

Cub Scout Parents' Orientation Guide



Welcome to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting!!

Where character counts and the adventure begins...

At tonight's meeting, we will:

- Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
- Invite boys to join Cub Scouting
- Involve parents in the program



Cub Scouting ... An aid to parents

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values . . . We know that boys do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

Your boy is a member of a **Pack** which:

- Is made up of one or more dens.
- Meets once a month - all Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
- The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
- The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.

Our pack is run by the **Pack Committee** which:

- Is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents.
- Meets once a month or more often if needed.
- Is led by a committee chairman.
- Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and makes sure our boys receive a good program.

Our Pack is owned by a **Chartered Organization** which:

- May be a parent-school organization, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in youth.
- Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and keeps pack within sponsors and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).

First through Third Grade – Cub Scouts

- Your boy is a member of a Den which:
 - Has four to eight boys.
 - Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent).
 - Meets once a week. Meetings are regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience.
 - Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.
 - Den Meetings focus around topics known as "Adventures".



Fourth and Fifth Grade – Webelo Scouts

- Your boy is a member of a Den which:
 - Has four to eight boys.
 - Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent).
 - Meets once a week. Has an outdoor adventure once a month.
 - Den Meetings focus around topics known as "Adventures".



Cub Scout Motto - "Do Your Best"

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to "Do His Best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life by teaching scouts to respect their home, Country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys:

- *Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.*
- *Learn how to get along with others through group activities.*
- *Reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating.*
- *Develop personal independence.*
- *Learn outdoor skills and awareness.*
- *Develop leadership and life skills.*



The Advancement Plan - The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the den or pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family.



All boys, in 1st thru 5th grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on his grade level.



A Cub Scout who has completed kindergarten works on completing five required "Adventures" and 1 Elective of his family or den's choosing to earn the Tiger badge.



A Cub Scout who has completed first grade works on completing five required "Adventures" and 1 Elective of his family or den's choosing to earn the Wolf badge.



A Cub Scout who has completed second grade works on completing five required "Adventures" and 1 Elective of his family or den's choosing to earn the Bear badge.



When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade, he moves to a Webelos I den. The boy works on completing five required "Adventures" and two electives of his family or den's choosing to earn the Webelos badge. When he has completed the fourth grade, he moves to Webelos II den. Here he works on completing four required "Adventures" and three electives. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at a graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



Special Programs

Cub Scout Fishing Derbies, Cub-O-Rees and Spook-O-Rees: Opportunities for boys and their families to start the Cub Scout year off with a fun outdoor event. Events are held on different weekends in September & October throughout the council.

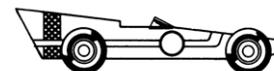


Cub Scout Summer Cub Camps: Summer outdoor activities for all Cub Scouts that include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps are offered at locations across the council.



Webelos Camp: A three day and two night summer camping experience for fourth and fifth graders. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, games, and more!

Pinewood Derby: Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Boys race their cars for fun and prizes. Plan now to race!



Boys' Life: A magazine with interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history just for boys. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories.

How can you help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

You are not alone!

- The staff at the Council Office can help or get you in touch with someone who can:

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- Be sure and include your e-mail address on your son's application so that you can receive updates about goings-on in local scouting.
- Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your area. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- Your area has a team of volunteers which develops quality area-wide programs in which boys can participate. Another volunteer team called Commissioners check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization.
- All adults have access to basic training online. Visit www.myscouting.org and create an account. You do not have to be a registered adult leader to take the training courses offered there. Indeed, all parents are encouraged to take the Boy Scouts of America *On-line Youth Protection Training Course*. This short 45-minute presentation teaches us all how we can all work together to prevent child abuse and avoid potentially dangerous situations.

Important Information

My Pack number is _____

My Den name & number are _____

My Den leader's name(s) is/are _____

My Den leader's phone number is _____

My Den leader's email is _____

My Den meets on (day & time) _____

My den meets at (place) _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____

My Pack meets on (day & time) _____

My Pack meets at (place) _____