



My Pack Number is: _____

My Den & Number is: _____

Den Information

My Den Leader's name is _____.

His/Her phone number is (_____) _____ - _____.

My Den meets on _____ (Day).

My Den meets at _____ (Time). We meet at the _____ (Place).

Pack Information

My Cubmaster's name is _____.

His/Her phone number is (_____) _____ - _____.

My Pack meets on _____ (Day).

My Pack meets at _____ (Time). We meet at the _____ (Place).

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CUB SCOUT PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

*Your Introductory Guide
to All Things Cub Scouts!*



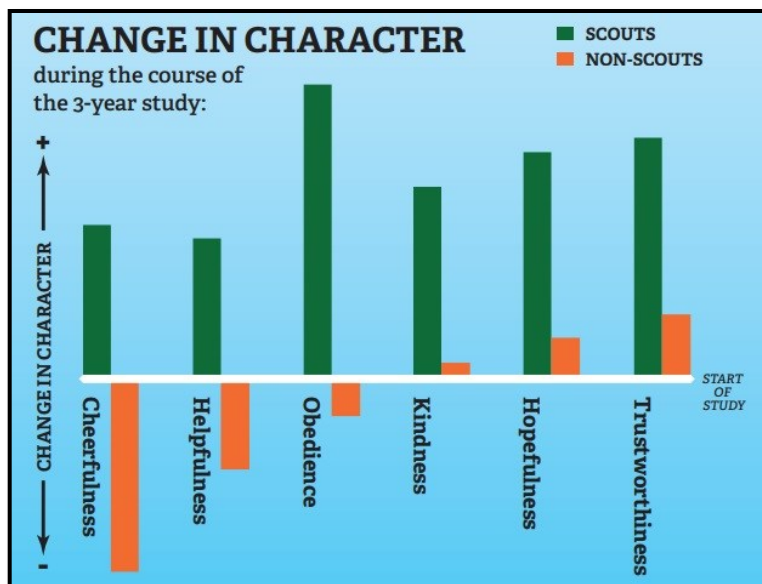
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Why Join Cub Scouts?

- Your time with your child is incredibly valuable. Today's families, more than ever, struggle to find time to spend 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 young people their own age. Through this sense of belonging the child builds self-esteem and learns to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured that any group your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, strong character, and physical fitness. The 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 children to "do your best" and to be helpful to 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 children don't join Cub Scouting just to get their character built. Kids join because it's fun!

Still not convinced of the benefits Cub Scouting can offer you and your family? Check out the graphic below from a 2015 study conducted by Tufts University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Surveying both Cub Scouts and non-Scouts in the area, the study found that long-term involvement in Cub Scouts showed a very positive impact on the Scouts. Take a look!



Bloomington Scout Shop

Hoosier Trails Service Center & Bloomington Scout Shop

5625 E. State Road 46

Bloomington, IN 47401

(812) 287-8349

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Hours:

Monday - Friday..... 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday..... 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday CLOSED



Tiger & Cub Scout Checklist:

_____	Shirt (Short Sleeve)	\$24.99
_____	Shirt (Lion Den)	\$9.99
_____	Switchback II (Pants)	\$24.99
_____	Tiger Belt	\$ 9.99
_____	Cub Scout Belt	\$ 9.99
_____	Webelos Buckle	\$ 6.99

Hats:

_____	Lion Cap	\$ 12.99
_____	Tiger Cap	\$ 14.99
_____	Bear Cap	\$ 14.99
_____	Wolf Cap	\$ 14.99
_____	Webelos Cap	\$ 17.99

Neckerchiefs:

_____	Tiger	\$ 9.99
_____	Wolf	\$ 9.99
_____	Bear	\$ 9.99
_____	Webelos	\$ 9.99

Insignia:

_____	World Crest Patch	\$ 1.99
_____	Council Patch	\$ 2.09
_____	Webelos Colors	\$ 5.99
_____	Unit Numeral	\$ 1.49

Neckerchief Slides:

_____	Tiger Cub	\$ 5.99
_____	Bear	\$ 5.99
_____	Wolf	\$ 5.99
_____	Webelos Scout	\$ 5.99

Handbooks:

_____	Lion	\$12.99
_____	Tiger	\$ 12.99
_____	Wolf	\$ 12.99
_____	Bear	\$ 12.99
_____	Webelos	\$ 12.99

TOTAL:

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How Much Does Scouting Cost?

