



# PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF SCOUTING

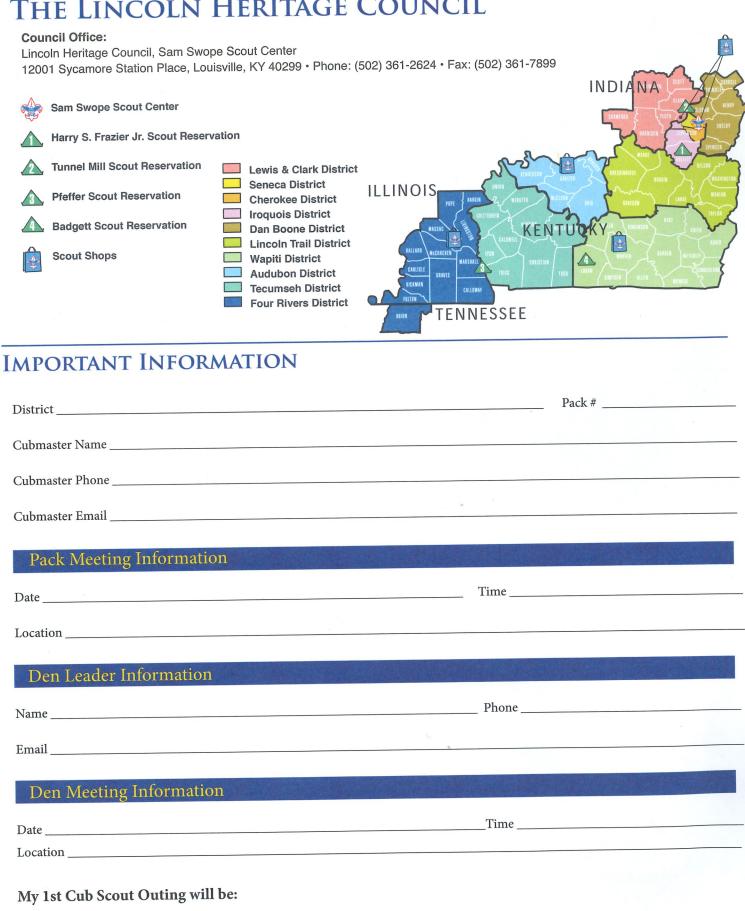


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# WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING?

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 and mental fitness. To youth, Cub Scouting is all about **fun!** 





# **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 a successful adult 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 SCOUT PROGRAM

# The Cub Scout Pack

A Cub Scout Pack is comprised of youth in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. The youth in a Pack come from the local schools, neighborhoods, church's, and 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 and gender. Your child will spend most of their time working with kids the same age and gender, 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. Girls and Boys are in separate dens within a Pack.







**Tiger** First Grade



Wolf Second Grade



Bear Third Grade



Fourth & Fifth Grade

Uniform Shirts (long sleeve & short sleeve) •
Uniform Pants (skorts available) • Rank Hats •
Neckerchiefs • Belts • Den Patches
Unit Patches • Rank Patches • Handbooks •
Adult Volunteer Uniforms • Camping Gear
• Crafts ...and much more

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# Chartered Organization Chartered Organization Chartered Organization Representative Pack Committee Cubmaster Assistant Cubmaster Lion Cub Den Coordinator Tiger Cub Den Leaders Asst. Cub Scout Den Leaders Asst. Webelos Den Leaders Asst. Webelos Den Leaders

# **Chartered Organization**

Your pack is operated by a local chartered organization – typically a school, religious institution, or service club in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America. It agrees to follow Scouting policies and use the Cub Scout Program as part of its service and outreach to youth.

# **Chartered Organization Representative**

This volunteer is a member of the chartered organization and serves as the liaison between the organization and the Cub Scout Pack (as well as other Scouting units that the organization operates).

### Pack Committee Chair

This volunteer conducts monthly pack committee meeting to help plan the program. He or she ensures that the Cubmaster and Den Leaders receive adequate support to run the program and helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

### Cubmaster

This volunteer is in charge of the monthly Pack meeting, working with and organizing the Den Leaders and other group Pack outings with the assistance of the Pack Committee. The cubmaster is usually the spokesperson for the Pack and usually will lead all Pack gatherings.

