

# WELCOME! NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY

A FAMILY INFORMATION GUIDE



Scouting  America



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Monday – Friday

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Wednesday 10am- 5pm

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Friday 10am – 6pm

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[www.scoutingcmc.org](http://www.scoutingcmc.org)

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<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/>

# Why Join Cub Scouting?

- If you could give only one gift to the young people who are most important in your life, what would it be? No matter what your family situation is, it is within your power to help these children grow into people with a good feeling about themselves and a genuine concern for others. Cub Scouting can assist you in providing this greatest gift of all.
- Cub Scout-age children benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level. Through this sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others.
- As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## Scout Oath

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

## Scout Law

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.

We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Kids join because it is fun! Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.

# How Does Cub Scouting Work?

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with **adventures** that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on adventures, they will earn badges and other recognition that they wear on their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a **den**, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level. A den typically meets twice a month, although some may meet more often. All dens, from kindergarten through fifth grade, make up a **pack**. Once a month, the dens, with their families, come together at the pack meeting and Cub Scouts are recognized for the adventures and badges they have earned.

# Dens

## The Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (First Grade) Dens

Cub Scouts who join in kindergarten or first grade join with an adult partner, usually the parent or guardian. A Lion or Tiger den should be no more than eight Cub Scouts and their adult partners. An adult is selected to serve as the den leader (usually one of the parents) and coordinates the meetings. Each adult partner takes a turn assisting or hosting meetings or activities with the den leader. This shared leadership model is a great way to ensure the den leader has the help needed to deliver a quality program.

Lion dens (kindergarten) meet once a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to.

Tiger dens (first grade) typically meet twice a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to.

At den meetings, Lions and Tigers work on adventures that are found in their handbooks.



## The Wolf (Second Grade) and Bear (Third Grade) Dens

Children this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs.

A Wolf (second grade) or Bear (third grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and often a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader).

They typically meet twice a month at a regularly scheduled time and place, and they also attend the pack meeting with their families.



## The Webelos (Fourth Grade) and Arrow of Light (Fifth Grade) Dens

The Webelos den (fourth grade) is much like the Wolf and Bear dens, but there is more emphasis on learning to take leadership roles. The Arrow of Light den (fifth grade) is focused on preparing to join a Scout troop.





# Pack Meetings

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, which meet monthly at the pack meeting, led by the Cubmaster. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of achievements and badges that Cub Scouts earned during that month. This is where families can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

- **Pinewood Derby®**—You can build and race a model car with your child.
- **Blue and gold banquet**—Cub Scouting's birthday party—for all pack members and their families— takes place in February.
- **Camping**—Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.
- **Service projects**—Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.
- **Field trips and special outings**—Den outings are a great way to learn more about the people and places in your community.

**Make memories with your child that will last a lifetime!**

## How Can You Help?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to work with them on their Cub Scouting adventures as they work toward their badge of rank. The Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities; some of them you do together at home. Den meetings are designed for Cub Scouts to complete adventures that are required for them to earn their badge of rank. When you have completed a requirement at home, make sure your den leader is informed so that they can properly record it and your child can be recognized for their achievements. **Your role as a parent is the secret to a successful Cub Scouting program!**

The den and the pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your child and family the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in their life and in the lives of their friends. Here are some of the ways you could volunteer:

**Den leader** - Uses the Den Leader Guide and den meeting plans to lead the den at den meetings. Attends the monthly pack committee meeting.

**Cubmaster** - Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack committee meeting.

# The Pack Committee

Every Cub Scout parent or guardian is invited to become a member of the pack committee. Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack. The committee meets monthly and includes the responsibilities below.

**Committee chair** - Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

**Advancement chair** - Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

**New member coordinator** - Manages the transition of new Scouts into the pack and coordinates orientation for new Scouting families. Responsible for the marketing and recruiting initiatives of the pack as well as the growth and retention of the unit.

**Secretary** - Keeps records of the pack committee meetings and communicates with families about upcoming pack events and activities.