\$33.00 Registration Fee

This amount is the annual fee for youth members and adult leaders. The BSA registration fee primarily serves as a premium for insurance provided for members during BSA authorized activities. The leader's fee includes a subscription to *Scouting Magazine*, a bimonthly magazine full of stories, recommendations, and resources for volunteer leaders.



\$12.00 Boys' Life Magazine

This magazine is optional, but it is strongly recommended. *Boys' Life* magazine is a monthly publication of the Boy Scouts of America for Scout-aged youth. Articles have included both non-fiction stories of Scouting adventures and fictional stories by renowned children's authors. Jokes and comics are also included. *Boys' Life* can be fun for the whole family to read!

Pack Dues

The amount charged for dues varies by pack depending on money-earning projects conducted by the pack. Money-earning projects may decrease (or even eliminate) the amount charged for dues. Check with your Cubmaster or Pack Committee Chairperson for more information.

Uniform

The Scouting uniform and its cost varies by program for both youth and adult members. For the most up-to-date information, be sure to check out www.scoutstuff.org for uniform needs and prices. More information about Scout uniforms and the Bloomington Scout Shop is on the next page.

Handbooks

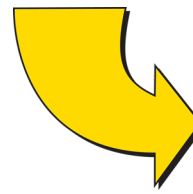
Youth handbooks are the *Lion Cub Handbook*, *Tiger Handbook*, *Wolf Handbook*, *Bear Handbook*, and *Webelos Handbook*. An assortment of handbooks are available for adult leaders, including:

- *Den Leader Guides*
- *Cub Scout Leader Handbook*
- *Cub Scout Leader How-To Handbook*

Visit www.scoutstuff.org or the Bloomington Scout Shop for more information and a wealth of other reasonably-priced resources!

Support is available from the Hoosier Trails Council for families that cannot meet all of the financial requirements of Scouting. For more information, please contact us toll-free at (800) 844-6809.

How Does Cub Scouting Work?



A unique feature of Cub Scouting is that you, the family, have the opportunity to join in on all of the fun and excitement our program has to offer. You have the benefit of participating with your child, and you will help them along the way. The family is the basis of Cub Scouting. Cub Scouting exists to support your family and to help enrich your family time together. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

Scouts will have a different handbook at each grade level. These handbooks contain suggested activities that are age-appropriate for the Scout's developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on activities with you, they will earn badges and other types of recognition items that can be worn on the Scout uniform.

How is Cub Scouting Structured?

The Cub Scout program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a **DEN**, a small group of Scouts in the same grade level. Dens typically meet weekly. During these meetings, Scouts will work on their den's age-appropriate activities and perhaps play a game or have a snack.

All dens, from Kindergarten through 5th Grade, make up what is called the **PACK**. Once a month, the dens, along with their families, gather together at the pack meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for Scouts to show off the new skills they have learned during the past month. Scouts will also be recognized for any badges or awards they have earned. The pack meeting may also include a special activity or presentation.

A Cub Scout Pack can be formed in one of three ways. First, a pack may choose to have only boys involved (bottom left). Second, the pack may choose to have only girls involved (bottom right). Third, a pack can choose to have both boys and girls (bottom center). In this option, boys and girls will be separated into dens by both grade level and gender. For example, a pack would have a "boy" Wolf (2nd Grade) Den and a "girl" Wolf Den.

All-Boy Cub Scout Pack



Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack



All-Girl Cub Scout Pack



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Cub Scout Dens

Lion Den (Kindergarten)

The newest den to join the Cub Scouting program, Lion Dens are made up of Kindergarten children. Dens may meet a little less frequently than their older counterparts. Scouts participate in meetings and activities with a parent or other adult partner as a youth-adult pair. Dens may have these youth-adult pairs take turns leading meetings or have one leader. Lions are able to take part in all pack activities.