### **Pack Committee**

These volunteers attend monthly pack committee meetings to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, and membership.

### Den Leaders

Every Den has a leader in charge. These volunteers meet two to three times a month for about one hour with a den of eight to ten youth. (Den meetings are typically held at the charter organization in a break out room or at a leader's home). The den leader determines the time, day, and location of the den meetings.

Training is offered for all positions to help new leaders succeed.

# YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE AND FUN

**Cub Scout Fun Days (fall/spring)** 

Organized by local districts. Cub Scout Fin Days let Scouts enjoy rockets, BB guns, arch We do Family Camping in place of this 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 your 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 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 (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!

# Day Camp (June-July)

Day camp is for all Cub Scouts entering grades K-5. It provides an introduction to Scouting's outdoor program with such exciting activities as hiking, team games, arts and crafts, nature activities, sports, and BB guns and archery. And there are water activities for those hot summer days! Camps are held in an outdoor setting close to home, and packs coordinate participation.

# **Cub Scout Resident Camp (July)**

Cub Scout resident camp is for all Cub Scouts entering grades 1-3. It's the perfect opportunity for boys and girls to spend the night away from home while enjoying archery, hiking, swimming, fishing, crafts, sports, and campfire programs. Each Scout must be accompanied by a parent during this three-day, two-night program.

# Webelos Scout Resident Camp (June-July)

Webelos Scout resident camp is for all Cub Scouts entering grades 4-5. This theme-based camping experience includes many familiar activities from Cub Scout resident camp but also includes activites to smooth the transition into Scouting BSA. Webelos dens attend this four-day, three-night camp as a group with their own leaders.



# UNIT FUNDRAISING

Fundraisers help Scouts generate income to financially support their Scouting program\* for the entire year! Money earned from these fundraisers are used to cover the cost of camporees, Pinewood Derby races, equipment and summer camp.

# **Popcorn Sale**

Boy Scouts of America's annual Popcorn Sale takes place every fall and helps units (and individual Scouts) in a number of ways, including:

- Reducing out-of-pocket expenses for parents
- Supporting programs and fa We do 1 fund raiser, a Made-
- Funding new equipment at From-Scratch Country Breakfast
- Funding new STEAM Camps which is 1 day

activities



Approximately 70% of all sales funding goes to support local Scouting.

# **Camp Cards**

The Camp Card sale is designed to help units and Scouts earn their way to summer resident camp, high adventure base or day camp. Scouts have the potential to attend camp for free, depending on the number of cards he/she sells.

\*If units require additional fundraising beyond popcorn and camp card sales, the Pack committee can approve to do additional fundraising.



Whether you're serving as a den leader or Cubmaster, running a camp program, or working as a district volunteer, the Boy Scouts of America has training available to help you be effective. Most training can be completed online, allowing you to fit training into your busy schedule.

Here are the most important courses for new leaders:

# **Youth Protection Training**

Youth Protection Training is designed to help you keep our youth safe from abuse. You will learn the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Guidelines, signs of abuse, and how to report suspected abuse. (Note: You don't have to be a registered leader to take this important training.)

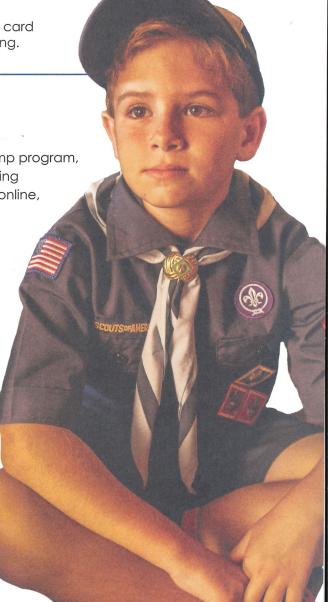
# **Leader Specific Training**

This training gives you the nuts and bolts for your specific position in Scouting. Versions are available for all registered Scout leaders, cubmasters, pack committee members, and pack trainers.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL)

These trainings teach leaders how to design safe and fun outdoor adventures and cover basic camping skills.





# 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.

# THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheeful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

# THE SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a Good Turn Daily

# THE SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared

