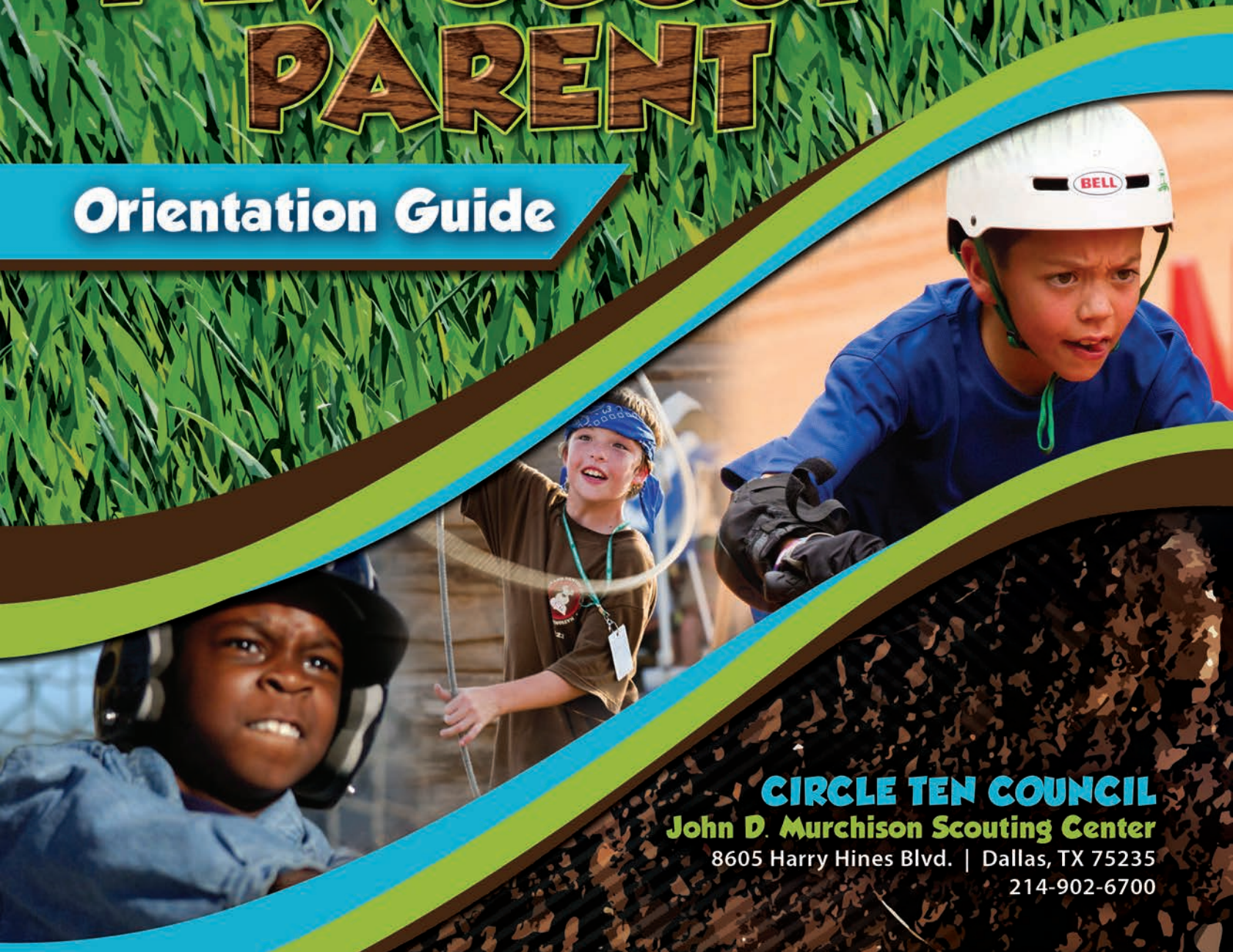


NEW SCOUT PARENT

Orientation Guide



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Helpful Contacts

Whenever you need help, this is who to call in your pack and district.

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CUBMASTER

NAME _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Pack # _____

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

NAME _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

MEETING INFORMATION

Den Orientation Meeting

Date _____

Time _____

Location _____

Den Meetings

Date _____

Time _____

Location _____

Pack Meeting

Date _____

Time _____

Location _____

In the event that you need any additional assistance, you can always call us at 214-902-6700.