Tiger Den (1st Grade)

Similar to our Lion Den, the Tiger Den is made up of several youth-adult pairs. Together with their Adult Partner, Tigers will further develop their skills while earning six required "Adventure" belt loops and one elective of their choice. Tigers will get to explore the outdoors on a hike and learn hiking safety, practice good teamwork through games and activities, and discover more about the world around them.



Wolf Den (2nd Grade)

Wolf Dens are made up of Scouts in the 2nd Grade. Scouts begin to take on even greater challenges, learning more about communicating with others, demonstrate physical fitness through balance and exercise, and explore the outdoors and the critters in it. Wolf Scouts will also learn about their community and practice good citizenship.



Bear Den (3rd Grade)

The fun keeps rolling with the Bear Den! These 3rd Grade Scouts will take on new challenges as they continue down the Scouting trail. Scouts will learn about common hand tools, discover signs of wildlife on a hike, and visit a local police station or fire department. Bear Scouts will also have the chance to learn pocketknife safety including use, cleaning, and proper care of this tool.



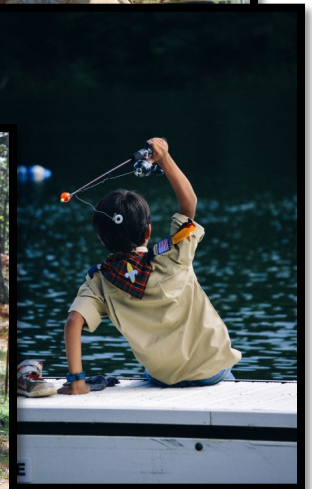
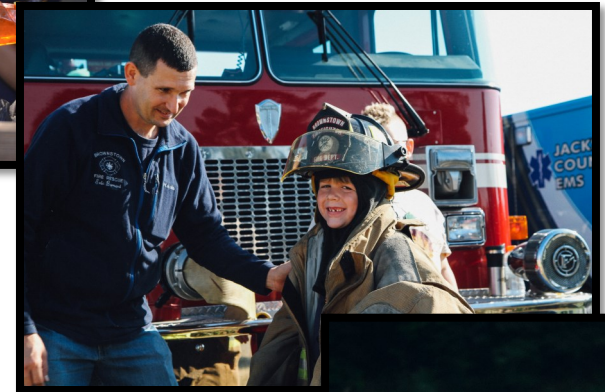
Webelos (4th Grade) & Arrow of Light (5th Grade) Dens

The Webelos Den is made up of 4th Graders and begins to give the Scout a taste of Boy Scouting. Webelos will work on five required "Adventures" and then choose two electives that interest them. Scouts will learn to plan and cook a meal and provide basic first aid, among other skills.

The Arrow of Light Den is a group of Scouts pursuing Cub Scouting's highest honor. This den will be joining a Boy Scout Troop at the end of the year upon learning about things like world citizenship and Boy Scout basics.



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Cub Scout Advancements

The Cub Scout advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your Scout. The responsibility for a Cub Scout's earning of awards lies with the family. Though many of your Scout's advancement requirements will be done at den meetings, there are several others that must be completed at home with the family.

Cub Scouts work on sets of themed requirements called "Adventures." Each completed adventure is represented by a belt loop (for Lions, Tigers, Wolves, and Bears) or a pin (for Webelos and Arrow of Light). To achieve their rank, Scouts must complete each of the required adventures for their den and at least one elective adventure.

Elective adventures cover a broad range of topics and are a great place to start working together as a family! Often times these electives focus on hobbies or activities in which the whole family will be able to take part.

Paying for the Fun is Easy with Popcorn!

The Hoosier Trails Council conducts a Fall Popcorn Sale each year. Entire packs, individual dens, or even individual Scouts may sell popcorn to help earn their way to camp or other Scouting activities. Scouts can earn fabulous prizes, post-secondary education scholarships, and many other great incentives! The prize options change each year, so be sure to check out the new information when your pack's Popcorn Kernel holds the unit kickoff.

Ask your Cubmaster or Den Leader when your unit popcorn kickoff will be. The sale is simple and very profitable, which makes paying for Scouting easy. We're excited for your participation in our annual popcorn sale!

Have questions? Please call (800) 844-6809 for more information.



