

My Cub Scout Pack

Pack # _____ First Pack Meeting: _____
 Location: _____

Den # _____ First Den Meeting: _____
 Location: _____

Den Roster

Names (Boy & Adult)	Phone #	Email Address
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Welcome to the Adventures of Cub Scouting!



Welcome!

This book will give you an overview of the Cub Scouting program. As a parent you'll participate in the activities with your son, giving you the opportunity to share his experiences. Scouting is **FUN!**



The Purposes and Goals of Scouting

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide an educational program for boys to build their quality of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating as a citizen, and to develop personal fitness. Personal fitness includes physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

The Purpose of Scouting

Parents, leaders and organizations work together to achieve the Purposes of Cub Scouting:

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| 1. Character | 6. Respectful Relationships |
| 2. Spiritual Growth | 7. Personal Achievement |
| 3. Good Citizenship | 8. Friendly Service |
| 4. Sportsmanship & Fitness | 9. Fun and Adventure |
| 5. Family Understanding | 10. Preparation for Boy Scouts |

Cub Scouting's Core Values

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| 1. Citizenship | 7. Honesty |
| 2. Compassion | 8. Perseverance |
| 3. Cooperation | 9. Positive Attitude |
| 4. Courage | 10. Resourcefulness |
| 5. Faith | 11. Respect |
| 6. Health & Fitness | 12. Responsibility |

Goals of Cub Scouting

Strengthen Scouting's position in the community

Reflect the diversity of our communities

Increase overall impact on youth

Enhance young peoples' opportunities for life-enriching experiences

Offer greater support for youth and families

Capitalize on one of our proven assets - Council camps

The Trail to Eagle begins in Cub Scouting

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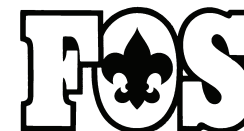
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Uniforms are not required to join Cub Scouting but play an important part of the recognition and self-esteem elements of the program. You may be able to find "experienced" uniforms at second hand stores, garage sales, or from older boys in the pack.

Please check with your pack leaders before purchasing any items to see what the pack provides for new members or pays for through dues.

Support Scouting!

Council Popcorn Program and Friends of Scouting Campaign



Camping is Adventure for Real!

Camping has long been a tradition of Scouting's history. It has survived because of its importance to the Scouting program. It adds a dimension to a youths Scouting experience not easily found in other settings.

Fall Festival Cub Scout Day Camps!

All Cub Scouts, Tiger Cubs, Webelos, siblings and adult partners are invited to attend this year's Fall Festival day camps to experience all the fun that fall has to offer. Help keep your pack active and healthy while introducing new Cubs to Cub Scout camping. Most boys join Scouting for camping opportunities and this fall adventure is an opportunity that should not be missed.



Campers will have the opportunity to participate in activities that may include: hayrides, crafts, caramel apple making, field games, fishing, petting zoo, hay maze obstacle course, shooting sports and much more. Visit www.northernstarbsa.org/Camping/FallFestival for dates, time, location and fees. Sign up today for an exciting Fall Adventure.

Camp Akela, Camp Stearns and Kiwanis Cub Camp

A weekend program for Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cubs. A unique opportunity for Cub Scouts and their accompanying adult to spend quality time together working on advancement, enjoying recreational activities and learning about camping.

Activities include swimming, boating, shooting sports, nature, games, crafts, pony rides and much more.



Food service is provided in a dining hall. An additional overnight called the Webelos Outpost is available for first year Webelos.

Visit www.goscouting.org to check availability.

Parents in the Scouting Program

As a parent of a **Tiger Cub**, you will meet with other parent/son groups once a month for a fun activity.



As a parent of a **Cub Scout**, you will help your son complete den projects in his Wolf and Bear books and attend monthly pack meetings. Maybe you will be a group leader at Cub Scout day camp or attend a resident camp with your son.

As a parent of a **Webelos Scout**, you might present an activity badge at your son's den meeting. Outings with Boy Scouts will introduce you and your son to longer camping experiences.



As a parent of a **Boy Scout** you will have an opportunity to give encouragement to him as he learns new skills with other Scouts and leaders. You can help on campouts, at meetings, outings, service projects, and with fundraisers.

As a parent of a boy growing in the Scout program you can help in many ways. Most importantly, you can be a continued source of encouragement for your son.

