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CUB SCOUTS
PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE
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Welcome to Scouting!

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. But does Scouting really improve a kid’s character? According to research conducted at Tufts University, the answer is YES!

The research studied 4,000 kids, some who are in Scouting and some who are not. The findings show that Scouting...

1. Includes sustained, positive adult-youth relations with caring and supportive adults
2. Promotes development of life skills through program activities
3. Provides leadership opportunities

Serving Today’s Families through Scouting

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It’s fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.
NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY

Scouting’s Influence in the Classroom

HIGH SCHOOL

5% Better Attendance
26 Average ACT Score
3.1 Average GPA

MIDDLE SCHOOL

3% Better Attendance
10% Better Assessment Program Scores

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1.5% Better Attendance
5% Better Assessment Program Scores
Scouting is a Path to Success

Scouts are TWICE more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree
(75.6% of Scouting alumni compared to 36.0% national average)

Scouts are more likely to have higher credit scores
(55.7% of Scouting alumni compared to 39.7% national average)

Scouts are more likely to advance and improve their socio-economic status

Scouts are TWICE more likely to earn an advanced degree
(29.0% of Scouting alumni compared to 13.4% national average)

Scouts are more likely to earn almost DOUBLE as an adult
($62.5k median income compared to $33.7k national median)

Prepared. For Life.™

*SOURCE | STUDY DATA
Mahendra Gupta, Virgil Professor of Accounting and Management and Former Dean Olin School of Business Washington University; Jack Zhang, 4th year Ph.D. student in Organizational Behavior at Washington University 2020
THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

Discovery is at the heart of Scouting. Whether it’s a campout, derby car race, or hike on the trail, we believe every adventure helps us uncover a little more about ourselves. We build the foundations for humility and compassion—strengthening character through actions—to prepare youth for a lifetime of leadership.

Safety

In Scouting, we will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants.
Our Mission
The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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

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.”

Become Your Best Self
Through fun yet challenging physical and mental activities, Scouting encourages personal growth by teaching youth how to set goals and achieve them with determination.

Diversity
The BSA promotes a culture where youth, volunteers, and employees feel a sense of belonging—where every person feels respected and valued. We welcome families of all backgrounds to help prepare young people to serve as successful members and leaders of our nation’s diverse communities.

Fun for the Whole Family
Scouting is something the whole family can experience together. We designed our program so that anyone—brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers—can have fun and make an impact!
Lions will experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through engaging and exciting adventures.

1. Complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family:

   1. Lions Honor
   2. Fun on the Run
   3. Animal Kingdom
   4. Mountain Lion
   5. King of the Jungle

Tiger Requirements
First Grade

1. Complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family:

   1. My Tiger Jungle
   2. Games Tigers Play
   3. Tiger Circles: Duty to God
   4. Team Tiger
   5. Tigers in the Wild

Tiger Elective Adventures
Curiosity, Intrigue & Magical Mysteries
Family Stories
Rolling Tigers
Tiger-iffic!
Tiger Tales

Earning Your Stripes
Good Knights
Stories in Shapes
Tiger Tag
1. Complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family:
   1. Call of the Wild
   2. Council Fire (Duty to Country)
   3. Duty to God Footsteps
   4. Howling at the Moon
   5. Paws on the Path
   6. Running with the Pack

**Wolf Elective Adventures**

Adventures in Coins  Code of the Wolf  Cubs Who Care
Finding Your Way  Grow Something  Motor Away
Spirit of the Water  Air of the Wolf  Collections and Hobbies
Digging in the Past  Germs Alive!  Hometown Heroes
Paws of Skill

**Sample Activities**

1. While a Wolf Scout, attend a pack or family campout
2. Make a kite using household materials
3. Visit a museum that displays different collections or models
4. Make a terrarium
5. Create a car that moves under its own power
1. Complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family:
   1. Bear Claws
   2. Bear Necessities
   3. Fellowship and Duty to God
   4. Fur, Feathers and Ferns
   5. Baloo the Builder
   6. Paws for Action

Bear Elective Adventures

Grin and Bear It  Bear Picnic Basket  Critter Care
Make it Move    Roaring Laughter   Salmon Run
A World of Sound A Bear Goes Fishing Beat of the Drum
Forensics       Marble Madness    Robotics
Super Science

Sample Activities

1. While working on your Bear badge, camp overnight with your pack
2. Go on a fishing adventure and spend a minimum of one hour trying to catch a fish
3. Make a dream catcher
4. Visit a sheriff’s office or police station in your town
5. Select and build one useful project and one fun project using wood
Webelos and Arrow of Light
Fourth and Fifth Grade

Webelos CORE Adventures
Cast Iron Chef
Duty to God & You
Webelos Walkabout

First Responder
Stronger, Faster, Higher

Arrow of Light CORE Adventures
Building a Better World
Outdoorsman

Duty to God in Action
Scouting Adventure

Webelos and Arrow of Light ELECTIVE Adventures
Adventures in Science
Castaway
Into the Woods
Build It
Project Family
Maestro!

