



Welcome to our Pack! Parents' Handbook



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One Hundred Scouts

Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.

Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.

Four of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become a Scout, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders in this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent nation-wide survey of high schools revealed the following information:

- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts
- 71% of football captains were Scouts

Scouts also account for:

- 64% of Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of West Point graduates
- 70% of Annapolis graduates
- 72% of Rhodes Scholars
- 85% of FBI agents
- 26 of the first 29 astronauts



The Cub Scouts Background

In 1916, Sir Robert Baden-Powell introduced the "Wolf Cub" program for younger boys. This program soon found its way to numerous communities in the Americas. There were also other 'younger boy' organizations such as the "Little Lodge" of the "Woodcraft Indians," the "Boy Pioneers," and the "Boy Rangers. " Some BSA Boy Scout Troops were also sponsoring unofficial "Junior Troops" and "Cadet Corps." Finally, after 20 years of Boy Scouting in America, "Cubbing" was introduced! What has followed has been nothing short of phenomenal! Boasting over 50,000,000 members since its inception, no program in history has had the far ranging impact on American youth than Cubbing and Cub Scouting have!

Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, based Cub Scouting on one of the stories in Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book . It was called "Mowgli's Brothers." We know it as "The Story of Akela and Mowgli." A copy of part of the story is in the Wolf Cub Scout Book. The story is continued in the Bear Cub Scout Book. A part of the story is also in the Cub Scout Leader Book. Cub Scouting has drawn upon the adventure and lore of the Native American, just as Seton's Native American lore influenced Boy Scouting; but a strong influence from Kipling's Jungle Book still remains. The words "Law of the Pack," "Akela," "Baloo", "Wolf Cub," "den," and "pack" all come from the Jungle Book. The gold and silver arrows, Webelos, and Arrow of Light are taken from our Native American heritage.



Information regarding our Pack

Our Pack Number is: _____ Our Den Number is: _____

We meet at: _____

The address is: _____

Days that we meet: _____

Cubmaster's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Den Leader's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth. Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

The ten purposes of Cub Scouting are:

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

Cub Scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 6-10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three membership divisions. (The others are Boy Scouting and Venturing .)

Organization

Each scout starts as a member of a Den, but is a part of a much larger network of scouts that will support their growth and development throughout their scouting adventures. Members join a Cub Scout Pack and are assigned to a Den based upon their age/grade.

The Den is usually a group of six to ten boys. The den allows boys to get to know each other better and engage in activities that would be difficult in a larger group. Each Den is lead by a Den Leader who may be assisted by an Assistant Den Leader, and a Boy Scout Den Chief. The den also provides leadership opportunities for the boys as they elect "denners" or help to teach each other. The Den Leaders are trained parent volunteers. Den meeting activities are planned around the monthly theme and include games, handicrafts, hikes and other outdoor fun, practicing skits and stunts in preparation for the next Pack meeting and taking part in simple ceremonies and songs. Sometimes work on advancement requirements is included, but most of that work is accomplished by the boys with their parents (see details on the Webelos rank for an exception). The Den Leaders may ask for special help occasionally from parents (helping with a meeting, sharing a special skill, or just providing a snack for the boys).



Parents are required to attend each meeting if their Cub Scout is a Tiger Cub, but are still welcomed in all other Dens as well.

ALL NEW BOYS: Start by earning the rank of Bobcat

First Graders: Tiger Cubs

Second Graders: Wolf Cubs

Third Graders: Bear Cubs

Fourth Graders: WeBeLoS I

Fifth Graders: WeBeLoS II (transition to Boy Scouts in December, called Crossover)

All of the Dens meet monthly as a Pack to receive awards, recognition, and advancement. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the boys, their parents, and their leaders. It's also a place to show off what the boys have been working so hard on all month.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors certain special projects. These include:

- outdoor activities (field trips, family campouts, etc.)
- fund raising activities (Popcorn and Camp Card Sales)
- fun competitions (Raingutter Regatta, Pinewood Derby)
- As Christians and Cub Scouts, charity is a very important part of our program. If you have a charity opportunity that you would like for our Pack to consider participating in, please see the Committee Chairman!



