



CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF
CUB SCOUTING!



Where character counts
and
the adventure begins...



THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU WITH:

- Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
- Recruit boys into Cub Scouting
- Involve parents in the program

YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

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.

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

TIGER CUB PROGRAM

First Grade

I. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub **den** that:

- A. Has three to eight boy/adult partner teams.
- B. Meets twice each month in a den meeting.
- C. Has one outing a month, called a Go See It.
- D. Attends the month pack meetings.

II. Each pack has a Tiger Cub Den Leader

- A. This person plans and carries out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den.
- B. Each month, the den leader works with a different boy/adult partner team to plan the two monthly den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting. This is called shared leadership.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Second Through Fifth Grade

I. Your boy is a member of a **den** that:

- A. Has four to eight boys.
- B. Meets once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience.
- C. Is led by a den leader (usually a parent).
- D. Has an assistant den leader, and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members) to assist the den leader.
- E. Has games, crafts, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and periodic field trips.

THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First Through Fifth Grade

I. Your boy is a member of a **pack** that:

- A. Is made up of one or more dens.
- B. Meets once a month — all Tiger Cub and Cub families are expected to participate.
- D. Has meetings led by Cubmaster.
- E. Is the climax of the month's den meeting and activities.
- F. Has games, skits, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.

II. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee, which:

- A. Is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents.
- B. Meets once a month or more often if needed.
- C. Is led by a committee chairman.
- D. Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs recordkeeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

III. Our pack is owned by a Chartered Organization, which:

- A. Includes schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B. Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- C. Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).



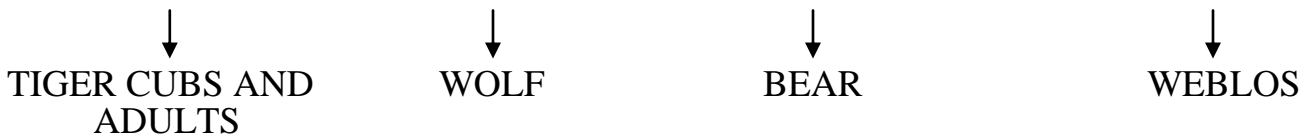
CHARTER ORGANIZATION

CHARTER ORGANIZATION
REPRESENTATIVE

PACK COMMITTEE

CUBMASTER

Den Leader



TIGER CUB, BSA MOTTO

SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE

Tiger Cubs, BSA, is a one-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include activities from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and an opportunity to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub group whom you see at monthly meetings.

CUB SCOUT, BSA MOTTO

DO YOUR BEST

In 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 for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

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

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

Cub Scout Promise

I, _____, promise to do my best To do my duty to God and my country, To help other people, and To obey the Law of the Pack.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

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

BOBCAT

All boys, in first through fifth grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.



TIGER CUBS

There are five achievements in Tiger Cubs:

- Making My Family Special
- Where I Live
- Keeping Myself Healthy and Save
- How I Tell It
- Let's Go Outdoors

Each achievement has three parts: a family activity, a den activity, and a Go See It outing. A boy receives totem beads as he completes each part:

- A *white bead* for each required family activity part he completes
- An *orange bead* for each required den activity part he completes
- A *black bead* for each required Go See It part he completes

WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

ARROW POINTS

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.

BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.

WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth-grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.

Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Be there the day of the big race!

RESIDENT CAMP/FAMILY CAMP

A fun filled summer for many Scouts and families summer is the best time of the year. It's what we spend the rest of the year looking forward to.... a time to get outside, play games, swim, hike, fish, and take great adventures. For all of us, summer 2012 can't get here soon enough because that's the time to go to camp.

BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE

A magazine for boys and adults. *Boys' Life* has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Subscription is \$12.00 per year for 12 issues.

The logo for Boys' Life magazine, featuring the words "BOYS' LIFE" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are dark grey or black, with a slight shadow effect behind them.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February.

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.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization. Wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

DEN LEADER(S)

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees monthly pack meeting and attends the pack leaders' meeting.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee (positions listed below) members perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Presides at all pack committee meetings.
Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack meetings.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

Maintains advancement records for the pack.
Orders and obtains all badges and insignia.
Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

PARENT HELPERS

Function chairman positions to perform "one-shot" program jobs, such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Our staff at the Great Rivers Council Scout Service Center can help or get you in touch with someone who can.

In the Columbia area 573-449-2561

Out of Columbia area, Toll Free number 1-800-726-8852

Fax: 573-874-6846

Web site: www.bsa-grc.org

- Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. 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.
- Program Helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders
- Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee that develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "service team." They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- Your district has fast start training videos and leader basic training available. All leaders need training!
- We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is 989

My den number is

My Scouting district is the Boonslick

My council is the [Great Rivers Council](#)

My den leader's name is

My den leader's phone number is

My den meets on

My den meets at

My Cubmaster's name is Daryl Maggine

My Cubmaster's phone number is 573-881-7809

My pack meets on 4th Tuesday of the Month

My pack meets at the [Mill Creek Elementry](#)

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Pack 989 Membership fees - \$45.00

Regular Bound Handbooks

- Tiger \$6.99
- Wolf & Bear \$8.99
- Webelos \$8.99

Den Dues \$_____

(Some units do fund-raising to decrease the amount of pack dues required.)

Note: Uniforms and *Boys' Life* are not required (but recommended) to join Scouting.

A price list for new uniform costs is included. Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

NEW-MEMBER CHECKLIST

Cub Scouts: _____Tiger Cub _____Wolf _____Bear _____Webelos

Pack # _____ Den # _____

Uniforms:

Shirt — short sleeve, \$22.99

Switchback Shorts \$24.99

Cub Scout belt & buckle,

\$7.99(s-m) \$8.99(m-l)

Neckerchiefs:

Tiger, \$5.99

Wolf, \$5.99

Bear, \$5.99

Webelos, \$6.99

Neckerchief Slides:

Cub Scout, \$3.99

Webelos, \$3.99

Insignia:

Council shoulder patch \$3.80

Webelos colors \$4.49

Unit numeral \$1.19

Den numeral \$1.49

Prices on list were taken from the 2011 Boy Scouts of America catalog.

Note: Prices are subject to change.

PARENT HELP POSITIONS

The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work. Please complete and turn in this form tonight.

Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader

Pack Parents' Committee

Pack Song leader

Awards Committee

Pinewood Derby Committee

Scouting For Food Committee

Blue and Gold Banquet

Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster

Cub Day Camp Coordinator

Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator

Pack Trainer

Pack Holiday Party Committee

Pack Sports Program Committee

Special Events Committee

Webelos Den Leader or Assistant
Den Leader

Webelos Camp-out Committee

Telephone Committee Pack

Popcorn Sale Committee

Hobbies: _____

Sports Interests: _____

Job: _____

I have a truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station wagon _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Scout's Name _____

Grade: _____



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The mission of the Boy Scouts is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them values of the Scout Oath & Law

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.

Scout Law

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