



CUB SCOUT PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



Welcome to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting!
Where character counts and the adventure begins.



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As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these 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. Scouting teaches family values...However, we know that boys do not join Scouting to build their character. Boys join because it is fun.

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!





YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE



THE BASICS

Youth Development Program
for boys in grades First through Fifth

- Builds Character
- Teaches Citizenship
- "Do Your Best"



THE BIG PICTURE

- Den Meetings
 - Small groups organized by grade
- Pack Meetings & Activities
 - Family Events combining all dens
- District & Council Events
 - Community-wide activities



WHY CUB SCOUTING?



- Brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn to get along
- Build self-confidence
- Service Projects to help others
- FUN!

ADVANCEMENT



- Age based rank
 - Assigned by grade
- Awards and badges
 - Connecting effort and success
- Recognition
 - Celebrating achievement and building self-confidence

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Hiking, Fishing, Biking
 - *Get Active!*
- Cool field trips



TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Job specific training available
- Printed resources



THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Book
- *Boys' Life* Magazine
- Patches



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Learn about your Pack
- Register tonight!



THE CUB SCOUT PROGRAM



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

TIGER CUBS FIRST GRADE

Tiger Cubs is a one-on-one program for boys and adults

- Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub den which:
 - Has five to nine boy/adult teams
 - Meets two times each month in den meetings
 - Has one outing a month called "Go See It"
- Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader (usually a parent)
 - A Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings
 - Each boy/adult team takes a turn at shared leadership running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader

CUB SCOUTS – WEBELOS SECOND – FIFTH GRADE

Cub Scouts is a family centered program for boys and adults

- Your son is a member of a Den which:
 - Has five to nine boys
 - Meets two times each month in den meetings
 - Has one outing / "field trip" a month
 - Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent), who is assisted by an assistant Den Leader
 - Includes games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips

Your boy is a member of a Pack which:

- Is made up of one or more dens
- Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to participate
 - The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
 - The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities
 - Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that boys earned that month

Our Pack is run by the Pack Committee

- Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and parents
- The committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- Led by the Committee Chairman
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN



BOBCAT

All boys earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.

TIGER CUBS

The Tiger Cub badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and Go See It. After completing the Tiger Track rank, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a boy can earn. Advancements are displayed on a Tiger Cub Totem, which is worn on the Tiger Cub belt.

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

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 become a Webelos Scout. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can.

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 (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 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.





SPECIAL PROGRAMS

2012 CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPOUT



SUMMERTIME CAMPING

Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run four to five days in a local park.

Bear Camp: A two day overnight camping experience for third graders and a parent at Naish Scout Reservation. Activities include sports, archery, swimming, crafts and campfires.

Webelos Camp: A three day and two night camping experience for fourth and fifth graders at Naish Scout Reservation. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, games, model rockets and more!

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/son project to build a race car made from a block of wood. Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there for the big race!

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held at the February pack meeting.

ANNUAL POPCORN SALE

Each year the Heart of America Council conducts its annual popcorn sale to benefit all Scouting programs. The sale teaches Scouts a valuable life lesson of earning their own way and helps pay for Scouting expenses.

Please refer to the 2012 Popcorn Sale form provided in tonight's packet for more information.

For Cub Scout families! Enjoy camping and activities designed for the whole family. Check the list below to see when and where your district's Cub Scout Family Campout will take place! Cost is \$8 per person.

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION
Big Muddy	Oct 6-7	Walnut Hills, 1773 Walnut Hills, Carrollton, MO 64633
Blue Elk	Sept 28-29	American Legion Farm, 799 Legion, Blue Springs, MO 64013
Kaw	Sept 21-22	Camp Naish Cub World, 1100 Martinek Ln, Bonner Springs, KS 66111
Lone Bear	Sept 29-30	Lowry City Corn Maize, 11000 NE 201 Rd, Lowry City, MO 64763
North Star	Sept 28-29	Camp Branch, Loop B, Smithville Lake, 17201 Paradesian St, Smithville, MO 64089
Northern Tier	Sept 21-22	Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbee Rd, Shawnee, KS 66226
Pelathe	Sept 21-22	Camp Bromelsick, 650 N 1400 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66049
Pioneer Trails	Oct 12-13	Camp Naish Centennial Campground, 1100 Martinek Ln, Bonner Springs, KS 66111
Red-Tailed Hawk	Oct 12-13	Old Lake Olathe Golf Course, 2350 W Golf Course Rd, Olathe, KS 66061
Thunderbird	Oct 5-6	Unity Village, 1901 NW Blue Pkwy, Unity Village, MO 64065
Trailhead	Sept 28-29	Shawnee Riverfront Park, 5800 Frisbee Rd, Shawnee, KS 66226
Trails West	Sept 22-23	Camp Naish Scout Reservation, 1100 Martinek Lane, Bonner Springs, KS 66111
Twin Rivers	Oct 12-13	Lewis-Young Park, 10297 W 263rd St, Louisburg, KS 66053



NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS



BOYS' LIFE RECOMMENDED

Boys' Life Magazine has been around almost as long as boys have been Scouts. It is the only magazine especially designed for the Scout.

