



NEW SCOUT PARENT Orientation Guide



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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, and the Hub, <https://circleten.ihubapp.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, they 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 Scout works on requirements based on their grade or age.

New Scouts will be earning the Bobcat badge as soon as possible. Pages 5-6 contain all of the requirements, so your new Scout can earn it and receive it at the next pack meeting.



SCOUTING PROGRAMS

LION - BOYS AND GIRLS KINDERGARTEN-AGE

As a Lion, kindergartners make friends, laugh loud, gain confidence, discover nature, and most of all...have fun! They experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through engaging and exciting adventures!! Kindergartners have a blast exploring the world around them in ways that fuel their imagination and creativity.



CUB SCOUTS BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7 - 10 OR 1ST - 5TH GRADE

Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of boys and girls 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 - 17 SCOUTS BSA YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AGES 11-17 (BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2019)

Boy Scouting/Scouts BSA is an exciting leadership and character development program for youth ages 11 through 17. 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.



SEA SCOUTS, BSA – CO-ED AGES 14-21

Sea Scouts, BSA is a specialized program organized to address a youth members' boating skills and promote knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scout units focus on sailing and cruising either sailboats, power vessels, or paddle sports. During the boating season, Sea Scouts learn to maintain and operate vessels, with a focus on learning the safe and proper methods of handling boats.



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.



STEM SCOUTS – CO-ED GRADES 3 - 12

STEM Scouts re-imagines creative ways to learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This program allows interaction with professionals in weekly hands-on lab sessions and discovery of new things in a fast-paced, thought-provoking, and fun way.



PACK ORGANIZATION CHART



THE DEN

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

- Lions (kindergarten-age)
- 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 combine fourth and fifth graders into a single Webelos Scout den while larger packs might have separate first and second year Webelos Scout dens.

Single-gender dens typically consist of six to eight boys or girls. The size and structure lets youth build relationships with each other and with leaders. It gives youth 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.

LIONS

Lions and their adult partners, who may be parents or other adults, participate in activities to explore their world, themselves, their families, and their local neighborhoods. Lion families will begin to understand more about Scouting and will prepare for moving to Tigers as they become first-graders. Den meetings and outings are facilitated by a Lion guide, who is an experienced Cub Scout leader, supported by an adult partner.

TIGER CUB SCOUTS

Tigers do family activities with their adult partners, who may be parents or other adults. Tiger-age youth 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 Scout in Boy Scouting/Scouts BSA). 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 Cub Scouts for Boy Scouting/Scouts BSA and to help them graduate into a Boy Scout/Scouts BSA troop, so Webelos Scouts have opportunities for overnight campouts and joint activities with Boy Scout/Scouts BSA troop.

CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of a Scout'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.

LIONS

The Lion program is for kindergarten-age boys and girls and their adult partners. Lions will receive the Lion badge at the completion of five required adventures. These adventures are designed to focus each Lion on demonstrating skills in the areas of adventure, leadership, personal fitness, citizenship, and character.



BOBCAT

All boys and girls 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 Scout works on requirements based on their grade level.



TIGER

The Tiger program is for first grade (or age 7) boys and girls 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 those 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 earning the Wolf badge, a Scout may work on additional adventures in different interest areas until 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 earning the Bear badge, a Scout may work on additional adventures in different interest areas until 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/she transfers to a Webelos den led by an adult Webelos leader.

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



ARROW OF LIGHT

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/she graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting/Scouts BSA at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every youth deserves an opportunity to be a Scout in Boy Scouting/Scouts BSA.



BOBCAT REQUIREMENTS CHECK OFF SHEET

□ 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. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY. Tell the truth and keep your promises. People can depend on you.

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

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

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

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

A Scout is KIND. Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

A Scout is OBEDIENT. Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

A Scout is CHEERFUL. Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to make others happy.

A Scout is THRIFTY. Work to pay your own way. Use time, property, and natural resources wisely.

A Scout is BRAVE. Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

A Scout is CLEAN. Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

A Scout is REVERENT. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect 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 the other Scout's 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 your fingertips to 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 Scouts and leaders who guide them.

BELONGING TO A DEN. The den – a group of six to eight Scouts who are about the same age and gender – 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 Scouts. The advancement plan provides fun while giving a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with the Scouts on advancement projects.

INVOLVING FAMILY AND HOME. Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that Scouts 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 Scouts strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support the Scout's 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 (Scouts 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.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

PARENT-N- PAL WEEKENDS

Parent-n-Pal is an action-packed weekend camping experience for a Cub Scout and their 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 usually 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 their 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. 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 themed activities. All camps place a special emphasis on safety procedures.

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

Are you ready for an adventure of a lifetime? During June and July, Cub Scouts are given the opportunity to enjoy Cub Scout Resident Camp (2nd and 3rd graders) and Webelos Resident Camp (4th and 5th graders) located at Camp James Ray.

What kinds of activities will you get to do while at camp? Swimming, fishing, shooting sports, handicrafts, outdoor skills, BMX biking, campfire programs, and sports are just a few of the age-specific activities offered 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.



ACTIVITIES & FUN



CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

FALL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Check your district calendars for upcoming Scouting activities near you.

PINEWOOD DERBY

A parent/Scout 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.



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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. Position-Specific Training is 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. Position-Specific Training is 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. Position-Specific Training is 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 Scouts in the den. Serves as den host for family members at pack meetings. Attends monthly pack leaders' meetings. Position-Specific Training is offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

LION GUIDE

Plans and prepares for initial den meeting and outings while mentoring adult partners and ensuring the each Lion and his adult partner have the opportunity to be the host team. Ensures the transition of Lions to Tigers at year-end. Attends monthly pack leaders' meetings.

CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight Scouts. 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. Position-Specific Training is 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/Scout overnight campouts. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Position-Specific Training is 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.

NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR

Forms a connection with new members and their families. He or she is appointed by and reports to the Unit Committee Chair. This position serves as a welcoming ambassador for the unit, works with the unit committee in developing and implementing the Unit Membership Plan, and participates in New Member Coordinator training and collaborates with the district membership team.

TRAINING

LEADER TRAINING

Cub Scout leader training just became easier. All courses needed to be fully-trained are available online through My.Scouting.org. 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 24 districts also conduct face-to-face courses during the fall for all of the new leaders.

Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader.

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 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!

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



Ask your **DEN LEADER** or **CUBMASTER** about selling **POPCORN** to help fund your Scout's Scouting experience.

Your Scout's participation in selling popcorn can enhance their 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

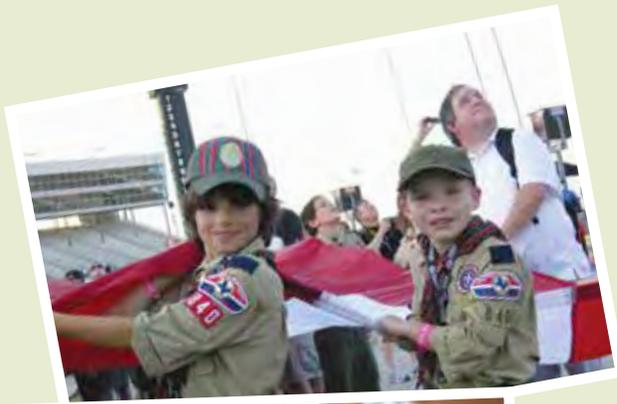


For more information on how your Scout can participate in the popcorn sale to help fund their Scouting experience, please contact your cubmaster or den leader, visit <https://circleten.ihubapp.org/c/popcorn/feed>, or, you may email Circle10popcorn@scouting.org.




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