



CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE

**WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE
OF CUB SCOUTING!**



**Where character counts
and
the adventure begins...**



At tonight's meeting, we will:

- **Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting**
- **Recruit boys into Cub Scouting**
- **Involve parents in the program**



YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

SCOUTING ... 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 fitness in youth.



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

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

TIGER CUB PROGRAM



First Grade

- I. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub **den** that:
 - A. Typically has three to eight boy / adult partner teams.
 - B. Meets twice each month in a den meeting.
 - C. Has one outing a month, called a Go See It.
 - D. Attends the monthly pack meetings.
- II. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader
 - A. This person plans and carries out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den
 - B. Each month, the den leader works with a different boy / adult partner team to plan the monthly den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting. This is called shared leadership.

WOLF, BEAR, AND WEBELOS PROGRAMS

Second through Fifth Grade

- I. Your son is a member of a **den** that:
 - A. Typically has four to eight boys.
 - B. Meets once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience.
 - C. Is led by a den leader (usually a parent).
 - D. Has one or more assistant den leaders (usually other parents) to assist the den leader.
 - E. May have a den chief (an older Boy Scout) to assist the den leader.
 - F. Has games, crafts, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings and periodic field trips.

THE CUB SCOUT PACK



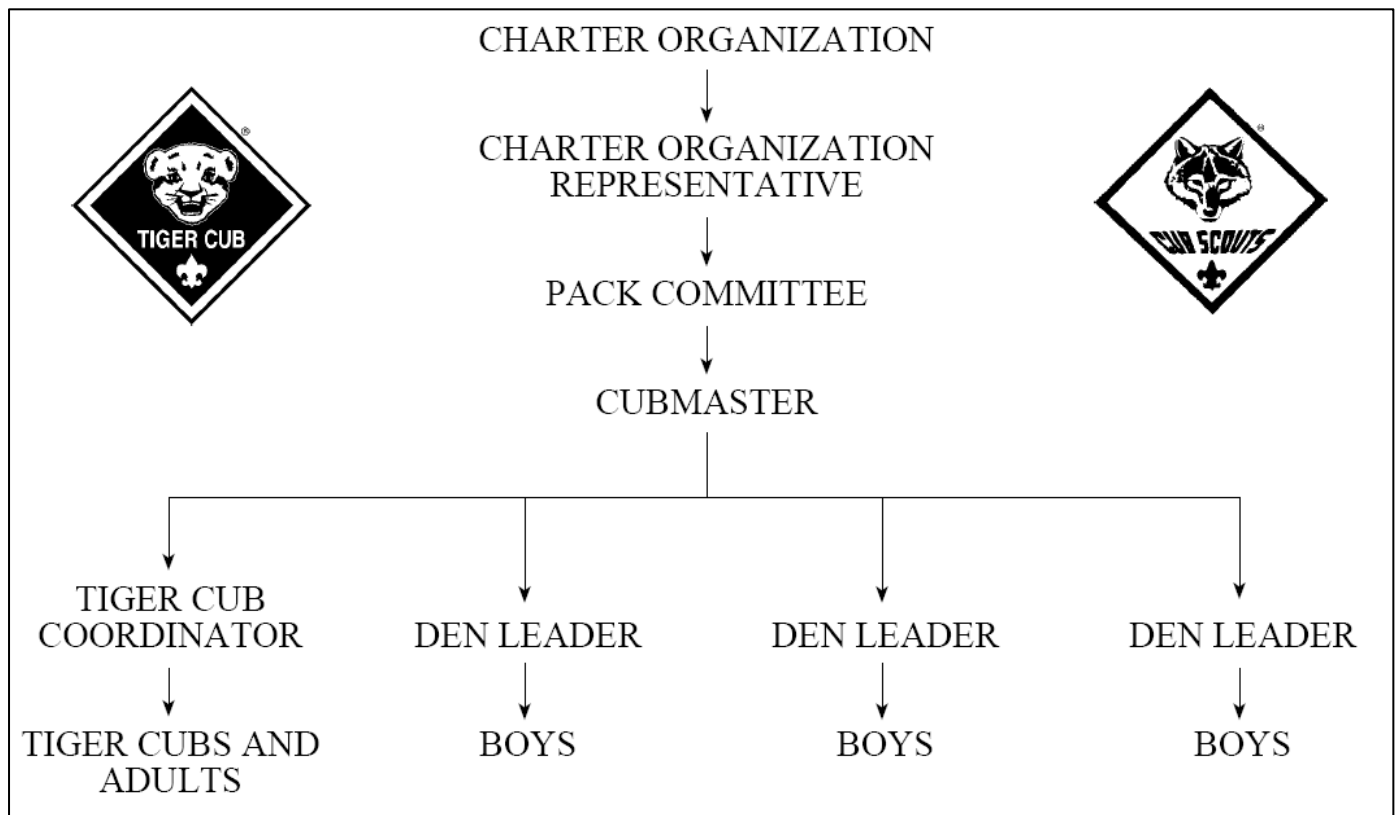
First through Fifth Grade

- I. Your son is a member of a **pack** that:
 - A. Is made up of one or more dens.
 - B. Meets once a month – all Scouts are expected to participate. Families are encouraged to attend.
 - C. Has meetings led by the Cubmaster.
 - D. Is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
 - E. Has games, skits, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.
- II. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee, which:
 - A. Is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents.
 - B. Meets once a month or more often if needed.
 - C. Is led by a committee chairman

D. Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs recordkeeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

III. Our pack is owned by a Chartered Organization, which:

- A. Includes schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B. Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- C. Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).





TIGER CUB, BSA MOTTO

SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE

Tiger Cubs, BSA, is a one-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include activities from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and an opportunity to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub group whom you see at den meetings.

CUB SCOUT, BSA MOTTO

DO YOUR BEST

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.



Cub Scout Promise

*I, _____, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.*

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of 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 boys 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.



TIGER CUBS

There are five achievements in Tiger Cubs:

- Making My Family Special
- Where I Live
- Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe
- How I Tell It
- Let's Go Outdoors

Each achievement has three parts: a family activity, a den activity, and a Go See It outing. A boy receives totem beads as he completes each part:

