

NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY ORIENTATION GUIDE

Welcome to the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting!



Cub Scouts Pack 475

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WELCOME!!

Welcome to Cub Scouting. You and your son are beginning on a trail of fun and adventure that will challenge him and allow you to share experiences that you may not otherwise have. He may even become an Eagle Scout!

WHY CUB SCOUTING?

Cub Scouting's strength is that it is a well rounded program, positively affecting every area of a boy's life. Cub Scouting encourages boys to achieve a deeper appreciation of others, including peers, parents and other adults. Early in their Scouting experience, boys learn the value of serving others. Cub Scouting provides boys with a sense that they are important as individuals. They learn that their Scouting family cares about what happens to them. Cub Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when hard decisions have to be made, a boy can look at himself in the mirror and be proud.

HOW CUB SCOUTING WORKS

Cub Scouting is designed to provide opportunities for families to work and play together, to have fun together and to get to know each other a little better. Families are an integral part of Cub Scouting!

The Cub Scout program is a fun and educational experience concerned with values. Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service. Cub Scouting is ***FUN WITH A PURPOSE!***

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:

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

Living the Ideals

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in ***the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout Motto, and the Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, and Salute***. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in boys and the leaders who guide them.

The 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*

The Scout Law

*A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful
Friendly, Courteous, Kind
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty
Brave, Clean and Reverent*

The Cub Scout Motto

Do your best

The Cub Scout Sign



The two extended fingers stand for the parts of the Cub Scout Promise, "to help other people" and "to obey." They also stand for the two alert ears of a wolf. The Cub Scout sign should be given when repeating the Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack. It is also used in ceremonies.

The Cub Scout Handshake



The handshake is done by putting the index and middle fingers of the right hand against the other person's wrist when shaking hands.

The Cub Scout Salute



The Cub Scout Salute is used to salute the flag when in uniform and to show respect to den and pack leaders. It can be used when greeting other cub scouts.

Belonging to a Den

The den is a group of six to eight boys who are about the same age with one or two parents who are the Den Leaders. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well. With his den, your son will build confidence and self-esteem and earn recognition. He will also gain a sense of personal achievement from the new skills he learns.

The den meets once or twice a month and attends pack meetings. Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips revolving around a monthly theme. Depending on rank, work on advancement is not all done at den meetings. Boys do many requirements for advancement at home with the help of their family.

The Cub Scout Pack

All First Through Fifth Grade Boys Are Members of a Pack. Packs are made up of all the dens and patrols. Packs meet once a month - all Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear and Webelos families are expected to participate. The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster and is the highlight of the month. Some pack meetings like our fishing derby are activity focused while others like our "Hometown Heroes" provide an opportunity for community service and learning. All pack leaders are volunteers that **'do their best'** to make sure that your son has a great experience in Scouting.

The Pack Committee

The Pack Is Run By the Pack Committee. Parents, Den Leaders and Pack Leaders are members of the pack committee. The pack committee meets the first Tuesday of every month (unless falling on a holiday) – **ALL ARE WELCOME** and encouraged to attend. Committee meetings are led by the Committee Chairperson. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, coordinates fundraising projects, helps train leaders, and plans the program.

Chartered Organization

The Pack Is Owned By a Chartered Organization. Our Chartered Organization is the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Chartered Organizations approve all leadership in the pack, provides a meeting place for the pack and den meetings, and help the pack follow the BSA guidelines and policies. The Chartered Organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative who serves as the contact person for the Pack.

Using Advancement

Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leaders work with boys on advancement projects. The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting is shared between the family and the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings and some are done at home with the family. Our pack tracks advancement using an online system called Scout Track which you will login to record completion of requirements.

BOBCAT

All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos."

After receiving the Bobcat Badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.



TIGER

A 7 year old or boy in the first grade joins Cub Scouting as a Tiger Scout with his parent or adult guardian. This is unique relative to other ranks in Cub Scouting. Tigers and their adult partners are just that, partners. They attend meetings together, go on adventures like field trips together, and complete requirements together. Earning the tiger badge requires completing 6 required and 1 elective adventure as defined in the Tiger Handbook.



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 6 required and 1 elective adventure 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 next rank. Camping becomes a requirement at the Wolf level.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works on 6 required and 1 elective adventure 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 begin work on the next rank.



WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos patrol, led by an adult Webelos Leader. The boy works on 5 required and 2 elective adventures for his webelos badge and 4 required and 3 elective adventures for the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting.) A boy starts his Webelos program between his third and fourth grade year. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month Webelos program. In the middle of the Webelos 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.



