

CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE



**WELCOME TO THE
ADVENTURE
OF CUB SCOUTING!**

Where character counts
and
the adventure begins...

At tonight's meeting, we will:

- **Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting**
- **Recruit boys into Cub Scouting**
- **Involve parents in the program**

YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

SCOUTING...AN AID TO PARENTS

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has the same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun, and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.



TIGER CUB PROGRAM

First Grade

I. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub **den** that:

- A. Has three to eight boy/adult partner teams.
- B. Meets at least twice each month in a den meeting.
- C. Has one outing a month, called a Go See It.
- D. Attends the month pack meetings.



II. Each pack has a Tiger Cub Den Leader

- A. This person plans and carries out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den.
- B. Each month, the den leader works with a different boy/adult partner team to plan the two monthly den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting. This is called shared leadership.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Second Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a **den** that:

- A. Has four to eight boys
- B. Meets once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience
- C. Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent)
- D. Has an assistant leader and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout) and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members) to assist the den leader.
- E. Has games, crafts, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings and periodic field trips.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a **Pack** that:

- A. Is made up of one or more dens
- B. Meets once a month...all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to participate
- C. Has meetings led by a Cubmaster
- D. Is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities
- E. Has games, skits, songs, stunts, and ceremonies at meetings, and presentations of badges earned that month.

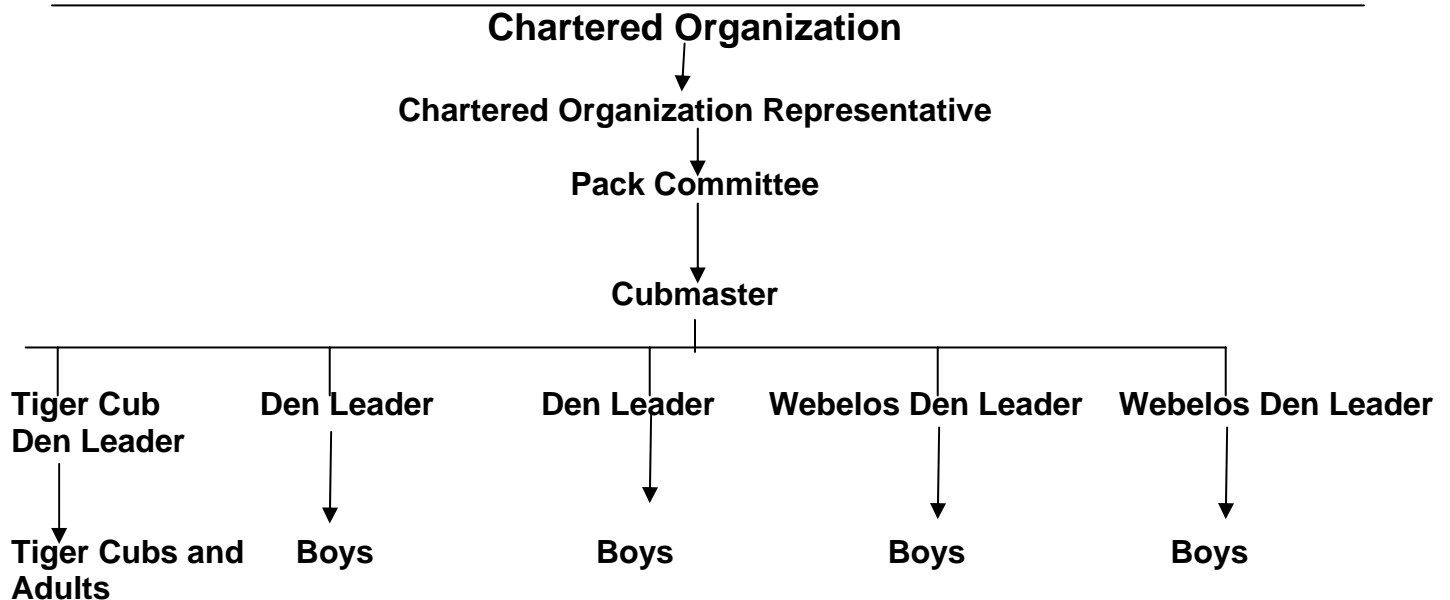


Our pack is run by the **Pack Committee**, which:

- A. Is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents.
- B. Meets once a month or more often if needed.
- C. Is led by a committee chair
- D. Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs recordkeeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders.