Cub Scouting is Family-Oriented

Pinewood Derby

Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Most packs conduct the pinewood derby races annually.

Academics and Sports

A program of activities that coincides with Achievements in handbooks: This series of belt loops and pins helps fulfill the *Aims of Scouting: building character, developing citizenship, and encouraging mental and physical fitness*. In the Academic section a boy can expand his mind, exploring the wonders of science, the arts, and improve his sense of responsibility.

Through the Sports section, the Scout may participate in summer and winter sports, team and individual sports. Participation will provide a good physical education for Cub Scouts.



Blue and Gold

This is a birthday party of Cub Scouting, usually held in February. Most often it is a family meal, but this special pack meeting may take on a different look. A special program or entertainment is customary. Many Cub Scout Packs use this event as a graduation to Boy Scouting for their Webelos Scouts.



Boys' Life Magazine

This magazine is 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 Family Program

The BSA Family Program is a series of activities designed to help strengthen all families - whether two-parent, single parent, or nontraditional. All family members are encouraged to participate and may even earn the BSA Family Award, a pin that can be worn any time.

Volunteering for Cub Scouts = FUN!

Being a Cub Scout leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Volunteer positions in the pack vary, some work directly with the boys and others help organize the activities in which the boys participate. To make Scouting fun and exciting for you as well as for your son, you should get involved with your pack.

Chartered Organization Representative - Selects Committee Chair, Cubmaster, approves all other adult applications and serves as the liaison between the Scouting unit, chartering organization and the District/Council.

Committee Chairperson - Conducts monthly committee meeting, delegates responsibilities to committee members, and is responsible for all necessary paperwork.

Cubmaster - Serves as the Master of Ceremonies for monthly pack meetings, recruits and works directly with Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and Webelos Leaders.

Pack Trainer - Coordinator of training for all pack leaders.

Tiger Cub Den Leader - Coordinate shared leadership among adult partners in the den, works with shared leadership to plan den activities focused on the Cub Scout monthly theme.

Den Leader - Plan and conduct weekly meetings for Cub Scouts. Lead den in participation at monthly pack meetings; serve as den host or hostess to den parents.

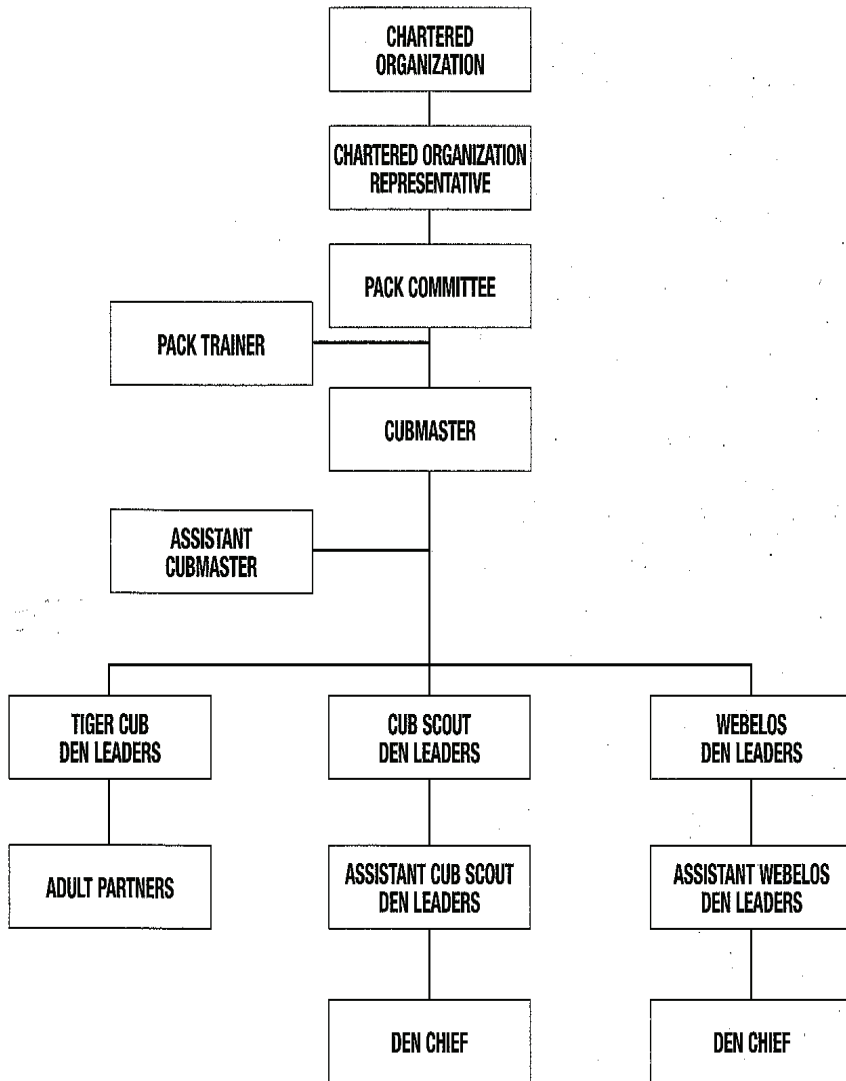
Webelos Den Leader - Plan and conduct weekly meetings for Webelos Cub Scouts. Lead den in participation at monthly pack meetings; serve as den host or hostess to den parents.

