

Ready Cub!

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Ready Cub! Vision

To develop youth, their families, and by extension, our communities in preparedness for health and safety in the event of personal emergencies or community disasters through evidence-based scouting activities, FEMA/MEMA resources, and in collaboration with local preparedness partners.



The Purpose of Ready Cub!

- ❖ Enrich the existing Cub Scout adventures with resources from external partners like the Federal Emergency Management Agency & the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (FEMA/MEMA)
- ❖ Strengthen local community bonds by stimulating our local scout units (Packs) to work together with first responders and schools in their towns.



Getting Started on Ready Cub! is Easy

Den

- Something for every Cub Scout Rank
- Complete select existing Adventures with the help or boosted with the latest FEMA educational tools.

Pack

- Practice an emergency procedure/drill while at a Pack event.
- Invite a speaker from a local fire, police, veteran organization to lead the opening ceremony with scouts.
- Start each pack meeting with a safety briefing
 - Change smoke detector batteries whenever changing clocks for DST
 - Water—at least 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days, for drinking and sanitation
 - Radio, flashlight, and batteries

Community

- First Responder Partnership Guide
 - Yearly site visits
 - Service Projects
 - Fall clean up/community area of their choice
 - Participate in National Preparedness Month Event (Sep)
 - Participate in National First Responder Day (Oct 28)
- In Schools Presentation
 - Opportunity Guide – Prepare With Pedro
 - Can be linked to First Responder partnership





Ready Cub in the Den

Styles



Ready Cub! 6 yrs

Earn your Tiger: Safe & Smart Elective

Complete requirements 1-8. Requirement 9 is optional.

<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/workbooks/Tiger/Tiger-Safe-and-Smart.pdf>
<http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/workbooks/Tiger/Tiger-Safe-and-Smart.docx>

- 1 Memorize your address and say it to your den leader or your parent, guardian, or other caring adult.
- 2 Memorize an emergency contact's phone number, and say it to your parent, guardian, or den leader.
- 3 Take the 911 safety quiz.
- 4 Show you can "Stop, Drop, and Roll."
- 5 Show you know how to safely roll someone else in a blanket to put out a fire.
- 6 With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, make a fire escape map of your home and explain it to family members and your den.
- 7 With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, try a practice fire drill at home.
- 8 Find the smoke detectors in your home. With the help of your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, check the batteries.
- 9 Visit an emergency responder station or have an emergency responder visit you.

Ready Cub Tiger Booster



Help a friend learn two of these skills.

As a family, download the [FEMA App](#). The FEMA App allows you to receive real-time weather alerts, send notifications to loved ones, locate emergency shelters in your area, and more.

TIP!

A first-responder partnership would support requirement 9 of the Safe & Smart adventure and you could reciprocate your visit by parents bringing food/snacks/drinks to the first responders when visiting and/or offering a clean-up project of their choice (any community place).





Ready Cub in the Pack

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CDR Paul Alexander

Commander Paul Alexander assumed the duties as Executive Officer of Base Boston in June of 2023. He is responsible for the oversight of mission support functions provided by Base Boston and the management of 462 crew members including Active Duty, Civilian, and Reserve. Base Boston serves as the single DCMS touch point for the First Coast Guard District in support of Coast Guard operations throughout the district's area of operations. Base Boston also supports all other Coast Guard support units and personnel who are stationed throughout New England, New York, and Northern New Jersey.



CDR Alexander most recently served as the Engineering and Projects Branch Chief for the Surface Forces Logistics Center, Medium Endurance Cutter Product Line. There, he was responsible for overseeing engineering support for all 27 Medium Endurance Cutters and CGC EAGLE including casualty response, maintenance and configuration management, engineering change development, technical support, and project planning for the 270-WMEC Service Life Extension Program and 210-WMEC decommissionings. CDR Alexander's previous tours include Engineer Officer of CGC SENECA in Boston, MA, Ship Superintendent at CG Yard in Baltimore, MD, Port Engineer for the Icebreaker, Buoy and Construction Tender Product Line in Cleveland, OH, and Damage Control Assistant aboard CGC TAHOMA in Kittery, ME.

CDR Alexander is a 2006 graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. In 2020, he graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA with a Master's Degree in Systems Engineering and a concentration in ship systems. His personal awards include the CG Meritorious Service Medal, two CG Commendation Medals, two CG Achievement Medals, the Permanent Cutterman Insignia, and various unit and team awards.





