

## Pack 1 & 33 Merger FAQs

### **Q: What does this merger of Pack 1 and Pack 33 mean for my Scout?**

*A: It means more Scouts, more Adult Volunteers, more collective knowledge about Scouting, new perspectives and ideas, and new energy. In sum, it means a more enriched experience for your Scout!*

### **Q: What will the new dens of the merged Pack look like?**

*A: In 2023–2024, Pack 1 had 0 Lions, 0 Tigers, 7 Wolves, 8 Bears, and 13 Webelos Is, while Pack 33 had 7 Lions, 5 Tigers, 2 Wolves, 9 Bears, and 3 Webelos Is. In 2024–2025, we will keep the Tiger Den (current Lions) intact, the Wolf Den (current Tigers) intact, combine the Bear Den (current Wolves, for a total of 9 (2 from Pack 33 and 7 from Pack 1)), create TWO Webelos I Dens (1 Den of former Pack 33 Bears (9) and 1 Den of former Pack 1 Bears (8)), and either combine the Webelos II Den (13 Pack 1 Scouts + 3 Pack 33 Scouts (Grant, Evan, and new Scout Alexander A.)) or split it into two Dens of 8 Scouts each. We will defer to the Scouts and their parents on how to handle the larger dens (i.e., current Bears/rising Webelos Is and current Webelos Is/ rising Webelos IIs).*

### **Q: What will the merged Pack be called?**

*A: According to Michael Dybeck, Pack 1 was founded in 1932 (92 years ago) and Pack 33 was founded in 1952 (72 years ago). We understand each pack has a long, rich history and we want to be sensitive to each pack's unique identity. Therefore, we believe it prudent to collect input from all Pack 1 and 33 parents to gain a consensus. For now, rather than referring to ourselves as "The Merged Pack," we will unofficially be "Pack 1 & 33." Each Scout can keep their current Pack number on their Scouting shirts. We hope to find consensus for a common identity for the merged Pack in 2025–2026—a decision we can make at next year's Annual Planning Meeting.*

### **Q: Who will be the leaders of the merged Pack in 2024–2025?**

*A: Here's a summary:*

- *Cubmaster: Eric Toscano (Pack 33)*

- *Assistant Cubmaster: Colin McNamara (Pack 1)*
- *Treasurer: Brien Porter (Pack 1)*
- *Fundraising Chairs/Popcorn Kernels: Colin McNamara (Pack 1) & Kate Wesson (Pack 1)*
- *Advancement Coordinator: Sara Halterman (Pack 33)*
- *Webmaster/IT Guru: Michal (Mike) Cialowicz (Pack 33)*
- *Scouting for Food Chair: Ashley Smith (Pack 1)*
- *Winter Camp Leads: Malcolm Thompson (Pack 33) and Revel Woodard (Pack 1)*
- *Blue & Gold Banquet Leads: Sara Halterman (Pack 33) & Katy Higgins (Pack 33)*
- *Pinewood Derby Leads: Erik Halterman (Pack 33) & Sara Halterman (Pack 33)*
- *Lion Den Leader: TBD*
- *Tiger Den Leaders: Katy Higgins (Pack 33) & Tim Sullivan (Pack 33)*
- *Wolf Den Leader: TBD*
- *Bear Den Leader: Ashley Smith (Pack 1)*
- *Webelos I Den Leaders: Erik Halterman (Pack 33), Sara Halterman (Pack 33), Noah Agard (Pack 1), and Revel Woodard (Pack 1)*
- *Webelos II Den Leaders: Colin McNamara (Pack 1) and Benjamin Wesson (Pack 1)*

**Q: When will the merged Pack be official?**

*A: At the Scouting America level, rechartering happens on December 31 of each year. So, in the Scouting America system, we will officially become one pack as of January 1, 2025.*

**Q: How does the size of a merged Pack 1 and 33 compare to the size of Pack 34?**

*A: As of December 31, 2023, Pack 1 had 31 registered Scouts in Scoutbook (Pack 1 has around 28 currently active), while Pack 33 had 47 registered Scouts in Scoutbook (Pack 33 has around 30 currently active). In sum, Packs 1 and 33 have around 58 active Scouts. Pack 34 had 78 registered Scouts as of December 31, 2023, with an unknown number of them active.*

**Q: Which organization will be the Chartered Organization for the merged Pack?**

*A: A Chartered Organization is a community-based group whose objectives, mission, and methodologies are compatible with those of Scouting America. It agrees to use the Scouting program to further its mission to serve young people. The partnership is intended to be deeper than, say, a sponsorship arrangement between a youth baseball team and a local business. (For more information, visit <https://scoutingmagazine.org/2021/04/scouting-faq-chartered-organizations/>.) The Charter Organization for Pack 1 & 33 and Pack 34 is the [Rotary Club of Mill Valley](#). The Tamalpais Valley Community Services District (TCSD) was the Chartered Organization for Pack 33 until approximately 2022, when it decided not to continue in that role. Until last year, the Marin Council has stepped in as Pack 33's Chartered Organization.*

**Q: Will Pack 1 and Pack 33 Scouts have a chance to interact before this fall?**

*A: Yes! Pack 1 & 33's Rocket Launch & Ice Cream Social will take place on Friday, August 23 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Tam Valley Elementary, 350 Bell Ln, Mill Valley, CA 94941. The Mill Valley Community Campout takes place the weekend of August 24–25. The weekend after that (Labor Day Weekend, August 30–September 1) is Webelos Woods. All three events will be open to Pack 1 and 33 Scouts.*

**Q: How can I get more information about the proposed merger?**

*A: We are in the process of updating the Pack 33 website with merger information. It will be available at <https://www.mvpack33.org/>. Stay tuned!*