

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Your **den** is in a **pack** that belongs to an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Scouting unit (a **chartered organization**). The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place and makes sure the pack works within guidelines and policies of the organization as well as those of the BSA.

Your pack is a member of a **district**, a geographic area of the BSA local council that helps provide support for the pack.

Our Cub Scout Pack number is _____ Our den number is _____

My Scouting District is _____

Our council is **The Spirit of Adventure Council**

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number 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 _____



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PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouts

Where Character Counts
and the
Adventure Begins!

For Boys and Girls
in Grades K – 5



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This guide will help:

- Inform parents and boys and girls about Cub Scouting
- Register boys and girls for Cub Scouting
- Involve parents with the program

Why Join Cub Scouts?

- Your time is valuable. Today's families, more than ever, struggle to find time to spend time together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your child to do things together.
- Your child needs to belong to a group of children their own age. Through the sense of belonging, they build their self-esteem and learn to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. Boy Scouts of America has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.
- In a society where your child is taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches them to "do their best" and to be helpful of others.
- Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities can bring added value to the time you already have with your child.

But we know that kids do not join Cub Scouting just to get their character built. Kids join because it is fun.



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Our Cub Scout Den Roster

Names (Scout & Adult)	Address	Phone

Den Leader: _____

Meeting Day / Time: _____

Cubmaster: _____

Committee Chair: _____

Notes: _____

Adult Leadership Training

Every youth deserves a trained leader and every leader deserves to be trained.

E-Learning Courses

Available Online at www.myscouting.org
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Youth Protection Training (online): Trained Leaders are our highest priority for the safety and well-being of our youth members and participants. The training will teach every leader and parent the rules of child protection in the Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (online): Cub Scout Leader Specific Training is designed to fit your needs. This training for all Cub Scout leaders is provided by the district or council in either a one or two session format or it may be delivered by personal coaching or self-study.

University of Scouting: An annual leadership enhancement event that offers a variety of courses where Cub Scout leaders increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting.

Roundtable: This is a form of supplemental training for volunteers at the Pack level. Roundtables give volunteers examples for Pack and Den meetings; information on policy, events, and training opportunities; ideas for crafts, games, and ceremonies; and an opportunity to share experiences, and enjoy fun and fellowship.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training: The Webelos Leader Outdoor Training provides specialized training for Webelos in outdoor skills and programs.



How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented and Run by Parents

- √ Activities are intended for the whole family.
- √ You work with your child on their advancement award requirements.
- √ Many skills they will learn are family oriented.

The Cub Scout Den

- √ Your child is a member of a Cub Scout den.
- √ The den meets once per week.
- √ The den is led by a den leader (usually a parent).
- √ The den leader usually has an assistant den leader, a den chief (a Boy Scout helper), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members).
- √ Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

The Cub Scout Pack

- √ Your child is a member of a Cub Scout pack.
- √ A pack meets once per month – all Cub Scout families attend.
- √ The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster, who is a volunteer.
- √ The pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meeting and activities.
- √ Pack meetings have games, songs, skits, stunts, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that boys and girls earned during the month.

The Pack Committee

- √ The pack is run by a committee of parents, who are all volunteers.
- √ The pack committee is made up of all den leaders, the Cubmaster, and parents.
- √ The pack committee is led by a chairperson, who is a volunteer.
- √ The committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme.

What Do You Receive in Return?

How Cub Scouting Works (cont'd)

The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages finances, finds meeting places, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

Boys' Life Magazine

It is the official magazine for youth 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. Special subscription rate for all Cubs and Scouts of \$12.00 per year.

Lion Cubs

The Lion Cub program is for youth in Kindergarten. It serves as an introduction to Scouting. The Lion Den does not have a den leader. Instead, there is a shared leadership model. They have a Lion Guide who conducts the first meeting and then serves as a mentor for the scouts' adult partners.



The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to work with them on their Cub Scout activities. **Your role as a parent is the secret of success of the Cub Scouting program!** The den and pack also rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Every parent will be asked to volunteer to help give your child a great Scouting experience. So, give the most valuable gift you can give your child – the gift of time. You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in the life of your child and their friends. Here are some ways you could volunteer:

Parent Volunteer Leadership Roles

Den Leader - Leads the den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings.

Cubmaster - Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. Emcees the monthly Pack meeting and attends the Pack leaders' meeting.

Committee Chair- Presides at all Pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members. Also attends Pack meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer - Keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends Pack meeting and committee meetings.