Ready Cub in the Community



● LIFE IN LEXINGTON

Lexington's new \$35 million police station, through the eyes of local Scouts



by Maggie Scales October 2, 2024



Lexington Fire Department Supports Scouting



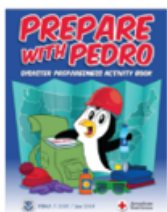
The Lexington Fire Department (LFD) welcomed more than 30 Cubs and their parents from Pack

"For me, it was straight forward", said Lt. Ricci, "I reviewed the program and carved out areas where the LFD could



Ready Cub in Schools

Prepare with Pedro (Grade: K-2)



[Prepare with Pedro](#) is a 30- to 45-minute preparedness education program for grades K-2 that teaches students how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard.

Pedro is a penguin who loves learning about how he can be prepared and take action during an emergency to help stay safe.

He visits friends all over the United States and learns about hazards local to their area like earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and many others!

Prepare with Pedro is a free youth preparedness program created by the American Red Cross, and partnered with FEMA. This resource is designed to teach young children and their families how to stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun activities such as crosswords, coloring pages, matching games, and more!

[>>Download the Activity Book](#)

Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) (Grade: 3-5)



Inspire youth to prepare with FEMA's Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Curriculum. The newly updated STEP is a modular emergency preparedness curriculum with fun activities that can be used in many different settings, inside and outside of school.

Geared for students in fourth grade and above, the program guides students on how to create emergency kits and family communication plans. At the same time, it teaches students about disasters, from severe weather to wildfires.

STEP includes three core lessons that can each be taught in as little as 30 minutes. Educators can also incorporate five supplemental lessons on specific disasters - severe weather, earthquake, fire, flood, and pandemic emergencies. A series of YouTube videos for kids, called Disaster Dodgers, helps introduce each concept, and an activity book offers 18 activities to reinforce ideas and jumpstart creativity.

[>>Download STEP Curriculum Materials](#)



Earning The Patch

Youth Recognition

1. Youth are earning the Patch by Rank

Earning the Pack Ready Cub Certificate

1. 33% of Dens complete Ready Cub!
2. Invite a speaker from a local fire, police, veteran organization to lead the opening ceremony with scouts. And provide a short inspirational message.
3. Practice an emergency procedure/ drill while at a Pack event. For many units, September is the first Pack meeting of the new scout year, which also happens to be National Preparedness Month.
4. Start each pack meeting with a safety briefing for 1 year.
5. Assign an adult to track Den and Pack Progress and submit a report of activities to the Council

Adult Recognition

1. Have an emergency plan and first aid kit at every meeting
2. Create or have a scout create a safety message to be shared at each meeting
3. 51% of scouts complete their Ready Cub Activities & Boosters at your den/ pack level
4. OR Achieve one of the following:
 - a) Build or manage a first responder/school partnership for at least one year with a succession plan in place
 - b) Request and complete the Spirit of Adventure Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Hybrid Training





Earning The Certificate



Certificate of Completion

Spirit of Adventure Council
Lexington Fire Department

This is awarded to:

Lukas Andersson

For completing the Ready Cub course, teaching young children and their families how to stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun activities.

Peter Ricci
Lieutenant Peter Ricci
Lexington Fire Department

Ronnie Andersson
Cubmaster Ronnie Andersson
Pack 160 Lexington



John Judge
John Judge
Scout Executive
Spirit of Adventure Council

October 9th 2025
Date Awarded



Certificate of Completion

Fiske Elementary School,
Lexington, MA

This is awarded to:

For completing the course of "Prepare with Pedro", teaching young children and their families how to stay safe during disasters and emergencies through fun activities.

Scout Instructor
Pack 160 Lexington, MA

Jonathan Pleva
Jonathan Pleva
Scout Executive
Spirit of Adventure Council



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA
THE SPIRIT OF
ADVENTURE COUNCIL

Date Awarded





NEXT: Ready Cub Training (Coming!)





Open Discussion!

The Ready Cub! guide will be emailed out to everyone.

- Feedback?
- Thoughts?
- Questions?
- Ideas?
- Already have first responder and/or school collaboration, please tell us!

Contact: Ronnie Andersson @ readycub@scoutspirit.org

For more information: <https://www.scoutspirit.org/fema>

Thank you!