Our pack is owned by a **Chartered Organization** which:

- A. Includes schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, parent organizations, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B. Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- C. Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).



TIGER CUB – BSA MOTTO

SEARCH, DISCOVER SHARE

Tiger Cubs, BSA is a one-year program for first grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include activities from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

This time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and an opportunity to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub den whom you see at your den and pack meetings.



CUB SCOUT – BSA MOTTO

Do Your Best!

In society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, god and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

Cub Scout Promise

*I _____, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack*

THE 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.

TIGER CUBS



There are five achievements in Tiger Cubs:

- Making My Family Special
 - Where I Live
- Keeping Myself Healthy and Save
 - How I Tell It
- Let's Go Outdoors

Each achievement has three parts: a family activity, a den activity, and a Go See It outing. A boy receives totem beads as he completes each part:

- A **white bead** for each required family activity part he completes
- An **orange bead** for each required den activity part he completes
- A **black bead** for each required Go See It part he completes



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

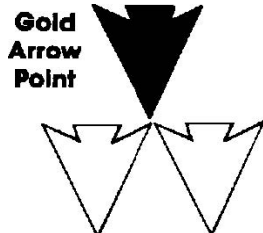


BOBCAT

All boys, in second through fifth grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake,

salute, sign, motto, and meaning of “Webelos.” After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.

ARROW POINTS



For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.

BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge.



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

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.

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. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth-grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What do you receive in return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- . • Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- . • The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- . • A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- . • The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- . • A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- . • The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization. Wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Leader Position Responsibilities

Committee Chair

Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program. Ensures that committee members give adequate support for running the program to the Cubmaster and den leaders. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training.

Committee Members

Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, membership, etc. View Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attend training.

Cubmaster

Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has one or more assistants.

Tiger Cub Den Leader

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight boys and their adult partners. Den meeting is held in boys' homes in rotation. For each meeting, the den leader works with the host Tiger Cub/adult partner pair to plan the meeting. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has parent/adult partners as helpers.

Cub Scout Den Leader

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight boys. Den meeting is held in den leader's home, a church, or other suitable place. The den leader determines time, day, and location of den meeting that is most convenient for him or her. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide and attends training. Has one or more assistants and parent helpers.

Webelos Den Leader

Same as den leader except works with older boys, the Webelos Scouts. Encourages periodic parent/son overnight campouts. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Views Fast Start video with viewer's guide. and attends training. Has one or more assistants and parent helpers.

Adult Partners

Attend Tiger Cub den meetings and pack meetings with their Tiger Cubs. When hosting the den meeting, work with the Tiger Cub and the Tiger Cub den leader to plan and lead the meeting. Attend pack meetings with their Tiger Cubs.

Parent Helpers

Assist pack and/or den with specific projects as needed by the leaders. All parents help their sons with advancement. Review individual boy books for Wolf Cub Scouts, Bear Cub Souts, and Webelos Scouts.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

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

Program Helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders

Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.

Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee that develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.



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

Your district has fast start training videos and leader basic training available. All leaders need training!

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is 113

My den number is _____

My Scouting district is the

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number is _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is: Kevin Barci

My Cubmaster's phone number is: 585.263.9493

My pack meets on: Fridays

My pack meets at: Freewill Elementary Cafeteria

My unit commissioner's name is _____

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Registration & Insurance fee: \$10.00/Year

Boys' Life Magazine \$12.00/Year



(Some units do fund-raising to decrease the amount of pack dues required.) Note: Uniforms and *Boys' Life* are not required (but recommended) to join Scouting.. Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends for uniforms and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

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