

National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Parent's Guide To Cub Scouting



Prepared. For Life.™



PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING



Cub Scout packs serve boys who are in first through fifth grade (or 7 through 10 years of age). Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the 10 purposes of Cub Scouting:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievements
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts





What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouting is the Scouting program for boys in first through fifth grades (or 7-10 years old). For more than 100 years the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has provided high quality, fun and educational programs designed to help young boys build moral strength and character, develop fitness, and become active, responsible citizens.

Cub Scouting emphasises a year-round, home-centered program at the local level that helps to strengthen the family. Cub Scouting - including Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts - is the largest of BSA's programs. The other programs are Boy Scout (which includes Varsity Scouts), Venturing and Sea Scouts.

Your Child's Safety: Our Top Priority

The unit leader's number one priority is the safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity. For this reason, we work closely with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units. We take great pride in the quality of our adult leadership and in our application review process. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check and is required to take Youth Protection Training courses every two years.

As a major youth-serving organization, the Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation. In addition to helping families address the problem of child abuse, BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting continues to be safe for all participants. BSA is exemplary among youth-serving agencies in addressing the potential threat that child abuse poses to young people.

For more information visit www.scouting.org/youthprotection.



Your Son, Scouting, And You... A Parent's Guide To Cub Scouts

As a parent you want your son to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable and caring. Scouting has these same goals. For more than 100 years we have been helping boys be **“Prepared. For Life.”** through fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness in youth.

But boys don't join Scouting to build character. Boys join because it is fun filled with adventure!

The Cub Scout Pack

The Cub Scout pack is a group of boys from first through fifth grade. Led by the Cubmaster, the pack meets once a month. There are games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of awards the boys earned that month. The pack also runs many special programs, such as Pinewood Derbies, hikes and weekend campouts.



Dens

The larger pack is broken into smaller groups of 6-8 boys by grade levels, called dens. Den meetings are led by den leaders and assistant den leaders with help from the boys' parents. Den leaders and parents decide on a convenient meeting place and time, and meet weekly to work on age appropriate activities. Tiger dens are first-graders, Wolf dens are second-graders, Bear dens are third-graders, and Webelos dens are fourth- and fifth-graders.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee which:

- Selects leadership
- Finds meeting places
- Performs record keeping
- Manages pack finances
- Orders badges
- Maintains pack equipment
- Helps train leaders
- Recognizes leaders



All of the leaders in the pack get together once a month to plan the details of each monthly pack program and coordinate den programs.

Each pack is owned by a Chartered Organization which:

- A.** Could be a parent-school organization, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in youth.
- B.** Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the organization's and Boy Scout's guidelines and policies.
- C.** Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between the pack and its chartered organization).

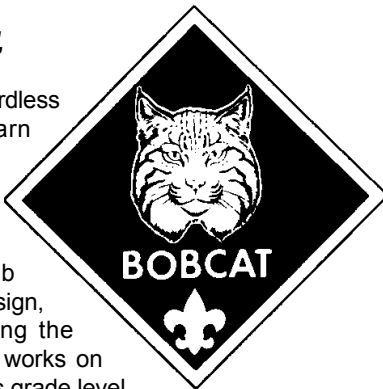
The Advancement Plan

Recognition is important to young boys. The advancement plan provides fun, gives Scouts a sense of personal achievement, and strengthens family understanding and participation.

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

Bobcat

All new Cub Scouts, regardless of the age they join, earn the Bobcat badge first, learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, meaning of "Webelos", and the Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.



Bear

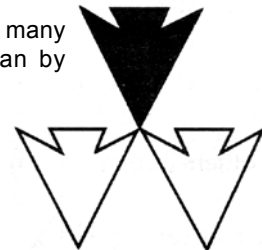
A Cub Scout who has completed second-grade (or is age 9) works towards the Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in a variety of interest areas to earn Arrow Points.



Arrow Points

A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can by working on electives.



Tiger Cubs

The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, earns the Tiger Cub badge.

Requirements consist of exciting indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.



Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den and works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light - the highest award in Cub Scouting!

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In the spring of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting. Many packs celebrate this with an impressive "cross over" ceremony.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works towards the Wolf badge.

After a boy earns his Wolf badge, he may work on electives in different interest areas to earn Arrow Points.



Things To Do In Cub Scouts

Popcorn Sales

With prizes and incentives, there is no shortage of fun for Cub Scouts as they earn money to help their pack! Past prizes included tickets to Nationals games, an iPad, and college scholarships!