Welcome to the Scouting Family

We know you and your child are excited about the fun, learning, and adventure that Scouting will bring to your family. We have put this guidebook together to help provide some of the basic information you will need as a new parent in Scouting. Even more information can be found on the council's website, www.circleten.org.

Here is a quick overview of Scouting. For more than 100 years, Scouting has instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. These values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential today as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

The Boy Scouts of America provides youth with programs and activities that allow them to:

- Try new things.
- Provide service to others.
- Build self-confidence.
- Reinforce ethical standards.

While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that, encouraging youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community. Scouting provides youth with a sense that they are important as individuals. They learn that those in the Scouting family care about what happens to them, regardless of whether a game is won or lost. Perhaps most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when a Scout has to make a hard decision, he can resist peer pressure and make the right choice.

BOBCAT

All Scouts earn the Bobcat badge upon joining – they learn the Scout Oath, Scout Law, handshake, salute, sign, and the motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.

New Scouts will be earning the Bobcat badge as soon as possible. The following pages contain all of the requirements, so your new Scout can earn it and receive it at the next pack meeting.



CUB SCOUTS boys ages 7 - 10 or 1st - 5th Grade

Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of boys ages 7 through 10 and their families through fun and challenging activities designed to promote education, character, and physical development.



BOY SCOUTS young men ages 11 - 18

Boy Scouting is an exciting leadership and character development program for young men ages 11 through 18. With the support of adult leaders, youth learn self confidence and develop personal values guided by the ideals found in the Scout Oath and Law.



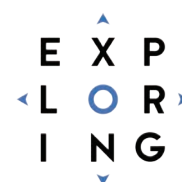
VENTURING co-ed ages 14 - 20

Venturing is a program for young men and women ages 14 through 20 designed to help young people grow into responsible and caring adults through educational, recreational, and high-adventure experiences.



EXPLORING co-ed ages 14 - 20

Exploring is a dynamic worksite-based career education program for young men and women ages 14 through 20. With the support of businesses and the community, Explorers develop social and leadership skills while gaining hands-on experiences in a career field.

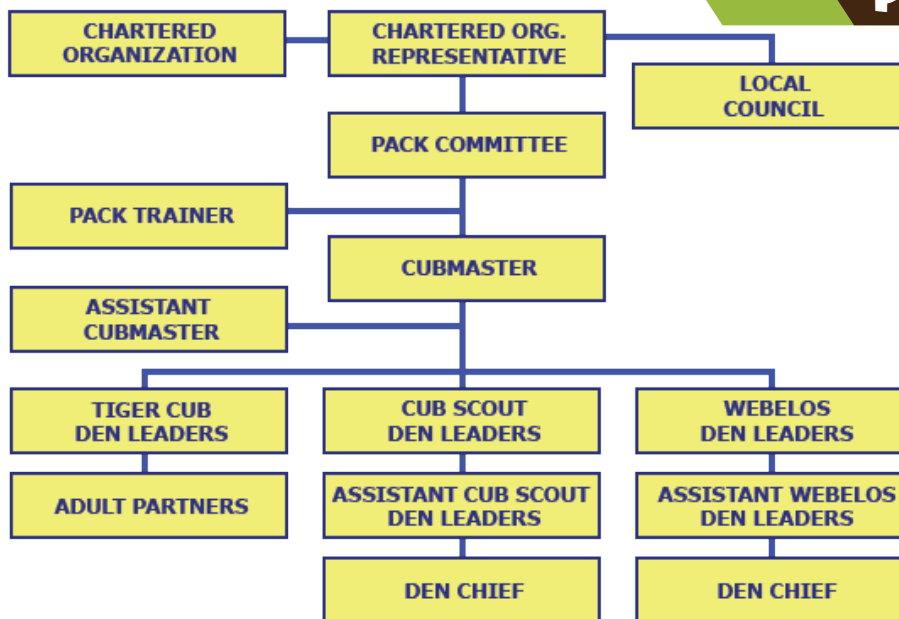


LEARNING FOR LIFE co-ed ages 5 - 18

Learning for Life is a co-educational, classroom-based program that offers character and career education through role models and grade specific, action-oriented lesson plans.



Pack Organization Chart



THE DEN

The Cub Scout pack is divided by age groups into several smaller groups called dens.

- Tiger Cub Scouts (first grade or 7 years old)
- Wolf Cub Scouts (second grade or 8 years old)
- Bear Cub Scouts (third grade or 9 years old)
- Webelos Scouts (fourth and fifth grades or 10 years old)

Most packs have a den for each grade level while some have more than one—two Wolf dens for example. Smaller packs may contain fourth and fifth graders into a single Webelos Scout den while larger packs might have separate first and second year Webelos Scout dens.