With features such as camping around the world and hiking, hobbies such as model cars and boat building, bicycling, fishing, and nature, and articles on current Scouting, sporting and new events, *Boys' Life* has just about everything to offer your son.

Make sure on your application you mark the *Boys' Life* square and put your correct mailing address. In approximately 2 to 3 months, your Scout will receive his first issue delivered directly to his home. This is one step you can take to make sure your son will receive a full year of great Scouting.

HOW TO GET STARTED... BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your son may tell you, the first thing he will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to his age. A first-grader will need the Tiger Cub Book, a second-grader will need a Wolf Book, a third-grader needs a Bear Book, and a fourth or fifth grader will need the Webelos Book. These books contain the basics he will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that particular advancement award.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

Don't get the idea that uniforms aren't important, they are. After going through your son's book with him you'll probably have a good idea how serious a Cub Scout he will be. The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents an investment on your part. Our uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for him to grow into.

If you can find an 'experienced' uniform in good shape, be sure to get it. Many of these 'experienced' uniforms will be just like new and will be all he needs at a very low cost.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and the Council Scout Shop is the official distributor of BSA uniforms and equipment. It is located in the Council Service Center on the first floor at 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

Cub Scouts don't require much more than this, but in Boy Scouts he will need to acquire personal camping gear for their many outings. The boys are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. The Cub Scouts especially enjoy this, and the uniform serves as school clothing one day a week.

THE COST OF SCOUTING



WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Registration & Insurance fee:	\$15.00/Year
Boys' Life Magazine	\$12.00/Year
Book (Tiger)	\$ 6.99
(Wolf)	\$ 8.99
(Bear)	\$ 8.99
(Webelos)	\$ 8.99
Pack Dues	\$_____

Note - uniforms and *Boys' Life* are not required (but recommended).

Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange program. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New Member Checklist

Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub Wolf Bear Webelos

Pack # _____ Den# _____

UNIFORMS

Cub Scout Shirt (short sleeve):

Size: small - 2XL

Price: \$22.99

Webelos/Boy Scout Shirt:

Size: youth - small - large

Price: \$24.99

Tiger Cub Belt & Buckle:

Price: \$7.99

Cub Scout Belt & Buckle:

Price: \$8.99

Webelos Belt:

Price: \$8.99

Webelos Buckle:

Price: \$4.99

Webelos/Boy Scout

Switchback Pants - Canvas:

Size: 8 - 22

Price: \$34.99

Size: 32 Husky - 36 Husky

Price: \$34.99

Neckerchiefs:

Tiger - Price: \$5.99

Wolf - Price: \$5.99

Bear - Price: \$5.99

Webelos - Price: \$6.99

Neckerchief Slides:

Tiger - Price: \$3.99

Wolf - Price: \$3.99

Bear - Price: \$3.99

Webelos - Price: \$3.99

Insignia:

Council Shoulder Patch

Price: \$3.29

World Crest - Price: \$1.49

Webelos Color - Price: \$4.49

Unit #'s 1-9 - Price: \$1.19

Den #'s 1-24 - Price: \$1.49

For online purchases, visit www.scoutstuff.org

*Prices subject to change.

HOW CAN I HELP?



PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

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 I GET 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, talents, 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 which 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

DEN LEADER(s)

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

CUBMASTER

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

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members perform administrative functions.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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

SCOUT PARENT UNIT COORDINATOR

Enlists parents to help with at least one project and keeps them updated on the program and their children's involvement.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

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

SCOUT PARENT

"One shot" program jobs such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

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

PACK TRAINER

Ensures that all leaders of the pack are trained. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



WHICH DISTRICT AM I IN?



Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for the boys. Leaders who understand the whys and hows of the program are more effective in their roles and have a better understanding of how to use all available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for their Scouts.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. This training covers the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It does so by taking you through situations that require choices and produce consequences. This training is available online and in each district throughout the year. In order for an adult to remain a registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Youth Protection Training is required every two years.

JOB SPECIFIC TRAINING

Job Specific Training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. This course is presented several times a year in your district, at the council level and online.

To complete training courses online go to www.myscouting.org and create an account.