Common Cub Scout Pack Activities

Pinewood Derby: You and your child will have the opportunity to design, build, and race a model car against the other Scouts in your den and pack. Most packs conduct the Pinewood Derby race annually. Some packs will hold "build days" for families to share tools. Be sure to check out the Bloomington Scout Shop (www.facebook.com/BloomingtonScoutShop) for information on Derby Days this spring!

Blue & Gold Banquet: This event is Cub Scouting's birthday party, and all pack members and their families are invited! Packs will typically hold their Blue & Gold Banquet in February, the month in which the Boy Scouts of America was founded. Fun and games are usually a focus at this party.

Field Trips and Special Outings: Cub Scout Packs will often plan exciting day or evening trips to local places. Many packs have gone to the police station, fire department, radio station, and more! Some have even gone to tour caves or see exciting museums. You never know what is next!

Camping: A night in a tent can be an exciting new experience, and many of our packs enjoy having a few campouts during the year. The council will also make available some camping opportunities, and more information will become available in February each year.

Service Projects: Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities. Many Scouts will clean up their local park or collect clothing for shelters. Scouts make a difference!

Cookouts: Nothing says a cookout like a s'more or a hot dog! Packs will sometimes host cookouts for summer meetings. They may pair these with other summertime fun for the whole family to enjoy!



"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

— Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting

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How Can You Help?

The most important help that you can give your Scout is to work with them on their Cub Scout activities and advancements. Each Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities that you can enjoy doing together at home. When you have completed an activity, it is your responsibility to sign your Scout's book to verify that the Scout has done their best. Then it is especially important for you to attend the monthly pack meeting with your Scout to celebrate their achievements together!

Your role as a parent is the secret of success to the Cub Scouting program!

The den and pack also rely on parent participation in order to run the most successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Consider volunteering as a member of the pack leadership team or as a parent helper for your Scout's den.

Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your child the gift of time. What could be more valuable? You will have the opportunity to be a positive influence in the life of your Scout and their friends! Here are some ways to help:

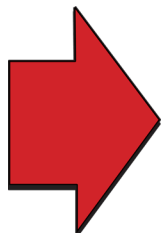
Den Leader: These adults lead the den at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings. He or she attends the monthly committee meeting for the pack.

Cubmaster: This adult helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. He or she emceeds the monthly pack meeting and attends pack committee meetings.



Spending Time with Your Child: The Secret to Success!

Come join the fun of Cub Scouting as a family... it's a blast! You'll make new friends, too, as you work with the parents of your child's new friends. No job is too difficult when you're having fun as part of a team of Cub Scout parents, reinforcing each others' efforts to help your children grow up to become good citizens.



The Pack Committee

Pack committee members perform key administrative functions of the pack. A well-staffed committee can not only make the pack successful, but it can help spread the work out across many people rather than focus all of the work on one or two key volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities to help the pack committee!

Committee Chairperson: Presides at all pack committee meetings. Assigns duties to pack committee members. Helps recruit adult leaders to fill leadership vacancies. Attends the monthly pack meeting.

Secretary: Ensures proper records are kept within the pack. Handles pack correspondence. Keeps notes on business conducted at pack committee meetings. Attends the monthly pack meeting and the pack committee meetings.

Treasurer: Maintains the pack's bank account and monitors financial transactions. Works with the pack committee and the Cubmaster to establish an annual pack budget plan. Keeps up-to-date financial records and provides reports at the pack committee meetings.

Popcorn Kernel: Works with the pack committee and the treasurer to carry out the annual popcorn sale. Serves as the liaison between the council and the pack to share communication related to the sale. Keeps records of sales progress and tracks achievement of the pack's sales goal.

Advancement Chairperson: Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Helps plan and conduct advancement recognition ceremonies with the Den Leaders and Cubmaster. Attends the monthly pack meeting. Provides a report at pack committee meetings.

Pack Trainer: Coordinates position-specific and supplemental training for adults. Promotes roundtable meeting attendance. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meetings.

Parent Helpers: Serves in temporary roles to assist the den or the pack in completing a special project or activity. May serve in a short-term or long-term capacity. Often called upon for special skills or knowledge.



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