Dens typically consist of six to eight boys. The size and structure lets boys build relationships with each other and with leaders. It gives boys leadership opportunities and the chance to do activities that would be difficult with a larger group.

Dens meet several times a month in between pack meetings. Activities vary based on age.

TIGER CUB SCOUTS

Tigers do family activities with their adult partners, who may be parents or other adults. Tiger-age boys join Cub Scouting together with their adult partners, and they do Cub Scouting activities together. As well, the Tiger Cub Scouts den leader gives leadership to the Tiger Cub Scouts den with the assistance of the adult partners.

Den meeting activities include working on the activities necessary to achieve the Tiger rank, games, skits, etc. At the end of the school year, usually in May or June, Tiger Cub Scouts graduate and become part of a Wolf Cub Scout den.

WOLF CUB SCOUTS AND BEAR CUB SCOUTS

Wolf Cub Scouts and Bear Cub Scouts attend den meetings that are planned and run by an adult den leader with the help of an assistant den leader and often a den chief (a Boy Scout). Work on advancement happens in the den meetings, along with games, skits, and other activities. When Bear Cub Scouts have completed the third grade, they become Webelos Scouts.

WEBELOS SCOUTS

Webelos Scouts have a different program from their younger counterparts. At each of their den meetings, they work on requirements for their adventures. Den meetings also include games, sports, stunts, and preparation for the den's part in the pack meeting. One of the purposes of the Webelos program is to prepare boys for Boy Scouting and to help them graduate into a Boy Scout troop, so Webelos Scouts have opportunities for overnight campouts and joint activities with Boy Scout troops.

CUB SCOUT 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 1st through 5th grade can earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.



TIGER

The Tiger program is for first grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. The Tiger, working with his adult partner, completes the requirements for seven adventures to earn the Tiger badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on the seven adventures to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on additional adventures in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the Bear rank.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete seven adventures to earn the Bear badge.



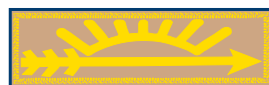
After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on additional adventures in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the Webelos rank.

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.



Fourth grade Webelos work on seven adventures to earn the Webelos badge.



Fifth grade Webelos work on seven adventures to earn the Arrow of Light badge. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th 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.

□ LEARN AND SAY THE SCOUT OATH

“ON MY HONOR...” Saying “On my honor” is like saying “I promise.” It means that you will do your best to do what the Scout Oath says.

“TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW...” A duty is something you are expected to do. At home, you might be expected to make up your bed or take out the trash. You also have duties to God and to your country. You do your duty to God by following the teachings of your family and religious leaders. You do your duty to your country by being a good citizen and obeying the law. You also promise to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law.

“TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES...” Many people need help. A friendly smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By helping other people, you are doing a Good Turn and making our world a better place.

“TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.” The last part of the Scout Oath is about taking care of yourself. You stay physically strong when you eat the right foods and get plenty of exercise. You stay mentally awake when you work hard in school, learn all you can, and ask questions. You stay morally straight when you do the right thing and live your life with honesty.



□ LEARN AND SAY THE SCOUT LAW

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. He does his best to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY. A Scout tells the truth and keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is LOYAL. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

A Scout is HELPFUL. A Scout volunteers to help others without expecting a reward.

A Scout is FRIENDLY. A Scout is a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from him.

A Scout is COURTEOUS. A Scout is polite to everyone and always uses good manners.

A Scout is KIND. A Scout treats others as he wants to be treated. He never harms or kills any living thing without good reason.

A Scout is OBEDIENT. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and pack. He obeys the laws of his community and country.

A Scout is CHEERFUL. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is THRIFTY. A Scout works to pay his way. He uses time, property, and natural resources wisely.

A Scout is BRAVE. A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He stands for what is right even if others laugh at him.

A Scout is CLEAN. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is REVERENT. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Bobcat requirements check off sheet



SHOW THE CUB SCOUT SIGN and tell what it means

Make the sign with your right hand, first two fingers raised. Hold your arm straight up. The two raised fingers look like the sharp ears of the wolf listening to Akela. Akela means good leader, parent, guardian.

SHOW THE CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE and tell what it means

When you shake hands with another Cub Scout, place the first two fingers of your right hand along the inside of his right wrist.