Advancement Person - Maintains advancement records for the Pack. Orders and obtains all badges and awards for scouts.

Parent Helpers - Helps with the many short-term projects that Packs work on throughout the program year (popcorn sale, Blue & Gold banquet, etc.). These are jobs of short duration and still enable families to assist with Pack responsibilities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Cub Scouting is a parent-led activity and being a parent leader is a fun, challenging, and rewarding experience. Parents find that their volunteer experiences help them to become better role-models for their Scout. 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 scouts' accomplishments.
- √ The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- √ A chance to help scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into people who have strength of character and are sensitive to the need of others.
- √ The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of children, as they grow strong in mind and body.
- √ A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both children 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.



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The Advancement Plan

Bobcat Badge - All scouts, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of “WEBELOS.” After receiving the Bobcat badge, the scouts work on requirements based on their grade level.

Tiger Badge – A Cub Scout who is in first grade works on the Tiger Badge. Each scout-adult team shares in den leadership. Weekly activities are home-centered, with the family using the different program themes around which the program is built. A Tiger Scout works on six interdisciplinary, themed based experiences, called adventures, as well as one elective adventure.

Wolf Badge - A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on six required adventures and one elective adventure to earn Wolf Badge.

Bear Badge - A Cub Scout who has completed the second grade (or is age 9) works to complete six required adventures and one elective adventure to earn the Bear Badge.

Webelos Badge - When a Cub Scout has completed third grade (or is ten years old) they join a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The scout works on five required adventures and two elective adventures to earn the Webelos Badge.

Arrow of Light – The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting. Camping and Outdoor programs are an important part of the Webelos program. It’s recommended that in February or March of the Webelos Scout’s fifth grade year, they graduate from Cub Scouts to a Boy Scout Troop in an impressive ceremony. To earn the Arrow of Light, the Scout had to earn four required adventures and three elective adventures.

Special Cub Scout Activities

Pinewood Derby

Parent and Scout work together to build a gravity-powered miniature racecar from a special kit. Most Packs conduct races annually.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by your Pack, usually in February. Most Packs hold some type of dinner, and a special program or entertainment is customary.

Scouting for Food

Food drive held each year to benefit local food banks. It's part of a nation-wide program of the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the hungry.

Fall Popcorn Sale

A council-wide popcorn sale giving your scout and their Pack the opportunity to pay for the Scouting activities and projects they will be participating in. Sale begins in late September and finishing in late October.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, BB guns, archery and lots more! Camps are held during the day or twilight hours throughout the area by each district.

Webelos Overnight Camp

For Webelos, this is a 4-night, 5-day camping experience. Activities include Archery, swimming, campfires and much more that makes camping great.

Scouting Adventure Card

Here's your passport to non-stop fun. Your card includes:

- Unlimited admission to New England Base Camp at Camp Sayre (Milton, MA) and Lone Tree (Kingston, NH) for cardholder.
- 20% Discount for all Spirit of Adventure outdoor programs for the cardholder. (Summer Camps, Vacation Camps, Birthday Parties, Instructional Clinics, Meals at Campfire Café)
- 20% Discount on guest admission when accompanied by the cardholder.
- Unlimited admission to all satellite programs (only open to Scouts)

For more information regarding the Adventure card, contact
SpiritOfAdventureCouncil@scouting.org

How Much Does it Cost?

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

National Registration Fee: \$66.00/year **

One-time joining fee: \$25.00

Scouting Adventure Card: \$30.00 for 1-year **

Boys' Life Magazine: \$12.00 for 1-year **

**There is a pro-rated amount for the fall months in addition to the full-year rate.

Pack Dues: \$_____ (Many Packs do fundraising through the annual Fall Popcorn Sale to decrease the amount of Pack Dues required).

Uniform Part Checklist:

- Short or long-sleeved shirt
- Shorts or pants

Insignia:

- Council Patch
- Unit numeral
- Den number
- Webelos colors
- World Crest Emblem

Handbooks

- Tiger Cub (1st Grade)
- Wolf (2nd Grade)
- Bear (3rd Grade)
- Webelos (4th and 5th Grade)

These uniform parts and other neat Scouting items can be purchased at our Scout Shop.

Spirit of Adventure Scout Shops

Locations:

411 Unquity Road – Milton, MA – (617) 361-0315

2 Tower Office Park – Woburn, MA – (781) 937-4282

www.scoutspirit.org or www.scoutstuff.org

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Saturday 9:30am-3:00pm, CLOSED Sunday