

How to put your Pack on a Diet

Problem: 1) Your pack is too large to run a good program; or 2) your pack is the right size without recruiting more scouts and therefore doesn't want to recruit scouts next year.

Solutions: There are several options to consider, including:

1. Split the Pack: Split the pack into 2 separate packs with an even number of scouts in each pack. Use similar pack numbers (ex: #449 split from #1449).
2. Start New Pack: Start a brand new pack while keeping the current pack intact. No transfer of scouts to new pack. Both packs recruit all grades with the new pack getting a majority of the boys. (ex: #3143 and #1143)
3. Start New Pack w/ Tigers only recruitment in current pack.
4. Recharter Split: Split into 2 packs at recharter time. This is after SNS is complete and after both packs work together as one large pack for 3 months. This is done with full knowledge by the parents that the boys will be in different packs, but they meet together for 3 months to give time for the new leaders of the new pack to get recruited and trained and for the new pack to learn some traditions from the established pack.
5. Delayed Split: Split at the end of the scout year (May). The pack identifies new leaders for the new pack at the beginning of the scout year (Sept) and puts them in "assistant" positions (Asst. Committee Chair, extra Asst. Cubmasters, Asst. Treasurer...). The advantages here are that the immediate split is avoided, a split is clearly communicated (at least among the parents), leaders are recruited and trained, families going to the new pack learn their traditions from the current pack and the leadership of the whole group has extra time to more accurately assess who goes into which pack. (ex. #699 split from #491)

If your pack is considering any of the above options, please feel free to call the District Membership Chair or District Executive for assistance.