- A *white bead* for each required family activity part he completes
- An *orange bead* for each required den activity part he completes
- A *black bead* for each required Go See It part he completes



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 achievements 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. For every 10 electives he completes, he earns an Arrow Point.

ARROW POINTS

For the Wolf and Bear ranks, a boy can earn Arrow Points. For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has complete second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 12 of 24 achievements 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. For every 10 electives he completes, he earns an Arrow Point.



WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. 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 February of a Webelos Scout's fifth-grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.



Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent / son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Be there the day of the big race!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Food drive held to benefit local food-banks. Part of our program to help the hungry. Held in November.



DAY CAMP

Exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run five days in a local park.

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. 12 issues / year.

BOYS' LIFE



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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 son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE 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, 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 that 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.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

DEN LEADERS

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack planning meeting.



CUBMASTER

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

PACK COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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



SECRETARY / TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack planning meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

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

PARENT HELPERS

Functional chairman positions to perform 'one-shot' program jobs, such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration. Attends pack planning meetings as necessary.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

- The staff at the Atlanta Area Council Service Center can help or 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.
- Program Helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Our pack purchase annual Program Helps for den leaders. In addition, Program Helps are available online.
- Our pack has a variety of books that are useful for planning den and pack activities.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee that develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "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.
- Your district has fast start training videos and leader basic training available. All leaders need training!
- We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.



*The mission of the Boy Scouts of America
is to prepare young people
to make ethical choices over their lifetimes
by instilling in them
the values of the Scout Oath and Law*

Boy 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.

Boy Scout Law

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



The Purposes of Cub Scouting

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

Cub Scout Oath

I, <your name>, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

The Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