KNOW THE CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Do Your Best™ is one of the most important things Cub Scouts learn. Focusing on doing their personal best helps them feel good about themselves and see their potential for doing even better.

GIVE THE CUB SCOUT SALUTE and tell what it means

Salute with your right hand. Hold your first two fingers close together. Touch the tips of your cap. Touch your eyebrow if you are not wearing a cap. This is the way to show respect to your leaders. You salute the flag to show respect to our country. You can also greet another Cub Scout this way.

GO OVER YOUTH PROTECTION

THE METHODS OF SCOUTING

To accomplish its purpose and achieve the overall goals of building character, learning citizenship, and developing personal fitness, Cub Scouting uses seven methods.

LIVING THE IDEALS. Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, the Cub Scout Motto, the Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in boys and leaders who guide them.

BELONGING TO A DEN. The den – a group of six to eight boys who are about the same age – is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.

USING ADVANCEMENT. Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with the boys on advancement projects.

INVOLVING FAMILY AND HOME. Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, his family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that boys have a good experience in the program.

PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES. Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

SERVING HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD. Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps boys strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support the boys' growth and development.

WEARING THE UNIFORM. Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating membership in the group (everyone is dressed alike) and individual achievement (boys wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.

PARENT -N- PAL WEEKENDS

Parent & Pal is an action-packed weekend camping experience for a Cub Scout and his parent/partner. This is a weekend of living at a real Scout camp, doing the things Cub Scouts do – shooting BB guns, archery, hiking, crafts, games, and more! It is the perfect introductory camping program for “new” or inexperienced campers. These weekends are held once in the fall and once in the spring at one of our Scout camps. Visit www.circleten.org/parent-n-pal for more information.

CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPING

Cub Scout campouts are designed to give your Cub Scout or Webelos Scout and his family an opportunity to spend a fun-filled weekend together in the outdoors. They will learn more about each other by working and playing together within a planned program of activities. Check with your district to find out when these weekends are held.

CUB DAY CAMP/TWILIGHT CAMP

Day camp is a fun-filled week of adventure for Cub Scouts who will be in the 1st – 5th grades. The Circle Ten Council holds the Monday through Friday summer day camps in various geographic locations. These camps offer a range of activities which may include archery, BB guns, arts and crafts, field sports, nature, Scout skills, and many other theme activities. All camps place a special emphasis on safety procedures.

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Are you ready for an adventure of a lifetime? During June and July, Webelos Scouts are given the opportunity to enjoy Webelos Resident Camp located at Camp James Ray. This camp is designed for Scouts who will be starting their 4th and 5th grade years.

What kinds of activities will you get to do while at camp? Swimming, fishing, archery, shooting sports, BMX biking, campfire programs, and sports are just a few of the activities throughout the camp. A Scout staff is on hand to assist with these programs. During your free time, you will be able to hike and explore Camp James Ray.

All the meals are served in an air-conditioned dining hall. You will sleep in a provided wall tent with a platform. Restrooms are available throughout the camp.





CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

FALL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Visit www.circleten.org to view upcoming Scouting activities near you.

PINEWOOD DERBY

A parent/son project in which you build a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Be there the night of the big race!

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting, usually held during February. Scouting's Anniversary is February 8th.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