Each Pack is lead by a Cubmaster. The Cubmaster is an adult volunteer who serves as master of ceremonies at all Pack meetings and leads Pack activities of all kinds.

We are governed by the Word of God and the rules of the Boy Scouts of America. The Cub Scouts and Akelas (adults) are expected to follow the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Our Pack is a member of the Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



Our Pack Committee is another organization that helps the Pack run smoothly. Our Pack Committee meets monthly consists of parents and leaders and serves as the steering group. The Pack Committee meets monthly (on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm) and meetings are open to any interested parent. The Pack Committee takes care of the administrative needs of the pack such as record keeping, finance, leadership recruitment, and registration. Pack leadership positions may be held by women or men. It is organized and chaired by the Pack Committee Chairperson.

Attending Committee Meetings is a great way to find out what's happening in our Pack. Committee Meetings is where you can raise any concerns you might have, ideas you would like to suggest or find out in activities that you can help take part in. We always need parent volunteers to help out with short to long term activities to help our Pack run smoothly. The meetings will always be listed on our Pack Calendar Online.

Another way to get more involved with Scouting is to attend the Monthly Roundtables. Parents are welcome to attend to find out more of what's going on at the District Level of Scouting. Starting in October, Roundtables are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at Collinsville High School. The meetings will always be on our Pack Calendar Online.

Parents Role

You may participate at any level of effort that you wish to enjoy scouting with your son.

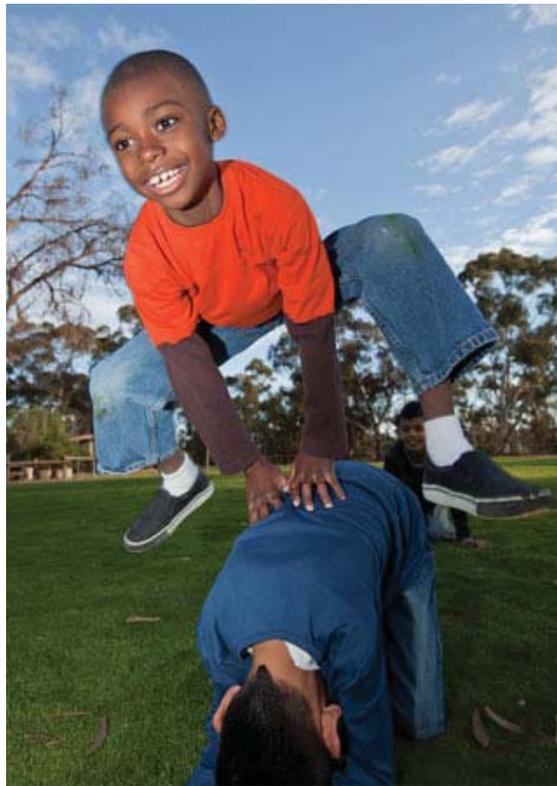
Den Leaders are the volunteer adults who do the majority of the work, and who have the most fun. Den Leaders plan and organize Den meetings, keep track of the boys' advancements, and attend Committee meetings.

Parents play an important role in the Pack. Since all the leaders in Pack are volunteers and have many other obligations, it takes everyone to help out at one time or another. We understand that parents have other obligations and may feel they are too busy to take on any additional duties, but we depend on parents to help provide the good program we have. We require every parent to help the Pack in some capacity with our activities.

