock Campout	\$100
Fall Campout	\$1,200
Spring Campout	\$1,200
Santa	\$200
Popcorn Party	\$500
Pinewood Derby	\$1,050
Blue & Gold Banquet	\$1,775

Total EXPENSES

\$20,414

\$175

\$300

Fishing Derby

Crossover

Fundraising

Finances should never stop a scout from experiencing this life changing program.

POPCORN

We offer popcorn fundraising through Trails End in the fall. You can sell door to door or sign up for storefront hours. Download the app to get started!



HIKEATHON

During the month of March, scouts can participate in our annual Hikeathon where they obtain sponsorship for each mile hiked. We will have pack hikes as well as individual hikes.





<u>Dens</u>

Adult participation is required at Den and Pack events. Our involvement with our children is what makes Cub Scouts such a positive influence on their growth.

Lion: Introduction to Cub Scouts for Kindergarten (or age 5). Lions are encouraged to meet just a couple of times a month and focuses on fun with their friends in the den.

Bobcat: All Cub Scouts start as Bobcats, no matter what age they are when they enter Cub Scouts. Bobcat is about learning fundamentals about Cub Scouts, like understanding the Cub Scout Oath and values.

Tiger: First graders work toward earning their Tiger rank.

Wolf: Second graders work toward earning their Wolf badge.

Bear: Third graders work toward earning their Bear badge.

Webelos: Fourth graders work toward earning their Webelos badge.

Arrow of Light (AOL): Fifth graders work toward earning their Arrow of Light badge. Once they have earned AOL, they will bridge (or cross-over) into a Scouting Troop.



Uniforms

Field Uniforms (Class A)

Field uniforms are worn to Pack Meetings, Den Meetings, and most pack outings.

Lion Field Uniform: Lion t-shirt, Lion hat (optional)

Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Field Uniform: Blue field uniform shirt, blue field uniform shorts, rank neckerchief, slide, rank hat and blue belt

Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL) Field Uniform: Tan field uniform shirt, rank neckerchief, slide, rank hat and green belt.

Pro-tip: Purchase your outfits larger than what your scout needs now. They can grow into these as they rank up.



Nearest Scout Shop:

Lyle Gamble Scout Shop 5600 US Hwy 75 South Fairview, TX 75069 972-359-9992

Activity Uniform (Class B)

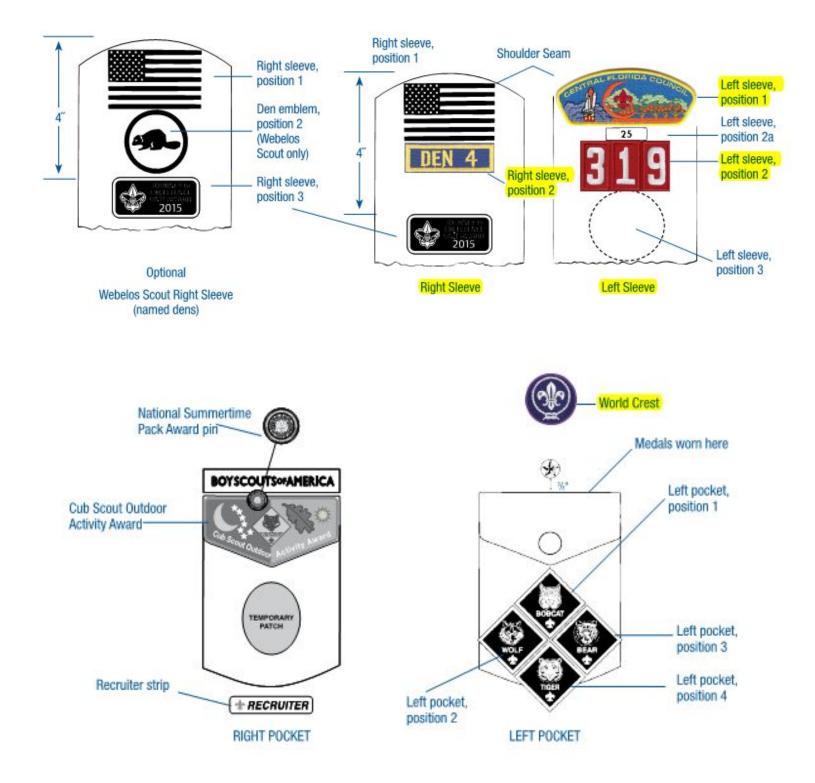
Class B's are provided by the pack and worn at den meetings, pack outings and camps. Your den leader will tell you which uniform is needed at each event.





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Achievement and Awards

Cub Scout rank requirements must be completed by March for rank advancement.

Belt Loops/Pins: Cub Scouts earn adventures that are specific to their rank. There are advancement adventures that must be completed to rank up and elective adventures that may be completed for the experience. Adventures may be earned in any order. Completion of adventures are how the aims of character, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness are developed.

Rank patches: On the advancement trail, a Cub Scout progresses towards a badge of rank based on their age. They need not have earned the previous rank to earn the next. Each of the ranks in Cub Scouting has its own requirements that are age appropriate, so earning a rank below a Cub Scout's current grade is not permitted. As a Cub Scout advances through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging to match the new skills and abilities they have learned.