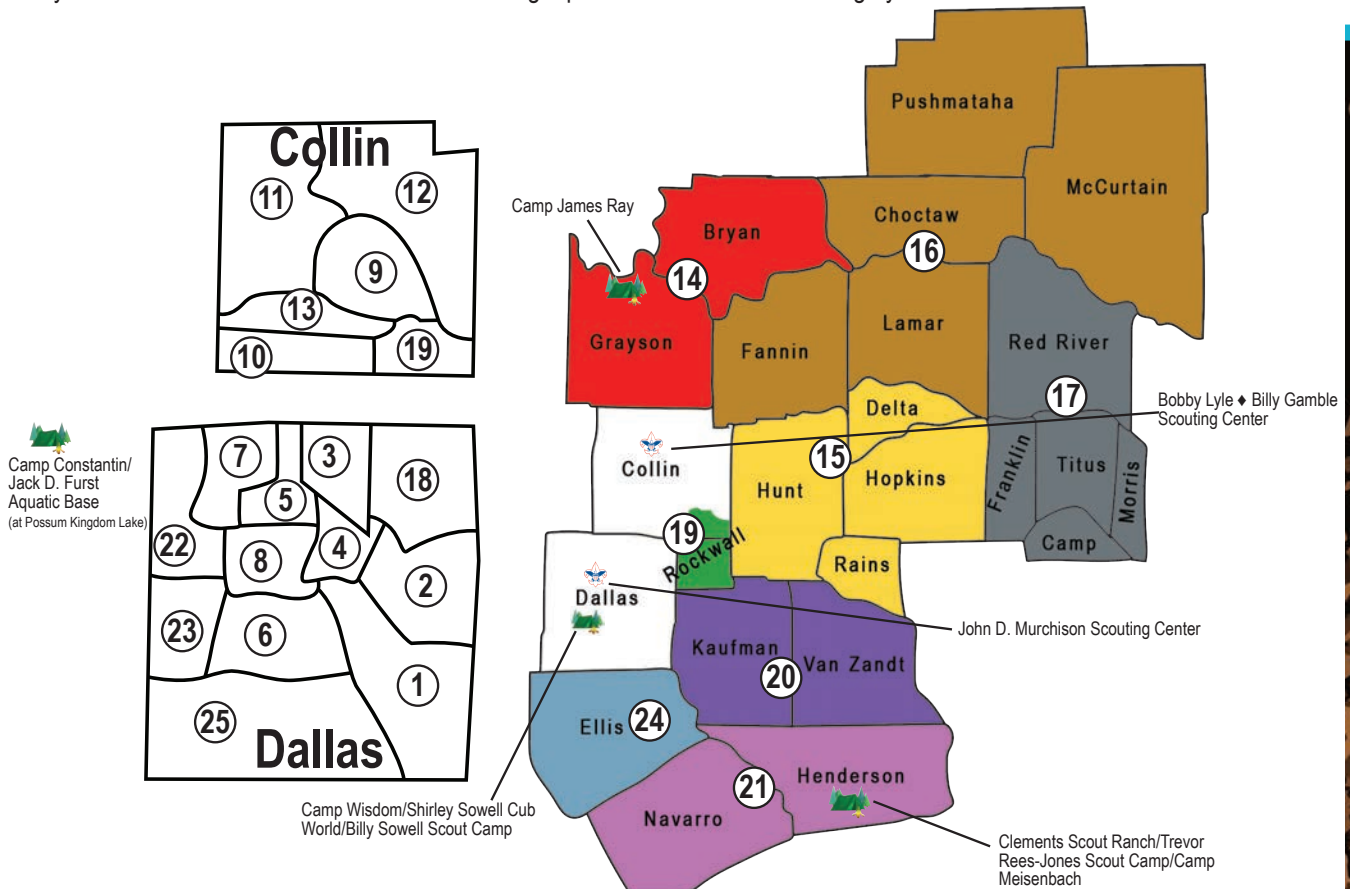
This annual food drive is held to benefit local food pantries. Part of our program is to help other people and this food drive provides a service project for Scouts to participate.

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. The monthly magazine is \$12.00 per year.

CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America is comprised of 24 counties. Over 57,000 young people participate in the council's Scouting programs on an annual basis and more than 15,000 adult volunteers dedicate their time and energy to make this program a success. Scouting units are chartered to over 850 community organizations such as schools and churches. Scouts today learn lessons about life and the value of being a person of character and integrity.



EAST CENTRAL SERVICE AREA

- 1 Cimarron – Seagoville, Pleasant Grove & South East Dallas
- 2 Eastern Skies – Mesquite, Sunnyvale, Balch Springs
- 3 Northern Trail – Richardson, Lake Highlands
- 4 Tejas Caddo – East Dallas

NORTH CENTRAL SERVICE AREA

- 5 Blackland Prairie – Addison, North Dallas
- 6 Mustang – Wilmer, Hutchins, Oak Cliff
- 7 North Star – Carrollton, Southern Lewisville, East Coppell, Northwest Dallas, Irving
- 8 West Park – Highland Park, University Park, West Dallas, Fair Park, Lindsey Park

NORTH METRO SERVICE AREA

- 9 Eagle Trail – Allen, Fairview, Lucas
- 10 Golden Arrow – South Plano
- 11 Iron Horse – Frisco, Prosper, Celina
- 12 Lone Star – McKinney, Anna, Farmersville, Melissa, Princeton
- 13 Northern Lights – North Plano