Please remember, Cub Scouting is a family activity, and Den/Pack meetings are a great place for family involvement. The following is a brief list of roles that any adult can play to help with the pack:

- Chartered Organization Representative - A communications pipeline role
- Pack Committee Chairperson - Guiding the Pack's business.
- Cubmaster to Akela!
- Assistant Cubmaster - Baloo!
- Pack Trainer - Keeping the team up to date
- Pack Secretary - Keeping notes
- Pack Treasurer - Balancing the checkbook
- Pack Membership and Recharter - Join up!
- Popcorn Kernel - Raising the funds to operate
- Quartermaster - Equipment is necessary
- Pack Camp Director - Organizing the outdoors
- Advancement Coordinator - Badges for boys
- Den Leader - "A few hours a month. Honest!"
- Assistant Den Leader - A BIG job!
- Activity Badge Counselor - They know their stuff.
- Special Activities Coordinator – Because there are a lot of little things we would like to do, but need a small committee to handle the details. (Pinewood Derby Organizational Team, Lock-in Committee, Blue and Gold Team, etc.) After all, Scouting means "doing."

We ask parents to please provide a valid e-mail address when they register their son. Although we will make announcements at our weekly and monthly meetings, many updates/changes, and reminders are ONLY made through e-mail! If you do NOT have an e-mail address, please let the Committee Chairman know so we can make sure we call you when an important date is sent out!



Quick Start Checklist for Parents/Adult Partners

We know there is a lot of information to try to take in all at once, and you are probably already feeling like you have been tossed into the deep end of the pool so we have created a high-level Quick Start checklist to get you started.

As you catch on, you can add in other events, awards, training that interest you.

Checklist Items:

- Register your son
- Get Scout Handbook for your boy's rank
- Get uniform – See Uniform Section for what you need to get
- Sew patches
- Read the Parent Guide at the beginning of the Scout Handbook
- Visit Pack website and review the Pack activities calendar
- It is encouraged that all adults take "Youth Protection Training" which is available online (notify den leader when complete)
- Work with your scout to sign off achievements and requirements in the Scout Handbook
- Talk w/ Den Leader to volunteer to lead a den meeting or activity Talk w/ Den Leader to support at least one activity for the Pack (ie. Blue and Gold Banquet, Christmas Party, Pinewood Derby, fishing trip, baseball game, etc.)
- Go to Den Meetings with your scout
- Work with Den Leader to ensure your scout's achievements are properly recorded
- Have scout bring Scout Handbook on designated weeks for sign-off
- Attend monthly Pack Meetings with your scout
- Attend Committee Meetings
- Help your Cub Scout sell some popcorn, turn in money or leftover popcorn by deadline
- Volunteer for a pack leadership position (i.e. Camp Director, Trainer, PopCorn Kernel, etc.)
- Have your scout attend Cub Scout Day Camp (usually in June after school ends)
- Attend District Roundtables



Meetings

Many of the activities happen right in the Den and Pack meetings. The most important are the weekly Den meetings and the monthly Pack meetings. As a Pack, we strive to keep our families informed of upcoming activities at the pack, district, and council level. We maintain a website and Den Leaders provide emails on a regular basis with the latest and greatest details to ensure you stay informed. Our Welcome Table (in the hall on Pack Meeting nights) is also a good source for current information.

DEN MEETINGS:

Why: The boys will work on meeting their rank's achievements and elective activities in the Scout Handbook. All the achievements cannot be accomplished at the Den meetings. Some of the achievements will need to be completed at home and require family involvement. Please review the requirements in your son's Handbook and help him complete the requirements needed for his rank.

Who: The Den Leader is responsible for these meetings and materials. Parents are encouraged to volunteer their help with the den meetings, and to run an occasional meeting. It is BSA's policy that at least two adults are required to be present at all times. This is for our boys' safety, as well as our parents and leaders.

Tiger's Parents are required to attend for Tiger Cub Dens.

Medical Issues

Parents are responsible for alerting leaders to any medical situations that we need to be aware of BEFORE the situations arise!

If a medical kit is required for the scout in case of severe allergic reactions, it is requested that a kit be provided by the parent or for the parents to leave a kit with a registered adult leader who will be nearby. This is very important at outdoor events when we are away from our regular meeting place.