Committee Members - Provide "behind the scenes" support.

ScoutParents - 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.

Helpers - Needed for short-term projects or activities such as pack fundraisers, Scouting for Food, pack good turn, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, pack graduation and day camp.

Organization of Cub Scouting



Adventures for Real!



Cub Scout Camps

Our Cub Scout camps offer plenty of fun, adventure, activity and advancement opportunities. Your camp experience may be a one, two, three, or four day experience. Program activities may include archery, crafts, BB guns, games, sports, outdoor cooking, swimming, nature, pony rides, Scouting skills, winter sledding, winter nature activities, obstacle courses, and much more. Cub Scout camps run all year round and are wonderful experiences for youth and adults alike.

Religious Emblems

Have your son learn more about your family's faith. This program will encourage a stronger appreciation and understanding for his beliefs and the church to which you belong.

Good Turn for America

Scouting for Food, a local food drive held each year to benefit food shelves, is part of a nationwide program from the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the hungry. This "good turn" helps teach Cubs about community service.

World Conservation

The "Panda Patch" can be earned only once as a Cub Scout. Each rank has specific Achievements that are required in order to be qualified.

Leave No Trace

An award that Cub Scouts can earn as they do outdoor activities. The principle is that wherever you go, there should be no trace of your having been there. Scouts should pick up trash, not feed the wildlife, leave what they found at the campsite, and be considerate of other visitors.

Sports Events

Scouts have the opportunity to attend sporting events with local sports teams like the Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota Wild, the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Minnesota Thunder and the St. Paul Saints. Special activities are planned just for Cub Scouts.



Begin with Bobcat

The Cub Scout Advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your boy.

The responsibility for boys earning awards in Cub Scouts lies with the family and not with the Pack.

Some advancement requirements are done in den meetings, and some are completed at home with the family.

Advancement ranks are grade specific. As a result, the awards your son earns helps raise his self-esteem and confidence.



All Scouts earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Handshake, Salute, Sign, Motto, and the meaning of “Webelos.”

With their parents, they also read the booklet *“How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse”* that is included in each Cub Scout Handbook.

After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age. The following pages explain these advancement opportunities from Tiger Cub to Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light.

How Do We Sign Up?

STEP 1: Organize Dens

- We create dens by forming groups of boys by grade
- Dens should be at least 4 boys, but no more than 8 boys
- It helps to group boys by neighborhoods and/or friendships
- New Cubs may be placed in an existing den or form a new den, based on current enrollment.

STEP 2: Identify Parent Volunteers

- Parents are encouraged to become volunteers, either to work directly with the boys in dens, or with the pack committee, filling behind-the-scenes roles
- **Working with the boys:** Within the organized dens, 1 parent volunteers to be the Den Leader and at least 1 parent volunteers to be an Assistant Den Leader. There may also be an attendance keeper, etc.
- **Working Behind-the-Scenes:** Parents volunteer to help on the Pack Committee in such roles as Outings Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Advancement Chair, etc.

STEP 3: Complete Registration

- An application is completed for each boy. Some application requirements are birth date, address, phone number and parent’s signature.
- Each parent who becomes a volunteer will complete an Adult Leader Application. Some requirements are Social Security Number (for National BSA background check), birth date, address, phone number and references.
- Registration fees are collected with the completed youth and adult applications. The annual Boy Scouts of America membership fee is \$10 per youth and \$10 per adult. Additional pack fees may be applicable.