Aware & Care
Fix It
Moviemaking
Earth Rocks!
Art Explosion
Sportsman

Engineer
Into the Wild
Aquanaut
Game Design
Build my Own Hero
Looking Back,
Looking Forward

Sample Activities
1. Put together a simple home first-aid kit
2. Meet with a government leader
3. Go on a geocaching adventure with your den or family
4. Build a model solar system
5. With adult supervision, build and launch a model rocket
YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK WHICH

• Is made up of one or more dens organized by grade
• Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Cub Scout families are expected to participate:
  - The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
  - The Pack meeting is the highlight 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 Scouts earned that month

YOUR 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 Chair
• 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
SUMMER CAMP

Wolf Camp: An overnight camping experience for second graders and a parent at Camp Naish. Activities include archery, swimming and campfires.

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

Webelos Camp: A three-day camping experience for fourth and fifth graders at Camp Naish. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, and more.

Learn more at www.scoutcamping.org.

ACTIVITIES

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/Scout project to build a racecar made from a block of wood. Scouts will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

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

FAMILY CAMPOUTS

Campouts held for the whole family with fun activities.

POPCORN SALE

Our annual popcorn sale teaches Scouts a valuable life lesson of earning their own way and helps pay for Scouting expenses.

Learn more at www.hoac-bsa.org/popcorn.
New Scout Basic Needs

SCOUT LIFE RECOMMENDED

Scout Life Magazine is especially designed for Scouts!

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, Scout Life has just about everything to offer your child.

Make sure on your application you mark the Scout Life square and put your correct mailing address. In approximately 2 to 3 months, your Scout will receive their first issue. This is one step you can take to make sure your child will receive a full year of great Scouting and a monthly reminder of the fun of Scouting.

HOW TO GET STARTED... BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your Scout may tell you, the first thing they will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to their age. Kindergartners will need a Lion Book, a 1st grader will need a Tiger Book, a 2nd grader will need a Wolf Book, a 3rd grader needs a Bear Book, and 4th and 5th graders will need a Webelos Book. These books contain the basics they will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that rank.
CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

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 them to grow into.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and our Council Scout Shop is the official distributor of BSA uniforms and equipment.

Kansas City Scout Shop
10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131
9:00am - 6:00pm (M-F) | 9:00am - 4:00pm (SAT) | Closed Sunday
The Cost of Scouting

HOW MUCH IS SCOUTING?

Registration & Program Fee: ........................................... $119.00 per year
One-Time Joining Fee....................................................... $25.00

Scout Life Magazine ...................................................... $15.00 a year
Book  Lion ........................................................................ $12.99
      Tiger ........................................................................... $12.99
      Wolf .......................................................................... $12.99
      Bear ........................................................................... $12.99
      Webelos & Arrow of Light ......................................... $23.99

Pack Dues ........................................................................ $_____

Note - uniforms and Scout 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:  
☐ Lion ☐ Tiger ☐ Wolf ☐ Bear

Webelos:  
☐ Webelos ☐ Arrow of Light

Pack #_____________    Den #_____________
# UNIFORMS

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For online purchases, visit scoutstuff.org

*Prices subject to change.*
Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your child and their 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 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 Scout’s accomplishments
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- A chance to help Scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men and women 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 and girls as they grow strong in mind and body
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both youth and adults
DEN LEADER(s)
Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack meeting.

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

THE PACK COMMITTEE
Pack committee members perform administrative functions.

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

SECRETARY/TREASURER
Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meeting and pack meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR
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 pack committee meetings.
Leader Training

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 your 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 and Youth Protection Training online go to my.scouting.org and create an account.
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 Service Center can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can.  
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- Attend Roundtable - a monthly leaders’ meeting for all adult volunteers in your district.

- New Den Leader quick start resources are available at hoac-bsa.org/new-den-leader.

- Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which Scouts 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.
Tracking the Scouting Experience from Tiger to Eagle Scout

From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.
Enhance Your Scouting Experience - Scoutbook

With ScoutBook, you can begin tracking your Scouts' progress from the first knot learned in Tiger, all the way to finalizing his Eagle Scout project.

Tracking

Forget the hassle of trying to upkeep old binders full of logged paperwork. Scoutbook does this for you. Simply input the Scouting task completed and all documentation is automatically saved. Scoutbook can even capture images and videos at the time of completion to be added along with the certificate of completion. The memory of achievement will always be with your family thanks to Scoutbook!
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10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64131
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