The Health and Safety Committee Chair manages health issues, meaning they have a folder with all the hard copies of Medical and Health forms for each scout. These forms go on campouts, field trips, etc. This is especially critical if a scout were to need to go to the emergency room.

Scout Expenses, Fundraisers and Dues

Registration Fees go to BSA and are paid at registration.

Pack Dues are set to cover costs. These are not due until AFTER popcorn sales. This ensures that all families have a way to earn the costs and not have to come out-of-pocket for the dues. Plus this teaches the boys that they can work to earn the money. IF you sell \$_____ in popcorn, your dues will be covered. Additionally, we have a spring fundraiser (Camp Cards) to help raise more money for summer camps and other summer trips.

Dues and what the Pack makes through Fundraising is what pays for our activities and uniform items throughout the year. Families, who participate in fundraisers, will also be able to keep a portion of their earnings in their "scout account" which can be used towards Cub Scout dues and other Cub Scout related expenses.

<p>For the _____ Year: Registration for a New Scout: \$_____ Boy's Life Subscription: \$_____ (not required)</p> <p>Returning Scout Registration: \$_____ Boy's Life Renewal: \$_____ (not required)</p>



Boys' Life

Uniforms

The Cub Scout uniform identifies the organization within our community. We want our scouts to wear it properly and proudly.

Scouts have two uniforms, The Class A and Class B. The Class A is the Official Blue or Tan shirt complete with slide and neckerchief. Class B t-shirts are available for purchase through the Pack.

Scouts should be in FULL Class A uniform for all Pack Meetings.

Uniform inspections will be done at each pack meeting to determine eligibility for the scout to participate in the flag ceremony. It is NOT mandatory for the scouts to wear the scout pants/shorts, but it is required for him to participate in the flag ceremonies.

Scouts may also wear their uniforms to religious functions, parades and other activities. Just always remember that when your son has on his uniform, he must be on his best behavior because he represents a Cub Scout and his Pack.

All Tigers through Bears wear the Cub Scout blue shirt (tucked inside their trousers), while WEBELOS may wear the blue or the tan shirt. We are known as a “waist-up” Pack meeting that all items above the waist are required, all below are optional.

Also, remember to have your Scout wear closed toed shoes only! Tennis shoes preferred. NO SANDALS.

Required items (scout buys):

- Cub Scout Handbook,
- Blue Cub Scout Shirt (Webelos may wear tan Boy Scout uniform shirt)
- Official Cub Scout belt w/ belt buckle
- Neckerchief & neckerchief slide (boys may wear slides that they make. Sometimes Den Leaders do this as a den activity, but you are welcome to do it at home with your son.
- Council patch
- Pack numerals 593
- Den or patrol patch

Optional items:

- Shorts, pants, socks.
- Cap
- Class B shirt (available through our Pack and not the Scout Store)

The Pack buys: rank badges, awards, loops, pins, beads.

Some parts of the uniform vary according to rank. The staff in the Scout store can help you pick out the right items. There is a picture of the correct uniform configuration in the Scout Handbook and on the website.

Our nearest Scout Store is located at:

203 Swanson Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30043
Phone: 770-962-2105

Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Families who need assistance with the purchase of scout uniforms may be able to find what they need in the Scout Closet! We will do all we can to make sure no one is left without what they need! Participating in the Popcorn sales is a great way to earn money that can be used for the uniforms and more! If you have OLD uniforms that are now too small, please donate them to the pack's Scout Closet! See the Cubmaster or Committee Chairman for more information.

New this year is uniform inspections! Although it is not mandatory for the scouts to wear the scout pants/shorts (they can wear any jean or khaki shorts/pants). Dens with all of their boys in their correct uniforms at once will earn their a bead.

Please see Uniform Inspection Pages in the back of this handbook for more information.