STEP 4: Share Vital Information

- It’s important that the new Den Leaders have a copy of the den roster.
- Each family should fill out the back page of this booklet to keep for their records.

Webelos Scouts: 4th and 5th Grades

The Webelos Den is beginning to look a bit like a Boy Scout Patrol. Instead of working on a monthly theme, the program is now based on a set of 20 Activity Badges. The Webelos work on their Activities during their Den meetings, or on Field Trips. There are community service components, physical fitness components, learning new skills and expanding on skills already touched upon.

Another aspect of the Webelos Den is that they are beginning to camp with the Boy Scouts, by attending their activities on Day Trips or camping with them on weekend trips. These may be done in conjunction with a Troop that they will join, or as a District or Council event, such as a Fall Camporee, or a Spring Webelos Wood event.



Den Leaders will now want to plan the year around the required Activity Badges for achieving the Webelos badge during their first year, and for achieving the Arrow of Light Award during their second year.



Webelos Scouts attend Cub Scout camp, but may also expand their stay with a Webelos overnight.

During his 5th grade year, a Webelos Scout “graduates” into the Adventure of Boy Scouts!



Tiger Cub Scout: 1st Grade



The Tiger Cub program is designed to build

stronger families through involvement in a simple, low-cost program that is flexible and fun for boys and adults. A shared leadership, where a Den Leader works with teams of boys and their adult partners, gives everyone input to the planning and carrying out of activities.

There are five Achievements leading to the Tiger Cub badge. These achievements are all designed for a Tiger Cub to enjoy the Scouting program with his family and friends. Achievements are rewarded by earning a Belt Totem, with beads for completing Family and Den activities and Field trips.

The Tiger Cub Motto is “Search, Discover, Share.” The Tiger Cub Den meeting has components built around each word:

Share time means a boy can show or tell about something he did since the last meeting.

During **Discover** time, teams may work on crafts and games, some active outside games and some quiet inside games.

Search time: A typical *Go See It* can be a parent’s place of business, community services like the Police and Fire Stations, nature centers, radio and TV stations, any place that is interesting to boys.



Wolf Cub Scout: 2nd Grade

The Wolf Handbook begins with the story of Mowgli, and how he became a member of the Wolf Pack. The founder of Boy Scouts, Lord Baden-Powell, used this Rudyard Kipling story as the basis for Cub Scouting. As a Wolf Scout, your son will learn about the Law of the Pack, and what it means to be a Cub Scout.

The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow, and the Cub Scout gives goodwill.

A Wolf Cub Scout works on 12 Achievements to earn his Wolf Badge. Each Achievement is designed to teach simple skills, and initiate family discussions on values, drug awareness, health, and much more.



The second part of the handbook includes 23 Electives that can be worked on either simultaneously with the Achievements, or after the Achievements are completed. The Achievements teach life skills, such as keeping fit, learning about the American flag, learning about your community, and learning how to use tools. The Electives let the Scout expand on the knowledge he is gaining in the Achievements section: sing-alongs, knot-tying, Indian lore, books and reading, acting, growing things, you name it, and it's there for you to explore!

Bear Cub Scout: 3rd Grade

Continuing on the "Jungle Book" theme, as a Bear Cub Scout, the boy learns that he can do things for himself, but he also needs the wisdom of older friends to teach and protect him.

The Bear Cub Den looks a lot like the Wolf Cub Den, all the features and helpers for planning are the same.

However, now the Bear Cub Scout may choose between 12 of 24 possible Achievements to earn his Bear Badge. These Achievements are aligned in four sections: God, Country, Family, and Self. These may be worked on with his family, or may be done with his den. They again teach life skills, expanding upon those learned in the Wolf Den, as well.



Along with, or after he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on 25 Electives that again lead to Arrow Points in different areas of interest. For every ten Electives a Scout completes, he receives a Gold or Silver Arrow Point. Parents help their boys learn about complicated life skills, values, and interests.

Fun is always part of Cub Scouting. Fun at summer camp, Fun on Den Field Trips, Fun with the games and skills found in the "Academics and Sports" guide, or in earning his "Leave No Trace" or "World Conservation Award."