Other Awards that can be earned:

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Award: Archery, BB guns and Slingshot Cub Scout Outdoor Activity **Emergency Preparedness Scouts Award** National Summertime Pack Award Supernova Cyber Chip International Spirit Award Messenger of Peace Recruiter **Religious Knot** Summertime Activity Recruiter World Conservation Award











Youth Protection(YPT)

Taken online at <u>my.scouting.org.</u> Scouts of America has established strict procedural and leadership selection policies, along with providing the finest resources necessary to help parents and leaders safely lead their Cub Scout, Scouts and Venturing programs.

Adult Leader/Position Specific Training

Taken either in a classroom setting or at my.scouting.org.

Hazardous Weather Training

Taken online at <u>my.scouting.org</u>.

BALOO

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is a adults only camping trip that teaches how to effectively plan and have fun on campouts.

University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a day-long event that offers the widest variety of training opportunities, in all program areas, all in one place!

Wood Badge (Advanced Leader Training)

Designed to enhance contemporary leadership skills and develop more effective Scouters.

STEM Nova Counselor Training

Taken online at my.scouting.org.

STEM Supernova Mentor Training

Taken online at my.scouting.org.



Volunteer Opportunities

Your child's success and learning within the Cub Scouting program is directly proportional to your involvement in their program. The local Scout program is solely run by volunteers and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. <u>We ask that each Scout has an adult volunteer for at least one opportunity throughout the year.</u>

COMMITTEE POSITIONS	
CUBMASTER — Leader of the pack. Everything that the Cubmaster does is aimed at helping the individual scout. 6-8 hours per month, though some months will require less than that.	ASSISTANT CUBMASTER — Assist the Cubmaster as needed. Be ready to fill in for the Cubmaster, if necessary. 4-6 hours each month.
DEN LEADER — Work directly with Cub Scouts and their guardians to execute the Cub Scouting program in the den. 8-10 hours per month, depending upon den and Pack activities.	COMMITTEE CHAIR — Leads the pack committee and thus is responsible for the administration, oversight, and support of the pack program. 4-6 hours per month, though most months will require less than that.
TREASURER —Ensures accurate financial records, collects dues, and maintains balances of scouts individual funding accounts. 2-4 hours per month; heaviest months are around due collections and the Fall re-chartering.	SECRETARY —Ensures proper records are kept within the pack. 2 hours per month.
NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR — Organizes recruiting events and is the welcoming face that helps new families get acquainted with Scouting. 1-3 hours a month. Busiest time in August and September.	ADVANCEMENT CHAIR — Makes sure advancements are recorded in Scoutbook and prepares awards for Pack meetings. 1-2 hours per month at Scout Shop and organizing awards.
WEBMASTER — Helps keep the pack informed using our website and Scoutbook to communicate with everyone. 1 hour per month.	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR — Maintains the pack's connection to the community by arranging scout nights, community service projects, and heads the committee. 0-3 hours per month, more immediately prior to an event.
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CHAIR — Helps the scouts develop a love for the outdoors by organizing and leading monthly hikes and other outdoor activities like the fishing derby. 1-3 hours per month; busiest time is during the Fishing Derby.	RELIGIOUS EMBLEM COORDINATOR — Works with Den Leaders to make resources for religious patches and awards available and keeps the pack informed of Reverent Scout events. 0-1 hour per month.
FUNDRAISING CHAIR — Coordinates the pack fundraisers throughout the year. 0-2 hours per month, more during an active fundraiser.	POPCORN KERNEL — Organizes our annual popcorn fundraiser. 6-8 hours a month August through November.

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COMMITTEE POSITIONS	
QUARTERMASTER — Maintains the asset inventory list of all pack equipment, ensures storage location, and conducts an annual asset inventory. 0-3 hours per month, more immediately prior to an event using supplies and inventory time.	RELIGIOUS EMBLEM COORDINATOR — Works with Den Leaders to make resources for religious patches and awards available and keeps the pack informed of Reverent Scout events. 0-1 hour per month.
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE — Attend council meetings and keep the pack up to date on important council information. 2-3 hours per month.	COMMITTEE CHAIR — Leads the pack committee and thus is responsible for the administration, oversight, and support of the pack program. 4-6 hours per month, though most months will require less than that.
SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR — Organizes our special events, such as NASA or Lexington trips. 0-3 hours per month, more immediately prior to an event.	PINEWOOD DERBY COMMITTEE CHAIR — Organizes the annual Pinewood Derby and leads the committee. 5-10 hours during the week of Pinewood Derby.

COMMITTEES (3-5 MEMBERS CALLED INTO SERVICE WHENEVER THE ACTIVITY IS IN SESSION)	
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE — Aids the Outdoor Activity Chair in whatever they may need.	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE — Works together with the chair to maintain a scout presence in our community.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE — Assist the chair in organizing and running fundraisers throughout the year.	FAMILY CAMPING COMMITTEE — Works with the Family Camping Chair to organize and run the family campouts twice a year.
PINEWOOD DERBY COMMITTEE — Works with the chair ro setup and run the derby once a year.	BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET COMMITTEE — Organizes and runs the Blue and Gold Banquet. Typically made up of the parents of scouts graduating into Boy Scouts.



