



Make friends.

Catch fish.

Earn badges.

Climb rocks.

Explore caves.

Take hikes.

Visit museums.

Launch rockets.

Race cars.

Roast marshmallows.

Take pictures.

Help people.

Discover trails.

Ride bikes.

Play sports.

Learn games.

Build character.

Gain confidence.

Hit targets.

Laugh loud.

Grow better.

Camp out.

Work together.



PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

Welcome to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting!
Where character counts and the adventure begins.

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

THE BASICS

Youth Development Program for kids in grades First through Fifth

- Builds Character
- Teaches Citizenship
- "Do Your Best"



WHY CUB SCOUTING?



- Brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn to get along
- Build self-confidence
- Service Projects to help others
- FUN!

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Hiking, Fishing, Biking
- Get Active!
- Cool field trips



THINGS TO BUY

- Book
- Uniform
- Scout Life Magazine
- Patches

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT CUBSCOUTS.ORG



THE BIG PICTURE

Den Meetings

- Small groups organized by grade
- Pack Meetings & Activities
- Family Events combining all dens
- District & Council Events
- Community-wide activities



ADVANCEMENT

- Age & grade based rank
- Awards and badges
- Recognizing effort and success
- Celebrating achievement
- Building self-confidence



TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Job specific training available
- Printed resources



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Learn about your Pack
- Register tonight!

THIS IS CUB SCOUTS



CUB SCOUTS ARE AWESOME!

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. But does Cub Scouting really improve a kid's character? According to research conducted at Tufts University, the answer is YES!

The research studied 4,000 kids, some who are in Scouting and some who are not. The findings show that Scouting...

1. Includes sustained, positive adult-youth relations with caring and supportive adults
2. Promotes development of life skills through program activities
3. Provides leadership opportunities



Serving Today's Families through "Family Scouting"



The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We are excited to announce that our Cub Scouting program is now open to boys and girls (available in some areas). By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises.

Learn more at scouting.org/familyscouting.



YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A DEN WHICH:

- Has five to nine members, usually at the same grade level
- Meets 2-3 times each month in den meetings
- Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent)
- Den Leader is helped by an Assistant Den Leader
- Meetings include games, sports, crafts, hands on learning and occasional field trips

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK WHICH:

- Is made up of all grade levels dens
- Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Scout families are expected to participate
- Is led by the Cubmaster
- The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meetings and activities
- Pack meetings follows a suggested theme that has games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that youth have earned

YOUR PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE WHICH:

- Is made up of volunteer den leaders, pack leaders, the packtrainer, the new member coordinator and parents
- Meets once a month or more often if needed
- Is led by the Committee Chairman
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps trains leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN



LION - Kindergarten

In Cub Scouting's newest program, Lions will experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through engaging and exciting adventures. Each youth will complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family.

TIGER - First Grade

The Tiger badge is earned after completing each of the six Tiger Required Adventures with your den or family, completing one Tiger elective adventure of your den or family's choosing, and completes the exercises in the Youth Protection Parent Guide.

WOLF - Second Grade

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works to complete the six Wolf Required Adventures with your den or family, completes one Wolf elective adventure, and completes the exercises in the Youth Protection Parent Guide, to earn the Wolf badge. After earning the Wolf badge, they may work on electives in different interest areas until they are old enough to begin work on the Bear badge.





BEAR - Third Grade

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works to complete the six Bear Required Adventures with your den or family, completes one Bear Elective Adventure, and completes the exercises in the Youth Protection Parent Guide. After earning the Bear Badge, they may work on electives in different interest areas until they are old enough to be a Webelos Scout.

WEBELOS & ARROW OF LIGHT - Fourth & Fifth Grade

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), they transfer to a Webelos den. Led by an adult Webelos leader, they work on requirements for the Webelos badge, must be active for at least 3 months, work on the five required adventures, complete two elective adventures, and complete the exercises in the Youth Protection Parent Guide. The Arrow of Light – has similar requirements and is 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 5th grade year, they graduate from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Scouts, BSA at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every youth deserves an opportunity to be a Scout.