DISTRICT	AREA
Big Muddy	Ray, Lafayette, and Carroll counties in MO
Blue Elk	Eastern Jackson County, MO: Blue Springs, Buckner, Grain Valley, Independence, Oak Grove, Sibley, and Sugar Creek
Kaw	Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties in KS
Lone Bear	Johnson, Henry, Bates, and St. Clair counties in MO
North Star	Platte and Clay counties in MO, plus the Lawson and Excelsior Springs School Districts in Ray County, MO
Northern Tier	Northern Johnson County, KS: DeSoto, Shawnee, Overland Park, Merriam, Mission, Roeland Park, Fairway, Mission Hills, and Prairie Village, North of 75th Street
Pelathe	Douglas County, KS
Pioneer Trails	Metropolitan Kansas City including the Kansas City, MO and Center School Districts
Red-Tailed Hawk	South central Johnson County, KS: South of the I-35 and 69 highway intersection, West of 69 highway, and East of I-35 South to Clare Road
Thunderbird	Southern Jackson County and all of Cass County, MO including Raytown, Lee's Summit, Lake Lotawana, Lake Winnebago, Martin City, Grandview, Lone Jack, and Greenwood
Trailhead	Eastern Johnson County, KS: South of 75th street and East of 69 highway
Trails West	Southwestern Johnson County, KS bounded by 75th street on the North, I-35 and Clare Road on the East, and 143rd street and Moonlight Road to the West
Twin Rivers	Anderson, Franklin, Linn, and Miami counties in KS



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Thank you for your commitment to becoming a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. We assure you that you are not alone. Please take advantage of the number of resources available to ensure your success as a leader.

- The staff at the Heart of America Council Scout Service Center can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can.

Phone: **(816) 942-9333**

Toll Free: **(800) 776-1110**

Website: **www.KCscouting.org**

- 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. (See roundtable schedule on next page)
- Many packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the Commissioner staff. They are your "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.

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE LOCATIONS

DISTRICT	WHERE	WHEN
Big Muddy	Lexington United Methodist Church 1211 South Highway 13 Lexington, MO 64067	1st Tuesday of month 7:30pm
Blue Elk	Sunny Vale Middle School 3930 NW RD Mize Road Blue Springs, MO 64015	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Kaw	Bonner Springs UMC 425 West Morse Ave Bonner Springs, KS 66012	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Lone Bear	Clinton Scout Center 808 Augusta Street, Clinton, MO 64735	1st Tuesday of month 7:30pm
North Star	Kansas City Regional Police Academy 6885 NE Pleasant Valley Rd Kansas City, MO 64119	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Northern Tier	LDS Church, 7100 Hadley Overland Park, KS 66204	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Pelathe	First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold, Lawrence, KS 66049	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Pioneer Trails	Central United Methodist Church 5144 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64112	1st Thursday of month 7:30pm
Red-Tailed Hawk	College Church of Nazarene Cunningham Family Life Center 2020 W Sheridan, 2nd floor Olathe, KS 66062	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Thunderbird	Hickman Mills Jr High School 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd Kansas City, MO 64138	1st Tuesday of month 7:30pm
Trailhead	Emmanuel Baptist Church 10100 Metcalf Ave Overland Park, KS 66212	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Trails West	Holy Trinity Quigley Center 9201 Summit Street Lenexa, KS 66215	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm
Twin Rivers	Paola First Presbyterian Church 110 East Peoria Street Paola, KS 66071	1st Thursday of month 7:00pm



THE **ROLE** OF THE **COUNCIL** AND THE **DISTRICT**

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to organize and support successful Scouting units by working through: 1) Character Development, 2) Citizenship Training, and 3) Personal Fitness (mental, physical and emotional). The purpose of the Council is to guide and support its Districts for the achievement of the movement's purpose. The Heart of America Council encompasses nineteen counties in Missouri and Kansas.

The purpose of the District is to organize and support successful Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops by working through chartered organizations. The end result of effective District support is continued growth in membership and those members receiving a quality program.

Districts are responsible for carrying out four (4) standard functions:

1. Membership
2. Finance
3. Program
 - Cub Scout Activities
 - Scout Camping
 - Activities and Civic Service
 - Training
 - Advancement and Recognition
4. Unit Service

The District Committee serves as a vehicle by which Scouting programs and services are carried to the chartered organization, their units, and youth. It serves as a sounding board for the needs of chartered organizations and units. This enables the consideration of those needs as the Council program is planned. The District Committee also participates in the building and raising of the council budget to finance the program of Scouting. Since the major role of the Council and its Districts is to extend Scouting and to provide service to all youth and adults who participate, please feel free to call upon an appropriate representative when you need help.





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Saturday. 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM

