Cub Scout
PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

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Dear Scouting Family,

Welcome and congratulations on starting your Scouting adventure!

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a great person; a self-reliant, responsible, and caring individual. We have the very same goals for them!

Cub Scouts lets kids have fun while teaching them skills that will help them now and throughout their lives. In fact, Scouts have been participating in exciting adventures for over 100 years while developing their personal fitness, building self-esteem, and leadership skills, along with learning the importance of helping others.

While kids join Scouting to have fun with their friends and make new ones along the trail, Scouting also helps instill in them the ability to make good decisions and equips them with the tools they’ll need to lead a happy, fulfilling life.

We’ve seen firsthand the enormous positive impact Scouting has on the lives of young people, and we’re thrilled your family has made the great decision to become part of the Scouting community.

We encourage you to visit PathwayToAdventure.org/Welcome at your earliest convenience to access valuable resources, including an essential New Scout Parent Orientation Guide, which will help you and your child get the most out of Scouting.

And since everything is more fun with friends, we included an extra ticket to Adventure Day in your Welcome Packet. You can give this ticket to anyone you think may enjoy the adventures of Scouting. That person will also receive a free backpack and model rocket if they join Scouting, just like your child!

Feel free to reach out to our top-notch staff with any questions as you settle in or at any time in the future. You can reach us at (312) 421-8800.

Welcome!

Richard Romani
VP of Membership (Volunteer)

Jeff Isaac
Executive Director
The Cub Scout program is designed to involve your son or daughter in a group of children their own age where he or she can earn status and recognition. Your Scout will also gain a sense of personal achievement from the new skills they learn.

**Cub Scout Motto:**
Do Your Best

**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.

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

**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 Scout Law.**
How does cub scouting work?

Your Scout is a member of a den...

- A den is made up of no more than 10 boys or 10 girls who are the same age and/or grade.
- The den meets two to three times a month. One of the den meetings each month is a “Go See It” or field trip.
- The den has a den leader, but the den leader shares the planning of the den meetings with the parents.

Volunteer Leadership: The Den

Lion Den
Lion Guides, who are experienced Cub Scouters, serve as liaisons between the Lions and the Pack. The child and his/her parent or guardian join the den and attend all meetings and activities together.

Tiger Cub Den
Similar to Lions, parents or guardians attend all meetings and activities. The den is made up of three to eight parent-child teams. Each den has a Tiger Cub den leader (one of the parents) who helps coordinate the meetings. The parent-child teams take turns hosting the activities and plan the meetings with the Tiger Cub den leader. The den has three meetings a month: one is a den meeting focused on advancement; one “Go See It” activity (the den, as a group visits a community place of interest); and the monthly pack meeting.

Wolf and Bear Cub Scout Dens
Parents are vital to Cub Scout dens. Parents help the den leader, and support the Cub Scout at home. Scouts are beginning to be more independent. The den consists of four to eight boys or girls, a den leader and assistant den leader (parent of some of the children), and usually a den chief (a Boy Scout who helps the den leader). They meet at least twice monthly at a regularly scheduled time and place, and attend monthly pack meetings with their families.

Webelos Scout Den
In Webelos dens, more emphasis is placed on the children taking leadership roles as they prepare for Scouts BSA. Webelos work on requirements for the Webelos Badge during the first year. In the second year, the Scout works on requirements for the Arrow of Light (the highest award in Cub Scouting).
YOUR SCOUT IS A MEMBER OF A PACK...

- A pack consists of several dens and meets once a month.
- The Cubmaster leads the monthly pack meeting, but each den will have a part in the pack meeting.
- Some months, the pack meeting will have special themes such as Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing the Scouts for the projects they have completed.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Committee Chair
Conducts monthly Pack Leaders’ Meeting to help plan program. Ensures that committee members give adequate support to the Cubmaster and den leaders. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

Committee Members
Attend monthly Pack Leaders’ Meeting to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities and membership.

Pack Trainer
Conducts orientation for new families and pack leaders. Trains new leaders for their specific positions or encourages participation in district training. Conducts other training as designated. Keeps track of pack training records.

Cubmaster
Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program. Attends monthly leaders’ meeting.

HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

$36 – Annual BSA Registration (January through December)
Fees are collected on a pro-rated basis of $3/month per member

$12 – Annual Subscription to Boys’ Life magazine (optional)
Fees are collected on a pro-rated basis of $1/month per member

Pack Dues - This is an additional charge your local unit (pack) will collect for activities it has planned for the year. The cost varies by unit, but typically ranges from $40 to $80 annually. There are multiple opportunities throughout the year for your child to earn the money needed to attend camp and participate in the other planned activities.
The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America— to build character, learn citizenship and develop personal fitness:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts
Scouting Uniform Checklist

Bring this checklist to the Scout Shop and we’ll help outfit you in your first complete uniform.

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| Lion | Tiger | Wolf | Bear | Webelo |

**Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts**

- Shirt
- Trousers or shorts
- Skort or Capris (girls)
- Web Belt and Buckle - Tiger Cub or Cub Scout
- Scout Socks - Tiger Cub or Cub
- Neckerchief - Tiger, Wolf or Bear
- Neckerchief Slide - Tiger, Wolf or Bear
- Cub Scout Cap - Tiger, Wolf or Bear

**Insignia**

- Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals (See your den leader)
- Den Numeral Strip (see your den leader)
- World Crest Emblem

**Handbooks**

- Lion Adventure Book
- Tiger Cub Handbook
- Wolf Cub Scout Book
- Bear Cub Scout Book

**Webelos Scouts**

- Webelos Belt Buckle (Fits Cub Scout belt)
- Webelos Neckerchief
- Webelos Neckerchief Slide
- Webelos Cap
- Shoulder Loops-Blue

**Insignia**

- Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals (See your den leader)
- Den Numeral Strip or Patrol Emblem** (see your den leader)
- World Crest Emblem

**Handbooks**

- Webelos Handbook

**Accessories**

- Webelos Colors

**NOTE:** Webelos Scouts may wear either the Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform. Each Webelos den decides whether a den numeral strip or a patrol emblem is worn.

Visit your local Scout Shop today!

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Sat. 9 AM - 3 PM

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Munster, IN 46321
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Sat. 9 AM - 2 PM

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Chicago, IL 60607
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Sat. 9:30 AM - 2 PM

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Sat. 9 AM - 3 PM