Pack Family Camp: Camping 101

Camping is a key experience in scouting that'll introduce your scout to the outdoors and build foundational memories. Pack 289 hosts two family campouts (typically in Fall and Spring). If you are new to camping or have questions, please reach out to any of the leaders or experienced scouts. Even if you are not ready to join overnight camping, you can join us for the day. We will host a one-night intro to camping event locally to help everyone become familiar with to expect for our larger camps.

What to Expect

•Family campouts are open to the entire family (siblings are welcome). Everyone attending will be required to have a medical form on file. Medical forms are valid for one year (tip: make a copy for future scouting events).

- •Family campouts are typically Friday afternoon through Sunday morning.
 - Friday: Arrival and setup; no programming or pack provided meals
 - **Saturday:** Programming (hiking, flag ceremony, campfires, den activities, etc.), pack provided breakfast and dinner (families on their own for lunch); pack t-shirt worn
- Sunday: Takedown and clean up (a scout leaves no trace); closing activities

•Safety is a priority.

- **Buddy system.** The buddy system is in place during campouts: no scout should be by themselves, even when going to the restroom. Adults should never be alone with a child (exception is known parent/child).
- **Pocket knives**. Only bears/webelos who have earned their whittling chip card can use pocketknives. If they use it in an unsafe manner, their card will be taken away and they won't be able to use a pocketknife until they've re-earned it
- Fires. Only webelos who have earned their firem'n chit can start a fire and they must have adult supervision. Fires may only be done in designated fire areas and must be watched at all times.
- •Campsites typically only allow one vehicle to stay at the site which will be reserved for the quartermaster (person in charge of pack gear). Typically, you'll be able to drop off your gear and re-park.
- •Access to electricity may not be available. If you have equipment that requires electricity (CPAPs, etc.) you'll want to plan accordingly.
- •You will need to bring your own mess kit (cup, plates, bowls, utensils) for meals. The pack will have cleaning stations setup to clean out your dishes after each meal.

What to Bring

- •6 essentials
- •Hiking backpack
- •First aid kit
- •Water bottle (filled with water)
- •Flashlight (bring extra batteries)
- •Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- •Trash bags
- Toilet paper
- •Mess kit (cup, bowl, plate, utensils)

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- •Personal hygiene (deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, hand sanitizer/soap)
- •Snacks and food for Friday, Saturday lunch, Sunday breakfast
 - Food shouldn't be eaten in tents as they will attract ants, and all food should be stored securely as it'll
 attract other animals.

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•Cooler with plenty of beverages for your entire family



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What to Bring Continued:

Camp clothing

•Texas weather can change so plan accordingly. A cold, wet scout is a miserable scout

Rain gear

- •Shirts, pants, shorts (make sure to bring your pack shirt to wear on Saturday)
- •Sweater or warm jacket
- •Socks, underwear, extras

•Hat

Sleep Gear

If you are new to camping, there are a lot of options out there for equipment. We've included ideas of what to look for but please ask if you have questions. You don't need to get the most expensive equipment to have a good experience.

•Tent (don't forget your stakes, poles, and ground cloth)

- Tents come in all shapes and sizes. Typically, it's best to get a tent size big enough for your family this will help keep heat in the best and will be easier to set up.
- Tents also have 'dark room' or 'instant setup' features. They can help reduce light coming in or make it easier to setup but are by no means essential.

•Sleeping bag

- Be sure to check the temperature on the sleeping bag and make sure it is appropriate for the expected weather
- •Sleeping pad
 - Sleeping pad are a barrier between you and the ground which will help you stay warm and can be more comfortable than sleeping on rocky ground.
- Air mattresses while comfortable do not provide insulation from the cold. Additionally, colder weather can cause them to shrink. If you do use them, make sure to bring extra blankets or something to create insulation between you and the mattress.
- •Camp chair
- •Small table

What NOT to Bring

•Electronics (video games systems, iPad, etc). Scouts are here for the camping and outdoor experience and electronic devices will take away from that.

NEXT STEPS



Go to beascout.org and register.

Get a Class A uniform from the scout shop.

Contact your den leader to get involved in the meetings.

Complete the medical forms part A, B1 and B2. Please turn these in at the next Pack meeting.

Get a rank book and a Class B from the Pack at your next Pack meeting.



Complete YPT.

Download the Trails End app on your phone.

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Facebook





Once you've joined the pack, you can request to join our Pack's private Facebook page.

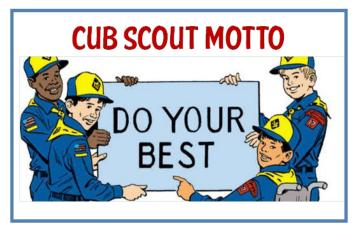


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SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically Strong, mentally awake, and morally Straight. WEBELOS MEANS:

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SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