Participating in Activities

Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

Scouting for Food

Food drive in November to benefit local food banks - Part of the nationwide program, "Good Turn for America" of the Boy Scouts of America, is to help feed the hungry.

Pinewood Derby

Family/Scout project that builds a race car made from a block of wood - Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track.

Cub/Family weekends at Camp

Cub/Family weekends offer a chance for families to camp together - An afternoon of fun-filled activities like volleyball, soccer, kickball, archery, BB shooting, flag football, and wrist rockets, just to name a few!

Blue and Gold Banquet

Birthday party for Cub Scouting held in February - Most often a dinner is held. A special program or entertainment is customary.

Summer Day Camp

Depending upon the age of your Cub, he can attend Cub Scout Day Camp or Webelos Resident Camp. These programs are held at Council Camps or in the local area. All programs offer exciting summer time activities that include swimming, crafts, games, nature, BB guns, archery, sports, songs, and skits.

Pack Leadership

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Adult family members are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his peers, and to have a chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. 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, 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.
- 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.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Leads monthly pack meetings and attends the pack leader's meetings.

DEN LEADER(S)

Leads the den at den meetings and monthly pack meetings, attends the monthly pack leader's meeting.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members (positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

SECRETARY/TREASURER

This can be one or two persons. They keep all records for the pack including bank account, financial records, achievements, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

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

The Pack Committee may also have the following positions: Public Relations Chair, Outdoor Activity Chair, Membership and Registration Chair, Friends of Scouting Chair and Pack Trainer.

PARENT HELPERS

These volunteers function as chairpersons for pack committees that oversee special programs and events within the pack. Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Day Camp, Popcorn sales; these are just some of the events that would need parent coordinators.

How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to grow with your son but also to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community through Scouting. Training is available.

HOW CAN I HELP MY SON?

- Become involved
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law
- Work with him on his achievements
- Sell popcorn and help him raise money
- Value him as an individual

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

RESOURCES

BSA SANCTIONED AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES

BSA National Website	scouting.org
BSA Online Learning Center	myscouting.org
West Central Florida Council Site	wcfbsa.org
Anclote District Site	anclotedistrict.org
Scout Track (Pack Advancement)	scouttrack.com
General Uniform Information *	boyscouttrail.com/uniforms.asp
Advancement Information *	boyscouttrail.com/advancements.asp
Advancement Information*	MeritBadge.org
Scout Gear Store	scoutstuff.org

People are a great resource!

There are many people who are willing to help your son enjoy his Cub Scout experience. His den leaders, Cubmaster, other pack leaders, district and council-level Scouters. Plus many people not in Scouting, friends, family members, teachers, firefighters, police officers, etc. All of these people play a role in helping your son enjoy Scouting and learn a great deal about character, citizenship and fitness.

Nobody is more important to your son's Scouting experience than YOU!

* Please Note – boyscouttrail.com and meritbadge.org are not official BSA websites but offer useful information regarding uniforming and advancement.

Fundraisers and where does the money go!

Running the pack is similar to running a business. There are fees to be paid to the BSA, awards to buy for the boys and leader training to ensure that the pack provides a quality program for your son. The registration fee that you paid at the school registration night or during the re-chartering process goes to the Council. The pack does not get any of this money.

The Boy Scouts of America have partnered with Trails-End popcorn which provides a way for us to raise money. We offer 2 different opportunities for the boys to make their goals. The first is the Show-and-Sell. We order popcorn for the pack that will be used to sell in front of different businesses in town. Any boy that wants to come and sell at the Show-and-Sell is welcome and will have his portion of the proceeds added to his total sale.

The second way for the boys to make their goal is to go around your neighborhood and ask your neighbors if they would like to support Scouting. We request the Scouts **NEVER** sell popcorn without a parent or guardian or another Scout and we tell them to **NEVER** go into anyone's house if invited in. We expect the boys to be safe while selling. Another opportunity, if your company allows you, is to bring the form to work and sell to co-workers. Also ask your company if they would like to purchase popcorn for employee or customer gifts.

If you have family or friends that don't live close, there is a website where they can order popcorn. Check with your Den Leaders, Cubmaster or the Pack Popcorn Kernel to find out if your pack is participating.

During the year the pack may participate in other fundraising activities like car washes, bake sales, or other opportunities. Your participation is always welcome and appreciated.

As Cub Scouts, we will always try and make sure to emphasize the *fun* in *fundraising*.



2015-2016 Leaders / Committee Members Contact Information

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