



# Put a Lion Den In your Pack!

This fall, The Spirit of Adventure Council invites every pack who wishes to take part in this second year of the Lion pilot program. To get you thinking about how to take part, here are a few things to consider:

## The Basics

- ♦ The Lion program is designed to be an introduction to Cub Scouting
- ♦ Lions are for boys who are in Kindergarten. They must be at least 5 years old by September 30 and not yet 7 years old.
- ♦ The Lion program year runs from September through May. At that point, they cross over into Tigers.
- ♦ Like Tigers, each boy is accompanied by an adult partner who attends all meetings and outings with the boy.
- ♦ There is no Lion den leader; the den follows a shared leadership model in which the adult partners take turns running the meetings and outings.
- ♦ Each month, the Lion den gathers twice. There is one den meeting and either an outing (open to the whole family) or a Pack meeting. Lion dens typically attend two or three pack events per month. These should be special or especially fun gatherings. You may want to consider a holiday pack meeting, blue and gold banquet, or other really special meeting .
- ♦ The den is coordinated by a Lion Guide. The Guide is an experienced person from your pack and generally not one of the adult partners.

**Your pack can prepare now by identifying the best person  
to be your Lion Guide!**

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## What does the Lion Guide do?

Lion guide (an experienced den leader):

- ♦ Oversees the den
- ♦ Communicates with participating families
- ♦ Leads initial den meetings and outings
- ♦ Mentors adult partners as they lead den meetings and outings during the year
- ♦ Integrates with the pack and pack leadership

## Is there training available?

Yes! Lion Guide orientation will be offered during the three Fall Recruiting Workshops to be held:

- ♦ [August 8 \(Westwood\)](#) - 7:30 – 9:00pm 808 High St. Westwood, MA 01730
- ♦ [August 10 \(Bedford\)](#) - 7:30 – 9:00pm 36 Middlesex Turnpike Bedford, MA 01730
- ♦ [August 17 \(Beverly\)](#) - 7:30 – 9:00pm 35 Conant St. Beverly, MA 01915

Registration is active on the council calendar—**ScoutSpirit.org**—for all three sessions. Have your Membership Chair/Cubmaster/Committee Chair and Lion Guide sign up now!

## How about recruiting materials?

When you register for the workshops—**ScoutSpirit.org**—you will find a flyer request form. We will be ordering special Lion fliers for distribution in Kindergartens and a different flier for grades two through five. For your convenience, we will have your flier orders ready for the recruiting workshops if your request is submitted by [July 21](#).

Other helpful items, such as yard signs, stands, applications, and Boy's Life mini mags will also be available on those evenings. **Make sure to communicate with your partner packs in town about signups so that we are all pulling in the same direction! It is best to have one flier in each community.**

Following the workshops, any remaining recruiting materials will be available at the September roundtables (as supplies last).