* District names will be changing in 2017

NORTHEASTERN SERVICE AREA

- 14 Texoma Valley – Grayson & Bryan Counties
- 15 Tonkawa – Hunt, Rains, Hopkins & Delta Counties
- 16 Two Rivers* – Fannin, Lamar, Pushmataha, Choctaw, McCurtain
- 17 White Oak* – Red River, Titus, Camp, Morris, Franklin

SOUTHEASTERN SERVICE AREA

- 18 Duck Creek – Garland, Sachse, Rowlett
- 19 East Trinity Trails – Wylie ISD, Rockwall County, Community ISD
- 20 Texas Skies – Kaufman & Van Zandt Counties
- 21 Trinity Woods – Navarro & Henderson Counties (not including Mabank ISD)

SOUTHWESTERN SERVICE AREA

- 22 Five Trails – Irving, Coppell
- 23 Mountain Lake – Grand Prairie
- 24 Southern Star – Ellis County
- 25 Wisdom Trail – Duncanville, DeSoto, Lancaster, Cedar Hill

OUTREACH SERVICE AREA

- 26 Exploring – worksite-based career education
- 27 Learning for life – school-based character education
- 28 STEM Scouts

Pack Volunteer Leadership

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program. Ensures that adequate support to run program is given to the Cubmaster and den leaders by committee members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed. Fast Start training and Position-Specific Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, and membership. Fast Start training and Position-Specific Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

CUBMASTER

Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Fast Start training and Position-Specific Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

TIGER DEN LEADER

Coordinates shared leadership among the Tiger adult partners. This ensures den meetings and outings are planned, prepared for, and conducted by all adult partners on a rotating basis. Den activities provide advancement opportunities for the boys in the den. Serves as den host for family members at pack meetings. Attends monthly pack leaders' meetings. Fast Start training and Position-Specific Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.



LEADER TRAINING

Cub Scout leader training just became easier. All courses needed to be fully-trained are available online through My.Scouting. Steps to set up a My.Scouting account are available in the Leader Guide to Cub Scouting.

Before an individual can be registered as an adult volunteer leader, they must complete Youth Protection training. We ask that they take this training before they attend their first Pack Leaders' meeting and bring a copy of their training certificate with them.

Each of our 25 districts also conduct face-to-face courses during the fall for all of the new leaders.

Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader. Check with your pack leadership or visit our website at www.circleten.org to find the dates and location of the next training course.



TRAINING RESOURCES

Roundtables are monthly leaders' meetings for all adult volunteers in your district. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs to use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.

Den Leader Guides contain meeting plans for den meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.

All registered adults receive *Scouting magazine* (6 issues per year) and you will be registered to receive the council monthly e-newsletter.

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 communication link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.

Your district provides Position-Specific Training. All leaders are required to take training!

We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.

Our staff at the Circle Ten Council Scouting Centers can help you or get you in touch with someone who can provide assistance.



CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight boys. Den meetings are held in the den leader's home, a church, or other suitable place. The den leader determines time, day, and location of den meetings that is most convenient for him or her. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Fast Start training and Position-Specific Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER

Same as Cub Scout den leader except works with older Webelos Scouts. Encourages periodic parent/son overnight campouts. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Fast Start and Position-Specific Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

PACK TRAINER

Conducts orientation for new families and pack leaders. Trains new leaders for their specific leadership positions or encourages participation in district training.

Encourages pack leaders to attend training. Conducts other training as designated. Keeps track of pack training records. Pack trainers should be trained in a district or council trainer development conference. They should, of course, have completed a training session before they teach it.

SCOUTPARENT COORDINATOR

Assist pack and/or den with specific projects as needed by the leaders. All parents help their sons with advancement.

WHAT IS A SCOUTPARENT?

A ScoutParent is a parent or adult mentor of a Scout who enthusiastically participates with their Scout and also helps other volunteers to provide the best quality program experience to all youth in every unit.

Ask your **Den Leader** or **Cubmaster** about selling **Popcorn** to help fund your son's Scouting experience.

Your Scout's participation in selling popcorn can enhance his overall Scouting experience by:

- Giving the unit more money to spend on programs
- Reducing out-of-pocket expenses for parents
- Teaching communication, selling, and general life skills
- Helping earn requirements for badges
- Supporting the local council through popcorn sales helps keep camp costs low and also goes to improve camp facilities.



For more information on how your son can participate in the popcorn sale to help fund his Scouting experience, please contact your cubmaster or den leader, visit circleten.org/popcorn, or, you may email C10popcorn@scouting.org.



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