**Treasurer** - Keeps all financial records for the pack, including the pack bank account, and gives a monthly financial report to the pack committee. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

## Training

The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for parents who volunteer. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and how quality Scouting programs are built. Log on to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and create an account to gain access to all available training content. For more information about training at all levels of the program, go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/>. All unit leaders are **REQUIRED** to complete position specific training to be certified in their key positions



# Safeguarding Youth Training

## Scouting America Youth Protection Mission Statement

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within Scouting America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, territory, council, district, and unit levels.

## Leadership Selection

Scouting America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. Being a leader in Scouting America is a privilege, not a right. The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leaders.

The adult application requests background information that should be checked by the unit committee or the chartered organization before accepting an applicant for unit leadership. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child abuser, we can reduce the risk of accepting a child abuser by learning all we can about an applicant for a leadership position—his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Scout leader, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

Scouting America has a multilayered adult leader selection process that includes criminal background checks administered by a nationally recognized third party and other screening efforts.

## Required Training

- **Safeguarding Youth training is required for all Scouting America registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.**
- **Safeguarding Youth training must be taken every year. If a volunteer's Safeguarding Youth training is not current at the time of annual registration renewal, the volunteer will not be re-registered.**

**Books:** Youth handbooks are the *Lion Handbook* (comes with the Lion kit), *Tiger Handbook*, *Wolf Handbook*, *Bear Handbook*, and *Webelos Handbook*.

## Cub Scout Books

**Go to local scout shop**  
(see page 2 for Hours and location)



# Spending Time with Your Child: The Secret of Success!

Come join the fun of Cub Scouting as a family ... it's fun! You'll make new friends, too, as you work with the parents of your child's new friends. No task is too difficult when you're having fun as part of a team of Cub Scout parents, reinforcing each other's efforts to help your children grow up to be good citizens.




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## Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure.

Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures.

The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 <b>LION</b> Kindergarten	 <b>TIGER</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	 <b>WOLF</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> Grade	 <b>BEAR</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> Grade	 <b>WEBELOS</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade	 <b>ARROW OF LIGHT</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade
 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership  <b>MOUNTAIN LION</b> Outdoors  <b>FUN ON THE RUN</b> Personal Fitness  <b>KING OF THE JUNGLE</b> Citizenship  <b>LION ROAR</b> Personal Safety  <b>LION'S PRIDE</b> Family/Reverence   2 Elective Adventures	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership  <b>TIGERS IN THE WILD</b> Outdoors  <b>TIGER BITES</b> Personal Fitness  <b>TEAM TIGER</b> Citizenship  <b>TIGER ROAR</b> Personal Safety  <b>TIGER CIRCLES</b> Family/Reverence   2 Elective Adventures	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership  <b>PAWS ON THE PATH</b> Outdoors  <b>RUNNING WITH THE PACK</b> Personal Fitness  <b>COUNCIL FIRE</b> Citizenship  <b>SAFETY IN NUMBERS</b> Personal Safety  <b>FOOTSTEPS</b> Family/Reverence   2 Elective Adventures	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership  <b>BEAR HABITAT</b> Outdoors  <b>BEAR STRONG</b> Personal Fitness  <b>PAWS FOR ACTION</b> Citizenship  <b>STANDING TALL</b> Personal Safety  <b>FELLOWSHIP</b> Family/Reverence   2 Elective Adventures	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership  <b>WEBELOS WALKABOUT</b> Outdoors  <b>STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER</b> Personal Fitness  <b>MY COMMUNITY</b> Citizenship  <b>MY SAFETY</b> Safety/First Aid  <b>MY FAMILY</b> Family/Reverence   2 Elective Adventures	 <b>BOBCAT</b> Character/Leadership  <b>OUTDOOR ADVENTURER</b> Outdoors  <b>PERSONAL FITNESS</b> Personal Fitness  <b>CITIZENSHIP</b> Citizenship  <b>FIRST AID</b> Safety/First Aid  <b>DUTY TO GOD</b> Family/Reverence   2 Elective Adventures

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## Uniforms



## Cub Scout Uniform

Go to link below for more information on uniforms for all level Cub Scouts:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/cub-scout-uniform>