

# **WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING**

## **Your Son, Scouting, and You**

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

These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.

With all of the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him "Be Prepared" to shape his own future.



## **Cub Scout Motto: Do Your Best**

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys in first through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program 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.

In a 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.



## **Purposes of Cub Scouting**

- 1 - INFLUENCING the development of the boy's character and spiritual life.
- 2 - DEVELOPING habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- 3 - ENCOURAGING good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- 4 - IMPROVING understanding within the family.
- 5 - STRENGTHEN the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.
- 6 - FOSTERING a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
- 7 - SHOWING how to be helpful and to do one's best.
- 8 - PROVIDING fun and exciting new things to do.
- 9 - PREPARING them to become Boy Scouts.

## **Cub Scout Promise**

**"I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_, 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"**

Our Pack Number is \_\_\_\_\_

Our Charter Organization is \_\_\_\_\_

My Son's Rank is: \_\_\_ Tiger \_\_\_ Wolf \_\_\_ Bear \_\_\_ Webelos

Our Den Leader is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Our Asst. Den Leader is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

We have Den Meetings on \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

We have Pack Meetings on \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_

Our Cubmaster is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

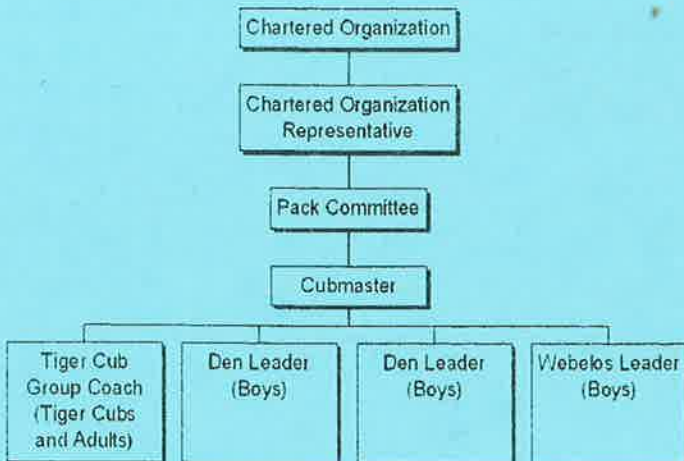
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Our Committee Chair is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Organization**



## How Cub Scouting Works

1. Your boy is a member of a den.
  - A. The den has 6 to 8 boys.
  - B. The den usually meets once a week.
  - C. The den is led by a den leader (usually a parent of one of the boys).
  - D. The den leader is usually assisted by an assistant den leader.
  - E. Den meetings have games, crafts, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.
2. Your Boy is a member of a pack.
  - A. A pack is made up of several dens.
  - B. The pack meets once a month - all Cub Scouting families attend.
  - C. The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
  - D. The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
  - E. Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that the boys earned that month.
3. The pack is run by a pack committee.
  - A. The pack committee is made up of den leaders and assistants, Cubmaster and assistants, and other committee members.
  - B. The committee is led by a committee chairman and meets once a month.
  - C. The committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme.
  - D. The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.
4. The pack is owned by the chartered organization.
  - A. Chartered organizations include parent-school associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.
  - B. The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates packs within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
  - C. The chartered organization selects a representative called the charter representative, who serves as a liaison between the pack and organization.

### PACK LEADERSHIP = PARENTS

More parental involvement results in a more enjoyable Scouting experience for all.

## Achievement Plan

Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve the aims of Scouting to strengthen character, body, mind, and the concept of being a participating citizen. The responsibility for 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 several are completed at home with the family.

### Tiger Cub Scouts (1st Grade)

Motto: SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE.



Tiger Cubs is a program for boys in the first grade and their adult partners. It allows the boy and adult to build a strong relationship with each other, the rest of the family, and with other members of the Tiger Cub's den. The main thrust of Tiger Cubs, is fun for a boy his adult partner, but many of the activities are suitable for the rest of the family as well.

The program is built around 5 simple achievements: "Making My Family Special", "Where I Live", "Keeping Myself Healthy", "How I Tell It", and "Let's Go Outdoors". Each achievement has three parts: A family activity, a den activity, and a "Go See It" outing.

Four to Eight boy/adult teams make up a Tiger Cub den. Each boy/adult team shares in group leadership, typically rotating responsibilities between each family every month. Weekly activities are home-centered with the family using the monthly Cub Scout theme. Group activities are held once or twice monthly.

### Wolf Cub Scouts

(2nd Grade)

Motto: DO YOUR BEST



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. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an arrow point. A boy may earn as many arrow points as he wishes.

### Bear Cub Scouts

(3rd Grade)



A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), completes 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. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an arrow point. A boy may earn as many arrow points as he wishes.

### Webelos Scouts (4th & 5th Grade)

**We'll Be Loyal Scouts**



When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is age 10), 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) which prepares him for Boy Scouting. Unlike the Wolf and Bear ranks, the Webelos

### Parent (s) Role in the Achievement Plan

- \*Teaching him to set goals and achieve them is the #1 priority.
- \*Help your Boy - Some projects he cannot do without your assistance.
- \*Show interest in his work - He should understand you want to help and are proud of him.
- \*Sign his achievement book - Only when you are satisfied that he has completed all of the requirements.

## How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve 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; 1) Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments 2) The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families 3) A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who will have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others. 4) The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body. 5) A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults. 6) 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.

## Pack Leadership Positions

### Den Leader(s)

Lead the den at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings  
Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting and monthly roundtable meeting

### Assistant Den Leader(s)

Meets with den leaders monthly to plan the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Attends pack meeting, pack committee meetings, and roundtable meetings.

### Cubmaster

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees monthly pack meeting, and attends the pack committee meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.

### Pack Trainer

Orients parents of new pack members, delivers Fast Start training to new leaders in the Pack, encourages and delivers various leadership training and keeps pack training records.

### Committee Chairman

Presides at all committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack and roundtable meetings.

### Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps all records for the pack, including the pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack and committee meetings.

### Advancement

Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges. Attends pack and committee meetings.

### ScoutParents

Auxiliary to the pack committee and usually perform "one time" program jobs such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for food, Pack good turn, pinewood derby, Blue and Gold banquet, pack graduation, resident camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration

### ScoutParent Coordinator

**Training Available:** Courses are available regularly for all leadership positions. The training is designed to orient you to responsibilities, support materials, skill development and help you be efficient with your volunteer time.

## The Cost of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting makes every effort to keep costs down, but Cub Scouting is not free - for the individual boy, for his parents, or for the community.

\_\_\_\_\_ **National Registration Dues**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Boy's Life** - (optional) subscription takes 60-90 days for first delivery

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pack Dues**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Cost**

**Friends of Scouting** – annual spring BSA fund drive, that helps deliver the program locally, maintain facilities, and keep the program available to all. Participation is optional but the support of all families is needed. Community leaders and businesses are also asked to contribute.

**Uniforms:** Encourage a sense of belonging and help teach proper conduct. Proper display of awards and achievement is made easier through good uniforming. Uniforms can be purchased at the address below.

**Support for Scouters:** The Capitol Area Council Service Center/ Scout Shop is located at 7540 Ed Bluestein Blvd., Austin, TX 78723 (512) 926-6363 [www.bsacac.org](http://www.bsacac.org) (Open 9-5 daily, 10 am-2:30 pm, Saturday)