The money they earn also helps reduce the cost of Scouting to the family. Boys set and work towards individual and pack goals, learning responsibility and team work.



Pinewood Derby

Scouts and their parents build a race car made from a block of wood. This is among the best known Cub Scout activities. Be there the night of the big race!



Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scouts get to experience all that camp has to offer and still come home each night to tell their family all about it. Come to one of our 21 regional camps as we explore the excitement and thrills of outdoor adventure! This year's theme is High Seas Adventure!



Scouting for Food

This annual food drive benefits local food banks. Scouting for Food takes place on the first two Saturdays in November every year.

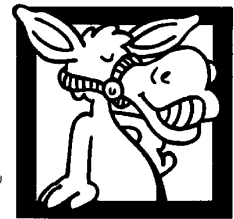
Last year Scouting for Food collected more than 850,000 pounds of food!

Boys' Life Magazine

A monthly 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. Subscriptions cost \$12.00 per year.

Boys' Life



Magazine

Read

To Learn

Blue and Gold Banquet

The birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held during February. Families gather with food, fun and games as the boys celebrate moving to the next level of the program.

Camp Snyder

Camp Snyder is your introduction to what Boy Scout camp can be like. Scouts and their leaders live in wall tents with cots and platforms, eat at the dining hall and experience an exciting program with opportunities to work on rank requirements, win awards, and have a bunch of fun!

Camp helps Cub Scouts develop self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing skills and experiences to help them be **Prepared. For Life.**

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

Registration & Pack Dues \$15.00/Year
 Accident & Sickness Insurance \$1.00

Uniform

Shirt short sleeve (blue)	\$22.99	_____
Trousers	24.99	_____
Shorts	19.99	_____
Cub Scout belt	7.99	_____
Cub Scout cap	12.99	_____
Neckerchief	5.99	_____
Neckerchief slide	3.99	_____

Handbook 8.99 _____

Insignia

Den numeral	\$ 1.49	_____
Unit numeral	1.19	_____
Council shoulder strip/patch	4.00	_____

Total Uniform Cost: \$ _____

Please check to see what your pack recommends. Uniforms can often be purchased at thrift shops, and many packs have a uniform exchange. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

Dues will vary by pack. Some packs do money earning projects to decrease the amount of pack dues required.

Prices are subject to change -
 Visit www.scoutstuff.org for additional items and information.

Everything You Need To Begin Your Adventure!

Tiger, Wolf, or Bear T-Shirt

Cub Scout Book Bag

Cub Scout Dog Tag

Handbooks

Cub Scout Uniform

National Capital Scout Shop

9190 Rockville Pike ♦ Bethesda, MD 20814
 301-564-1091 ♦ Fax: 301-564-6028

Hours: Mon. - Wed. & Fri.: 9 AM - 5:30 PM
 Thurs.: 9 AM - 8 PM ♦ Sat: 10 AM - 3 PM

Northern Virginia Scout Shop

5234 Port Royal Rd. ♦ Springfield, VA 22151
 703-321-4836 ♦ Fax: 703-321-4838

Hours: Mon - Fri: 9 AM - 7 PM
 Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM

Cubs Need Leaders... And Leaders Need Support!

Parents

You're a primary role model for your child. Children need your guidance along their Scouting path, not to do the work for them, but with them. All parents help their sons with advancement and assist their pack or den with special projects. Here's a look at some of the people and resources available to help you and your son:

Cubmaster

Conducts the monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating the monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Den Leader

Works with a group of up to 8 boys, meeting at least 3 times a month to work on advancements and activities.

Committee Chair

Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan the program. Ensures the Cubmaster and den leaders receive adequate support from committee members.

Unit Commissioner

This volunteer "service team" check on the health of the pack and are a communication link with the district and council.

Committee Members

The pack committee helps plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement and membership.

District Executive

Your local professional staff member can help you with training, membership, popcorn, and a whole lot more!

LEADER TRAINING

Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader! The local training team conducts regularly scheduled Cub Scout leader training year round. Fast Start, Basic Leader Training, Youth Protection Training, monthly roundtables, and semi-annual training extravaganzas help leaders at all levels succeed. Check with your pack leadership or visit our website (www.boyscouts-ncac.org) to find the dates and location of the next training course.

OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

- Many packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- All registered adults receive *Scouting Magazine* and *The Scouter Digest*, the Council's quarterly newsletter.
- Resource guides and award winning videos are available to help plan den and pack meetings.
- Visit the Council Facebook page to ask questions and get information: www.Facebook.com/NCACBSA.
- Capital Comments and E-Source, our e-newsletters, keep you in the loop with the latest news. To sign up, go to www.boyscouts-ncac.org/subscribe.



ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your area. Get help with crafts, games, skits and songs for den and pack meetings, and many other ideas for successful Cub Scout programs. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas!

POW WOW

When: November 24, 2012

What: A learning extravaganza for Cub Scout leaders! It's an annual get-together, hands-on workshop and a convention all in one.

Who: Adults from across the Council who want to know more about Cub Scouting!

Classes: Dozens of "classes" are available, covering topics from A to Z. Each leader chooses exactly what they need to make their volunteer time more satisfying.

Why Be A Leader?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find their experiences help them to become better parents, co-workers and friends. The following are some of the many benefits 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.
- A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a world-wide 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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

(Hold On to this)

My pack number is _____ My den number is _____

My Scouting district is _____

My council is **National Capital Area Council.**

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number is _____ E-mail _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____ E-mail _____

My pack meets on _____

My pack meets at _____

My unit commissioner's name is _____ E-mail _____



www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

Parent Help Positions

Each parent must be willing to assist the pack for the program to work. The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions you would be willing to serve on this coming year. Some of these positions are short-term and others are year-long.

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| <p>_____ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Pack Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Song Leader</p> <p>_____ Awards Committee</p> <p>_____ Pinewood Derby Committee</p> <p>_____ Scouting For Food Committee</p> <p>_____ Blue and Gold Banquet</p> <p>_____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster</p> <p>_____ Cub Day Camp Coordinator</p> <p>_____ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator</p> | <p>_____ Tiger Cub Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Pack Holiday Party Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Sports Program Committee</p> <p>_____ Special Events Committee</p> <p>_____ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Webelos Camp-out Committee</p> <p>_____ Telephone Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Popcorn Sale Committee</p> <p>_____ _____</p> |
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Please complete and turn-in this form tonight.

Hobbies: _____

Sports Interests: _____

Occupation: _____

I have a Truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station Wagon _____ I have a workshop _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Scout's Name: _____ Grade: _____

E-mail address: _____

Who Pays for Scouting?

Youth Members and their families...

Members buy their own uniforms, handbooks and personal equipment, and pay their own camp fees. Some units defray some or all their fees with money earning projects.

and Packs...

Weekly or monthly dues and funds from approved money-earning projects meet expenses for supplies and activities in the Cub Scout pack. These monies help pay for camping equipment, uniform insignia, special activities, and program materials. Some Packs also have scholarships available.

and Community Organizations...

Each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place and adult volunteer leadership for its BSA unit(s). The chartered organization and local council must approve unit money-earning projects before the launch of the project.



and...

National Capital Area Council

Each year National Capital Area Council establishes a budget to provide unit service, administration, training, outdoor and camping facilities, and quality program activities in the continuing effort to serve more youth. Just as your pack raises funds for unit operation through dues and money-earning projects, the council raises funds for council operation through the United Way/CFC and other methods.

Our council conducts an annual Friends of Scouting campaign to provide opportunities for parents, Scouters and community friends of Scouting to financially support the growth of the Scouting program.

and the National Organization...

Funds to support the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America come from registration fees, local council service fees, investment income, *Scouting* and *Boys' Life* magazines, sale of uniforms and equipment, contributions from individuals and foundation grants. These monies help more than 300 local councils to deliver the Scouting program to chartered organizations to meet the needs of their youth.

Cub Scout Camping!



Regional Cub Day Camp

- All NCAC Day Camps are inspected and certified to assure the best possible program, safety, and FUN!
- Activities may include archery instruction, target shooting (bbs and/or slingshot), fishing, nature, crafts, aquatic activities, sports, Scout Skills, and other activities appropriate to the day camp location.
- Most camps begin at 8:30 a.m. and run through 3:00-4:00 p.m., M-F; starting in mid-June and running into August.
- Registered Cub Scouts between the ages of 6 and 10 (grade 1 and up) and siblings are eligible for day camp.

Camp William B. Snyder

- Day Camp and Overnight Resident Camp!
- Tented Camp Sites!
- Air conditioned dining hall facility!
- Swimming pool with water slides!
- Day activities for Cub Scouts & families!



- Awesome staff!
- Boating and Nature Trail!
- Campfires!
- BB Gun and Archery Ranges!
- Western Style Fort, Indian Village, Nautical Ship, Space Port and The Big Dig!



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