

National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Parent's Guide To Cub Scouting



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Boy Scouts of America



PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING



Cub Scout packs serve boys who are in first through fifth grade (or 7 through 10 years of age). Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the 10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievements
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts





What is Cub Scouting?

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, as incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of moral strength and character, to develop fitness, and to train in the responsibilities of active citizenship.

Since 1930, younger boys have had the opportunity to be Cub Scouts in a year-round, home-centered program that helps to strengthen the family. Cub Scouting (which includes Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts) is the largest of the BSA's program phases.

The other phases are Boy Scouting (which includes Varsity Scouting) and Venturing (which includes Sea Scouts).

Your Child's Safety: Our Top Priority

The safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity is the unit leader's number one priority. For this reason, we work closely with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units. We take great pride in the quality of our adult leadership and in our application review process. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check.

As a major youth-serving organization, the Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation. In addition to helping families address the problem of child abuse, the BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting continues to be safe for all participants. The BSA is exemplary among youth-serving agencies in recognizing the potential threat that child abuse poses to young people.

Your Son, Scouting, And You...

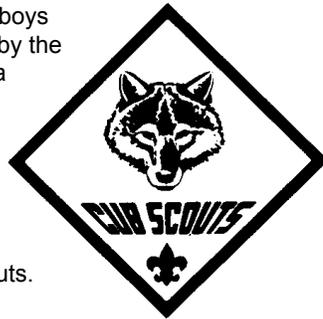
An Aid To Parents

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 and mental fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values. We know that boys do not join Scouting to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun filled with adventure.

The Cub Scout Pack

The Cub Scout pack is a group of boys from first through fifth grade. Led by the Cubmaster, the pack meets once a month. There are games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges which the boys earned that month. The pack also runs many special programs such as the Pinewood Derby, hikes and weekend campouts.



Dens

The larger pack is broken into smaller groups by grade levels, called Dens. The dens, which usually consist of 6-8 boys, meet weekly to work on age appropriate activities. The den meetings are led by Den Leaders with help from Assistant Den Leaders and parents. The Den Leaders and parents can decide on a convenient meeting place and time. The Tiger dens are first-graders, Wolf dens are second-graders, Bear dens are third-graders, and Webelos dens are fourth- and fifth-graders.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee which:

- Selects leadership
- Finds meeting places
- Performs record keeping
- Manages pack finances
- Orders badges
- Maintains pack equipment
- Helps train leaders
- Recognizes leaders



All of the leaders in the pack get together once a month to plan the details of each monthly pack program and coordinate den programs.

Each pack is owned by a Chartered Organization which:

- A.** Could be a parent-school organization, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in youth.
- B.** Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the organization's and Boy Scout's guidelines and policies.
- C.** Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between the pack and its chartered organization).

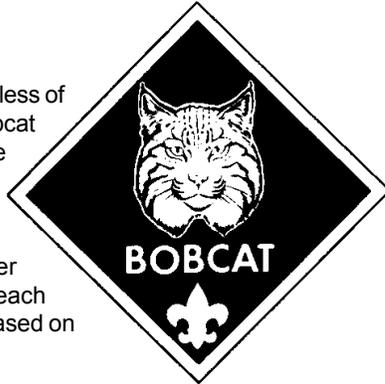
The Advancement Plan

Recognition is important to young boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement, and strengthens family understanding and participation.

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 most are done at home with the family.

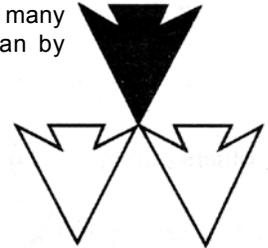
Bobcat

All new Cub Scouts, regardless of the age they join, 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

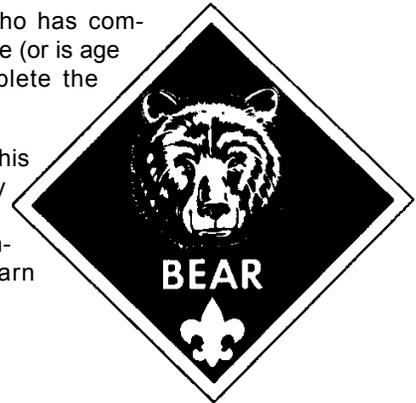
A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can by working on electives.



Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second-grade (or is age 9), works to complete the Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas to earn Arrow Points.



Tiger Cubs

The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, earns the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.



Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

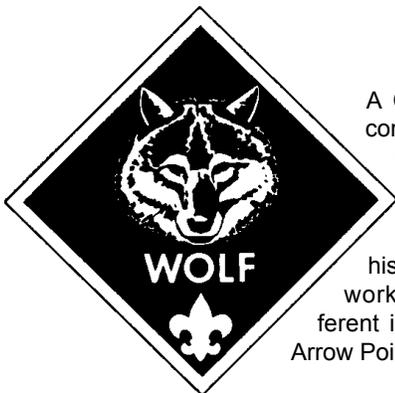
Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In the spring of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), earns the Wolf badge.

After a boy earns his Wolf badge, he may work on electives in different interest areas to earn Arrow Points.



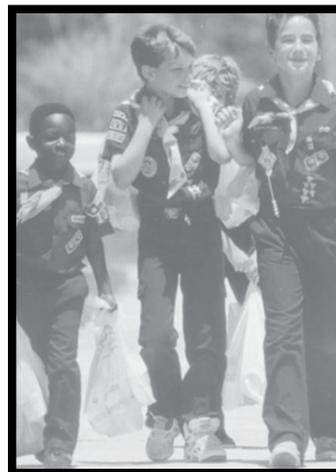
Programs

Popcorn Sales

With prizes and incentives, there is no shortage of fun for the boys as they earn money to help their pack! Prizes may include tickets to the Nationals, an ipod, and college scholarships. Often the money they earn can also help underwrite the cost of Scouting to the family. Boys set and work towards individual and pack goals, learning responsibility and team work.



Scouting for Food

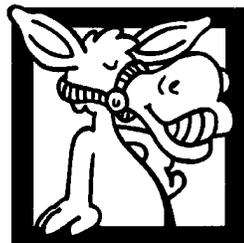


A food drive held to benefit local food-banks. Scouting for Food takes place on the first two Saturdays in November every year.

Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The monthly magazine is \$12.00 per year.

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Pinewood Derby

Parent/son project to build a race car made from a block of wood. This is among the best known Cub Scout activities. Be there the night of the big race!



Blue and Gold Banquet

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held during February.



What Will Scouting Cost Me?

Registration & Pack Dues	\$15.00/Year	
Accident & Sickness Insurance	\$1.00	
Shirt short sleeve (blue)	\$22.99	_____
Trousers	15.99	_____
Shorts	19.99	_____
Cub Scout belt	7.99	_____
Cub Scout cap	12.99	_____
Neckerchief	5.99	_____
Neckerchief slide	3.99	_____
Handbook	8.99	_____
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Den numeral	\$ 1.49	_____
Unit numeral	1.19	_____
Council shoulder strip/patch	4.00	_____
Total Uniform Cost:	\$ _____	

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

(Some packs do money earning projects to decrease the amount of pack dues required.)

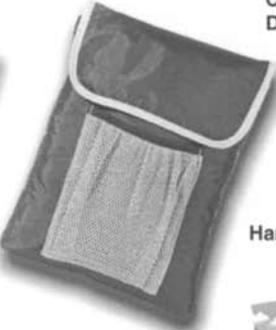
Prices are subject to change -
Visit www.scoutstuff.org for additional items and information.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE!



Tiger, Wolf, or Bear T-Shirt



Cub Scout Book Bag



Cub Scout Dog Tag



Handbooks



Cub Scout Uniform

National Capital Scout Shop

9190 Rockville Pike ♦ Bethesda, MD 20814
301-564-1091 ♦ Fax: 301-564-6028

Hours: Mon. - Wed. & Fri.: 9 AM - 5:30 PM
Thurs.: 9 AM - 8 PM ♦ Sat: 10 AM - 3 PM

Northern Virginia Scout Shop

5234 Port Royal Rd. ♦ Springfield, VA 22151
703-321-4836 ♦ Fax: 703-321-4838

Hours: Mon - Fri: 9 AM - 7 PM
Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM

Cubs Need Leaders... And You Are Not Alone

Parents

You're a primary role model for your child. Children need your guidance along their Scouting path, not to do the work for them, but with them. All parents help their sons with advancement and assist their pack or den with special projects.

Cubmaster

Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Committee Members

Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities and membership.

Committee Chair

Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program. Ensures that adequate support to run program is given to Cubmasters and den leaders by committee members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

Den Leader

Works with a group of up to 8 boys, meeting at least 3 times a month to work on advancements and activities.

HERE TO HELP YOU

- ✓ Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your area. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings as well as many other ideas for successful Cub Scout programs. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- ✓ Den and Pack meeting resource guides.
- ✓ Many packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- ✓ All registered adults receive *Scouting Magazine* and *The Scouter Digest*.
- ✓ There is a local volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "service team." They check on the health on your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- ✓ We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.

