

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



Important Information:

District: _____ Pack #: _____

Cubmaster Name: _____ Cubmaster Phone: _____

Cubmaster Email: _____

Our next meeting is: _____



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What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouting is a year-round, family-focused program for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade. To adults, Cub Scouting is all about developing character, citizenship, and physical/mental awareness. To youth, Cub Scouting is all about FUN!

The Scout Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily

Cub Scouting offers youth:

A fun and safe environment to learn and grow while pursuing a broad array of interests.

- **Character development** centered around good morals and values.
- The chance to **learn life skills** that will help him/her become successful adults and a contributing member of society.
- **Exciting outdoor experiences** like hiking, camping, mountain biking, and more.
- Badges that **reward achievement** and spur learning and growth.

Best of all, as a parent, grandparent, or other adult partner, you get to participate. Rather than cool your heels on the sidelines, you can be part of the action as you share true quality time and form lasting memories with your son or daughter.

The Cub Scouting Program

The Cub Scout Pack

A Cub Scout pack is comprised of youth in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. The youth in a pack come from local schools, neighborhoods, churches, and the community. Every pack is sponsored by a “chartered organization.” Packs usually meet once a month and hold special events throughout the year. A Cub Scout pack is led by the Cubmaster who works with the den leaders, pack committee, and parents.

The Cub Scout Den

Cub Scout dens are individual groups within the pack formed by age. Your child will spend most of their time working with kids the same age and their parents. Each age group is represented by an animal or symbol. A typical den consists of 8 - 10 youth and meets two to three times a month. Each den is led by a den leader who is assisted by other parents.

Pack Organization & Volunteer Leadership Chartered Organization

This is the organization that partners with the Boy Scouts of America to deliver a Scouting program. They adopt Scouting to serve the youth in the community.

Chartered Organization Representative

This person appoints the pack committee chair and approves all adult leaders. They provide resources from the chartering organization.

Pack Committee Chair

The top volunteer in the pack is the pack committee chair. They are responsible for ensuring enough qualified adult volunteers are in place to provide the program. They also lead the pack committee meetings.

Cubmaster

The leader of the pack meeting is the Cubmaster. In addition to serving as the master of ceremonies, the Cubmaster provides support to den leaders.

Pack Committee

The pack committee is made up of parents, leaders, and other caring adults that work to support den leaders and the Cubmaster.

Den Leaders

An adult, usually a parent, serves as a den leader. They carry out the activities related to adventures as they are presented in the Cub Scout handbook and the den leader guide.

The Scout Motto: Be Prepared

Unit Fundraising

Fundraisers help Scouts generate income to support their Scouting program for the entire year! These fundraisers are used to cover the cost of camporees, pinewood derby races, equipment, summer camp, and more. The two main fundraisers are:

Popcorn Sale: Takes place every fall. Scouts sell delicious popcorn to their family and friends to help raise money.

Camp Cards: Camp Cards are designed to help Scouts earn their own way to camp.

Additional fundraising may be approved by the pack committee.

Year-round Adventure & Fun

Cub Scout Fun Days (fall/spring) Organized by local districts, Cub Scout Fun Days let Scouts enjoy rockets, BB guns, archery, races, obstacle courses, and STEM activities in local parks and nearby Scout camps.

Pack Camping Trips (year-round) Staying in a tent overnight with their family is a big adventure for any Cub Scout. From sitting around a campfire to making s'mores to exploring the natural world, your Cub Scout will create memories that will last a lifetime while spending quality time with their family.

Haunted Woods (October) Bring your den of monsters out for a day of spooky (not scary!) Halloween fun. Activities include BB guns, archery, face and pumpkin painting, Halloween games, and spooky trails. Camp overnight if you dare!

Scouting for Food (November) This annual food drive benefits food pantries in your local community. Cub Scouts distribute door hangers one Saturday and collect food the following Saturday. In doing so, they begin learning the joy of helping others and prepare for even greater service in the future.

Pinewood Derby (January - March) The pinewood derby is an iconic Scouting event. Scouts build race cars from blocks of wood to race at their own pack pinewood derby before competing for the district pinewood derby crown!

The Scout Law

A Scout is: TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, and REVERENT.

The 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.

Cub Scout Summer Experience (June - July) Cub Scout Summer Experience is for all Cub Scouts entering grades K-5. It provides an introduction to Scouting's outdoor program with such exciting activities such as hiking, team games, arts and crafts, nature activities, sports, BB guns, and archery. There are even water activities for those hot summer days! Camps are held in an outdoor setting close to home and many packs coordinate participation.

Cub Scout Summer Camp (June - July) Cub Scout Summer Camp is a short-term camping experience designed to introduce Wolves, Bears, Webelos, their leaders and parents to a theme-based, summertime camping experience that will help the Scouts be prepared for a smooth transition into Scouts BSA. It's a memorable 4 days and 3 nights of thrilling and adventurous activities that keep campers excited for months after the closing campfire. At Cub Scout Summer Camp, Scouts will participate in a variety of activities, including shooting sports, swimming, fishing, Scout skills, and much more.

New Member Registration/ Insurance Fee: \$121

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