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Welcome to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting…

Where character counts and adventure is waiting

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. But does Cub 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

The BSA’s mission 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 Scout Law. We are excited to announce that our Cub Scouting program is now open to boys and girls. By welcoming both boys and girls into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises.

Learn more at hoac-bsa.org.
NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY
Scouting’s Influence in the Classroom

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Scout Oath and Scout Law

**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.

**SCOUT LAW**

REVERENT
CLEAN
BRAVE
THRIFTY
OBEIDENT
HELPFUL
TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
FRIENDLY
KIND

ASCOUTS
THE BASICS
Youth Development Program for youth in Kindergarten through Fifth grade
- Builds Character
- Teaches Citizenship
- “Do Your Best”

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!

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES
- Camping
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Hiking, fishing, biking
- Sporting events
- Cool field trips

THINGS TO BUY
- Uniform
- Book
- Boys’ Life Magazine
- Patches
THE BIG PICTURE
- Den Meetings
  - Small groups by grade
- Pack Meetings & Activities
  - Family events with all dens
- District & Council Events
  - Community-wide activities

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

TRAINING
- Youth protection
- Position specific training
- Printed resources

WHAT’S NEXT?
- Learn about your Pack
- Register tonight!
In Cub Scouting’s newest program, 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

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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. Tiger Bites
   6. Tigers in the Wild

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**Tiger Elective Adventures**

Curiosity, Intrigue & Magical Mysteries

- Family Stories
- Rolling Tigers
- Tiger-iffic!
- Tiger Tales

Floats & Boats

- Sky is the Limit
- Safe & Smart
- Tiger Theater

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
Bear Requirements
Third Grade

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

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
- 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 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
SUMMERTIME CAMPING

**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, and more.

**STEM Camps:** Explore summer at one of our interactive STEM camps. Scouts will participate in hands-on workshops covering everything from robotics to rocketry.

Learn More at [www.ScoutCamping.org](http://www.ScoutCamping.org)

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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.

POP CORN SALE

Our annual popcorn sale teaches Scouts a valuable life lesson of earning their own way and helps pay for Scouting expenses. Please refer to the Popcorn Sale form provided in tonight’s packet for more information.
**BOYS’ LIFE RECOMMENDED**

*Boys’ Life* Magazine has been around almost as long as there 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 child.

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 their first issue delivered directly to their home. This is one step you can take to make sure your child will receive a full year of great 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. Kindergartner 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

Don’t get the idea that uniforms aren’t important, they are. After going through your Scout’s book with them you’ll probably have a good idea how serious a Cub Scout they 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 them 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 Scouts need at a very low cost.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and the Council Scout Shops are the official distributors of BSA uniforms and equipment.

Cub Scouts don’t require much more than this, but in Scouts BSA they will need to acquire personal camping gear for their many outings. The Scouts 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.

Kansas City Scout Shop
10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO
9:00am - 6:00pm (M-W-F) | 9:00am - 7:00pm (T-TH)
9:00am - 4:00pm (SAT)

Northland Scout Shop
345 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO
10:00am - 6:30pm (M-F)
10:00am - 3:00pm (SAT)
WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Registration and Insurance fee: ............................................. $33.00 a year
Boys’ Life Magazine: .......................................................... $12.00 a year
Book  Lion: ........................................................................ $9.99
        Tiger: ......................................................................... $16.99
        Wolf: .......................................................................... $16.99
        Bear: ........................................................................... $16.99
        Webelos & Arrow of Light: ........................................ $16.99
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:
☐ Lion    ☐ Tiger    ☐ Wolf    ☐ Bear

Webelos:
☐ Webelos   ☐ Arrow of Light

Pack #___________    Den #___________
UNIFORMS

Lion T-Shirt ................................................................................................................. $9.99
Cub Scout Shirt ............................................................................................................. $24.99
Webelos/Scout Shirt .................................................................................................... $39.99
Cub Scout Belt & Buckle .............................................................................................. $9.99
Webelos Belt & Buckle ............................................................................................... $12.99
Cub Scout
  Switchback Pants ................................................................................................... $24.99
Webelos/Scout
  Switchback Pants .................................................................................................. $34.99

Neckerchiefs:
  Lion ............................................................................................................................ $9.99
  Tiger .......................................................................................................................... $9.99
  Wolf ............................................................................................................................ $9.99
  Bear ........................................................................................................................... $9.99
  Webelos .................................................................................................................... $9.99

Neckerchief Slides: ................................................................................................. $5.99

Insignia:
  Council Patch ............................................................................................................ $3.49
  World Crest & World Crest Ring ........................................................................... $4.28
  Webelos Colors ....................................................................................................... $5.99
  Unit #’s ..................................................................................................................... $1.49/each

For online purchases, visit scoutstuff.org

*Prices subject to change.
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 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 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 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
• 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.

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

**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

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 Scouts. 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 myscouting.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 Scout Service Center can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can.
  
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- 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.

- 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 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.
ESCAPE THE GREAT INDOORS

Climb aboard for adventure! When you become a Cub Scout, you join a group where going with the flow has never been more fun.

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BSA BRAND CENTER
MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP HUB

Learn the best practices and tips for marketing, recruiting, and retention to strengthen your pack.

SCOUTINGWIRE.ORG
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.

SCOUTBOOK.com

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!
CAMPING

FIND AUTHENTIC
AT YOUR KANSAS CITY SCOUT SHOPS

NORTHLAND SCOUT SHOP
345 NW Barry Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64155
(816) 436-0370
Mon-Fri: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed Sunday

KANSAS CITY SCOUT SHOP
10210 Holmes Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64131
(816) 942-7757
Mon-Wed-Fri: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tue-Thurs: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed Sunday

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