LEADER TRAINING

Ongoing opportunities

There is a local training team which conducts regularly scheduled Cub Scout leader training year round. Fast Start, Basic Leader Training, Youth Protection Training, monthly roundtables, and semi-annual training extravaganzas are all offered for all positions to help leaders succeed. Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader. Check with your pack leadership or visit our Website at www.boyscouts-ncac.org to find the dates and location of the next training course.



CUB SCOUT LEADER POW WOWs

When: Saturday, November 20, 2010

What: A Learning Extravaganza for Cub Scout Leaders! It's an annual get-together, a hands-on workshop, an idea conference, and a convention.

Who: Any adult who wants to know more about Cub Scouting!

Classes: Dozens and dozens of various "classes" are available from A to Z. Each leader chooses exactly what they need to make their volunteer time more satisfying.

What Do You Receive 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, 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.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a world-wide 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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

(Hold On to this)

My pack number is _____ My den number is _____

My Scouting district is the _____

My council is the National Capital Area Council.

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number is _____ E-mail _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____ E-mail _____

My pack meets on _____

My pack meets at _____

My unit commissioner's name is _____ E-mail _____



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Parent Help Positions

The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year? Some of these positions are short-term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work.

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| <p>_____ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Pack Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Song Leader</p> <p>_____ Awards Committee</p> <p>_____ Pinewood Derby Committee</p> <p>_____ Scouting For Food Committee</p> <p>_____ Blue and Gold Banquet</p> <p>_____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster</p> <p>_____ Cub Day Camp Coordinator</p> <p>_____ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator</p> | <p>_____ Tiger Cub Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Pack Holiday Party Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Sports Program Committee</p> <p>_____ Special Events Committee</p> <p>_____ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Webelos Camp-out Committee</p> <p>_____ Telephone Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Popcorn Sale Committee</p> <p>_____ _____</p> |
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Please complete and turn-in this form tonight.

Hobbies: _____

Sports Interests: _____

Occupation: _____

I have a Truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station Wagon _____ I have a workshop _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Scout's Name: _____ Grade: _____

E-mail address: _____

Who Pays for Scouting?

Youth Members and their families...

Members buy their own uniforms, handbooks, and personal equipment and pay their own camp fees. Some units defray some or all their fees with money earning projects.

and Packs...

Weekly or monthly dues and funds from approved money-earning projects meet expenses for supplies and activities in the Cub Scout pack. These monies help pay for camping equipment, uniform insignia, special activities, and program materials. Some Packs also have scholarships available.

and Community Organizations...

Each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place and adult volunteer leadership for its BSA unit(s). The chartered organization and local council must approve unit money-earning projects before the launch of the project.



and the...

National Capital Area Council...

Each year the National Capital Area Council establishes a budget to provide unit service, administration, training, outdoor and camping facilities, and quality program activities in the continuing effort to serve more boys. Just as your pack raises funds for unit operation through dues and money-earning projects, the council raises funds for council operation through the United Way/CFC and other methods.

Our council conducts an annual Friends of Scouting campaign to provide opportunities for the parents, Scouters, and friends of Scouting to financially support the growth of the Scouting program.

and the National Organization...

Funds to support the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America come from registration fees, local council service fees, investment income, *Scouting* and *Boys' Life* magazines, sale of uniforms and equipment, contributions from individuals, and foundation grants. These monies help to deliver the program of the BSA (through more than 300 local councils) to chartered organizations that use the Scouting program to meet the needs of their youth.

Cub Scout Camping!



Regional Cub Day Camp

- All NCAC Day Camps are inspected and certified to assure the best possible program, safety, and FUN!
- Activities may include archery instruction, target shooting (bbs and/or slingshot), fishing, nature, crafts, aquatic activities, sports, Scout Skills, and other activities appropriate to the day camp location.
- Most camps begin at 8:30 a.m. and run through 3:00-4:00 p.m., M-F; starting in mid-June and running into August.
- Registered Cub Scouts between the ages of 6 and 10 (grade 1 and up) and siblings are eligible for day camp.

Cub World at Camp William B. Snyder

- "Day Camp" and Overnight Resident Camp!
- Tented Camp Sites!
- Air conditioned dining hall facility!
- Swimming pool with water slides!



- Awesome staff!
- Boating and Nature Trail!
- Campfires!
- BB Gun and Archery Ranges!
- Western Style Fort, Indian Village, Nautical Ship, Space Port and The Big Dig!



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