Pack Conduct Rules

- The Scout will honor God and be reverent towards God.
- Disrespect toward others and their property will not be tolerated. This includes our host's property!
- Physical violence will not be tolerated.
- Alcohol and drugs are not allowed.
- Fireworks are not allowed.
- Swearing and foul language is not tolerated from anyone.
- No hazing.
- No Weapons
- No Smoking
- No electronic devices (such as radios, MP3 players, game systems, etc.) are to be brought to the meetings or activities by scouts or leaders. Exceptions to be approved by the pack committee.
- Immoral and unethical behavior will not be tolerated
- Leaving the area of the meeting or event without permission of the Cubmaster is strictly prohibited.
- Two adults must be present with any one or more boys at all times. This is for our boys safety, as well as our adults.
- No outdoor play without adult supervision. ALL Parents must be outside with their child!
- Absolutely no running through the parking lot.
- No hanging on the railings outside.
- Please advise your sons to respect the restroom. A scout is respectful and leaves NO TRACE!
- Parents should remain on campus during meetings. If you are not able to stay, please see the Den Leader to make them aware of the fact that you are not on campus.
- Tiger Cubs MUST have a parent with them at ALL times at ALL meetings and events.



Tiger Cub, Wolf Cub Scout, and Bear Cub Scout

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Uniform Inspection.

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

General Appearance. Allow 4 points for each:

20 pts.

- Good posture
- Clean face and hands
- Combed hair
- Neatly dressed
- Clean fingernails

Notes _____

Headgear. Tiger Cub cap, Cub Scout Wolf cap, or Cub Scout Bear cap, according to den.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Neckerchief and Slide. Triangular. Orange with blue border for Tiger Cubs. Gold with blue border for Cub Scouts working in Wolf book. Light blue with dark blue border for Cub Scouts working in Bear book. Each is secured by a slide for that rank.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Shirt. Official long- or short-sleeve, navy blue. Wear with either pants or shorts.

15 pts.

Notes _____

Pants/Shorts. Official navy blue pants or shorts, no cuffs. To be worn with official long- or short-sleeve navy blue shirt.

15 pts.

Notes _____

Belt. Official navy blue web belt cut to proper length with Tiger Cub or Cub Scout insignia on buckle.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Socks. Dark blue official socks with orange tops for Tiger Cubs and gold tops for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Shoes. Neat and clean.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Registration. Current membership card or temporary certificate on person.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Insignia*. Correct placement: left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points; left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points.

20 pts.

Total Uniform Inspection Score

A perfect score is 100 points.

*For more information about insignia, see the *Insignia Guide*, No. 33066.



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Webelos Scout

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- Clean fingernails

Notes _____

Headgear. Webelos cap. Webelos activity badges are worn on the plaid front panel of the Webelos cap or on the optional Webelos colors, if selected by the pack.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Shirt. Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing either the long- or short-sleeve navy blue shirt and navy blue shorts or pants OR the long- or short-sleeve tan shirt with the official convertible Boy Scout pants or official shorts or pants. The blue shoulder loops are worn on epaulets regardless of the uniform color.

15 pts.

Notes _____

Neckwear. Triangular, plaid neckerchief secured by the Webelos rank slide.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Pants/Shorts. Webelos Scouts may wear either the official navy blue pants or shorts (with the navy blue shirt), or the official convertible Boy Scout pants (with the tan shirt), or the official Boy Scout pants or shorts (with the tan shirt).

15 pts.

Notes _____

Belt. Official navy blue web belt cut to proper length with the Webelos insignia on the buckle. Cub Scout belt loops are worn only on the navy blue belt. Webelos Scouts wearing the optional tan uniform wear the navy blue belt and Webelos buckle.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Socks. The official navy blue socks (with gold tops) are worn with the navy blue uniform. The official socks are worn with the official Boy Scout uniform.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Shoes. Neat and clean.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Registration. Current membership card or temporary certificate on person.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Insignia.* Correct placement: left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points; left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points.

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