

East Carolina Council

Boy Scouts of America



Cub Scout Parents' Orientation Guide

Welcome to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting!!
Where character counts and the adventure begins...

At this meeting, we will:

- ✓ Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
 - ✓ Invite boys to join Cub Scouting
 - ✓ Involve parents in the program
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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 to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

Scouting is fun with a purpose!

Tiger Cubs - 1st Grade

TIGER CUB, MOTTO "Search, Discover, Share"

Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult partner) in family-oriented activities including learning about their neighborhood and preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is fun, provides a chance to get to know one another better, and to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub Den.

I. Tiger Cubs is a one-on-one program for boys and adults.

II. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub Den which:

- A. Has three to eight boy/adult teams.
- B. Meets 2-3 times each month.
- C. Meetings focus around topics known as "Achievements".

III. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader.

- A. A Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings
- B. Each boy/adult team takes a turn running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader.

Cub Scouting - 2nd through 5th Grade

CUB SCOUT, MOTTO "Do Your Best"

In 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
- Reinforce 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 awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

I. Your boy is a member of a Den which:

- A. Has four to eight boys
- B. Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent)
- C. Meets once a week. Regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience
- D. Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips
- E. Den Meetings focus around topics known as "Achievements"

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the den or pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family.

Bobcat - 1st-5th grade

All boys, in 1st thru 5th grade 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, the boys work on requirements based on his grade level.

Tiger Cub - 1st Grade

The Tiger Cub badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and Go See It. After completing the Tiger Cub rank, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead for every 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a boy can earn.

Wolf - 2nd Grade

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.

Bear - 3rd Grade

A Cub Scout who has completed 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.

Webelos - 4th & 5th Grade

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 February of a Webelos Scout's 5th 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.

Arrow Points - 2nd & 3rd grade

After earning the Wolf or Bear Badge, boys can work on other fun activities called "electives." For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy can earn as many Arrow Points as he can.

The Cub Scout Pack

I. Your boy is a member of a Pack which:

- A. Is made up of one or more dens
- B. Meets once a month at the Pack meeting.
- C. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
- D. The Pack meeting has games, skits, songs and presentations of badges earned by Scouts.

II. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee

- A. Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents
- B. We meet once a month or more often if needed
- C. Led by a committee chairman
- D. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and makes sure our boys receive a good program

III. Our Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization

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

Special Programs

Blue and Gold Banquet

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February.

Summertime Camping

- **Cub Scout Day Camp:** An activity for all Cub Scouts that include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run five days in a local park.
- **Cub Scout Resident Camp:** A two day overnight camping experience for Cub Scouts and a parent at Scout Camp. Activities include sports, archery, swimming, crafts and campfires.
- **Webelos Camp:** A three day and two night camping experience for fourth and fifth graders. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, games, model rockets and more!

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. Magazine is \$12.00/year.

Pinewood Derby

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there for the big race!

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, talents, 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 young 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 - standing up for family values.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

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 monthly pack meeting and attends the pack leaders' meeting.

Pack Committee - Members perform administrative functions of the pack. (positions listed below)

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 meetings and pack committee meetings.

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

Pack Trainer - Coordinates "Fast Start" training for adults, organizes the Tiger Cub dens and promotes leader training and Roundtable meeting attendance.

Parent Helpers - Function 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.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district. 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. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders.

Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need or they can be purchased at the Scout Service Center.

Your district has a team of volunteers called the **District Committee** which 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. Or you can visit www.eccbsa.org and click on training. All leaders need training!

We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is _____
My den number is _____
My Scouting district is the _____
My council is East Carolina Council.
My den leader's name is _____
My den leader's phone number is _____
My den leader's email is _____
My den meets on _____
My den meets at _____
My Cubmaster's name is _____
My Cubmaster's phone number is _____
My pack meets on _____
My pack meets at _____

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Registration & Insurance fee: \$11.00/Year
Boys' Life Magazine \$12.00/Year
Book (Tiger) \$ 6.25
(Wolf) \$ 6.95
(Bear) \$ 6.95
(Webelos) \$ 6.95
Pack Dues \$ _____

(Some units do fundraising to decrease the amount of pack dues required.)
Note - uniforms and Boy's Life are not required (but recommended) to join Scouting. A price list for new uniform costs is included. 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: Tiger Cub Wolf Bear Webelos
Pack # _____ Den # _____

Uniforms:

Shirt - short sleeve, \$22.95
Tiger Cub belt & buckle, \$6.30
Cub Scout belt & buckle, \$8.65
Webelos buckle, \$3.35

Neckerchiefs:

Tiger Cub, Wolf & Bear, \$5.10
Webelos, \$6.25

Neckerchief Slides:

Tiger Cub, Wolf & Bear, \$2.40
Webelos, \$2.40

Handbooks:

Tiger, \$4.25
Wolf, \$6.95
Bear, \$6.95
Webelos, \$6.95

Insignia:

Council Shoulder patch, \$2.10
Webelos colors, \$3.55
Unit numeral, .90¢
Den numeral, \$1.40
World Crest, \$1.50

Prices on list were taken from the 2006 Boy Scouts of America catalog.
Prices are subject to change. Visit www.scoutstuff.org for additional items and information.

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they will get you in touch with someone who can.**

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