

Cub Scout

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 -- STARTING NOW --
 and

find someone in this room
 (and have him/her sign their full name in the appropriate box)

Has a boy in the Tiger program	Spent this whole summer in York	Has been in Scouting more than 1 year	Speaks another language
Has blue eyes	Owens a van	Likes to do arts & crafts	Enjoys organizing events
Likes being a den leader	Goes to roundtable	Has been to Philmont Scout Ranch	Has a cricket in The house & Can't find it
Went to Training last year	Has brown Hair	Is good at skits Or songs	Went to Cub Day Camp
Gets Boy's Life In the mail	Loves popcorn	Wears glasses all the time	Has a son in Boy Scouts

So...
 you're the
 parent of a
 new

Cub Scout



At Tonight's meeting we intend to:

- ✓ **Inform Parents and boys about Cub Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America.**
- ✓ **Register boys for Cub Scouting.**
- ✓ **Select volunteers to be leaders.**

Your Son, Cub Scouting And You...

As a parent, you want your son to grow to be a person of worth, who is a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has the same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, enhancing physical fitness, and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth.

What does your son learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games, and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your son will participate are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life. Every activity is specially designed for your son's age, development, and personal needs. Here are just a few of the things your son will gain through Cub Scouting:

- A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of boys and caring adults.
- New social skills that will help him get along with others.
- Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
- A greater understanding of other people and the world around him.
- A system of values that will help him grow and make good decisions.
- A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
- Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to "do his best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.

With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to "be prepared" to shape his own future. The best thing about it all is that you do learn and experience the program along with your son, making it all the more special and valuable through your involvement in Scouting with him



New Member Checklist

Name: _____ Pack : _____ District: _____

Cub Scouts: Tiger Cub Wolf Bear Webelos Scout
1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th-5th Grade

COUNCIL SHOP

The Bucks County Council operates a Scout Shop for the convenience of our membership.

Uniform-Insignia-Literature
Awards-Camping Gear
Memorabilia
MasterCard-Visa accepted

LOCATION

Bucks County Council
One Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901
Ph:215-348-7205-Fax: 215-348-7289

WHY A UNIFORM?

Every Scout and adult leader is encouraged to wear a uniform.

The BSA uniform makes a pack visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities, and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what he has accomplished.

Scouts take great pride in themselves and those around them when they are in uniform.

The approximate cost for a new uniform is
Tiger Cub \$65, Cub Scout \$80,
Webelos Scout \$100.

Cub Scout Checklist

APPAREL

- Tiger Cub Belt & Buckle
- Tiger/Cub Scout Shirt-Blue
- Cub Scout Belt & Buckle
- Webelos Shirt-Khaki (blue shoulder loops)
- Webelos Belt & Buckle
- All Youths-Pants/Shorts & Socks (optional-check with your pack)

HAT

- Tiger Cub
 - Wolf
 - Bear
 - Webelos Scout
- (Hats optional-check with your pack)

HANDBOOKS

- Tiger
- Wolf
- Bear
- Webelos Scout

CUB SCOUT & WEBELOS UNIFORMS

NECKERCHIEF

- Tiger
- Wolf
- Bear
- Webelos Scout

NECKERCHIEF SLIDES

- Tiger Scout
- Wolf
- Bear
- Webelos Scout

INSIGNIA

- Council Shoulder Strip
- Pack Numerals # _____
- Den Number # _____
- World Crest Emblem
- Webelos Colors
- Webelos Patrol Patch

Important Information Regarding Your Son's New Pack....



My pack number is: _____

My den number is:

My Scouting district is:

My Council is: Bucks County Council
Boy Scouts of America
One Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901

Phone: (215) 348-7205
Fax: (215) 348- 7289

Website: www.buckscountybsa.org

My den leader's name is : _____

My den leader's phone number is : _____

My den meets on (day): _____

My den meets at (time & place): _____

My Cubmaster's name is: _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is: _____

My pack meets on (day): _____

My pack meets at (time & place): _____



What You Should Do Now To Get Started In Cub Scouting...

- Complete and turn in the Cub Scout application, with \$15.00 registration fee, to your leader. Subscribe to Boys' Life magazine for only \$12.00 per year (recommended, but optional). (Put a "Y" in the Boys' Life box on the application.) Your fee may vary depending on the month when you register due to proration.
- Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and how your son can get the most out of it.
- Obtain a Cub Scout Handbook for your son's age group now and begin doing activities in it with him, especially those related to the outdoors.
- Find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout Pack is doing in the next few months, and put them on your calendar so you can participate. Fill out the parent talent survey on the last page of this booklet and turn it in tonight so you can share your knowledge, experience, and skills with the boys in your son's den and the pack.
- Scouting is more fun with friends! Every boy can become a Cub Scout at any time, not just on school night. Talk to other parents and boys and have them join your son's Cub Scout den now to make Cub Scouting even more fun.
- Consider becoming a Cub Scout leader for your son's Cub Scout den. Your son's experience in Cub Scouting depends on your involvement. Details are on pages 7-8 of this book.
- Purchase a Cub Scout shirt for your son to wear his awards on. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your son grows.



How Cub Scouting Works



Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family.
- You work with your son on his various award requirements.
- Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

Your Son is a member of a Cub Scout Den

- The den usually meets once a week
- The den is led by a den leader (usually the parent of a boy in the den)
- The Den leader is usually assisted by an assistant den leader, a den chief (an Boy Scout elected by den members).
- Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

Your Son is a member of a Cub Scout Pack

- A pack is made up of several dens.
- The pack meets once a month—all Cub Scout families attend.
- The monthly pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
- The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentation of badges that the boys earned that month.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee of volunteer parents.

- The pack committee is made up of den leaders and assistants, and the Webelos leaders and assistants, and the Cubmaster and assistants. Most of these leaders are parents of boys in the pack.
- The committee meets once a month
- The committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme.
- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

The Pack is owned by a Chartering Organization

- Chartered organizations include: schools, parent associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.
- The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates packs within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- The chartered organization selects a chartered organization representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and organization.

Leaders Are Supported by the Bucks County Council (You Are NOT Alone)



- Our staff at the Bucks County Council Scout Service Center (215) 348-7205 can assist you with your Scouting questions.
- At the Scout Service Center you will find: the Scout Store to purchase uniforms, supplies, and badges; the Camping Department; Field Service Department; and administrative Services—all present to help our volunteer leaders.
- A full-time district Scout executive serves each geographic area (district).
- Roundtable, a leaders' meeting for all adults volunteers in your district, is held monthly. You get help with planning your monthly program with ideas and resources for skits, projects, games, crafts, and songs for use of den and pack meetings. It is a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- Program-help contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and give step-by-step instructions for crafts, games, and skits. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders
- Most packs should have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the "district committee" that organizes district-wide activities and programs for your Scouts to participate in.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff". They are our "service team". These volunteers check the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A unit commissioner is assigned to every unit to assist your unit when needed.
- The Council has fast Start and Basic Leader Training available, plus other supplemental training programs to help you put on a quality character development program for the boys.



Volunteer Position in the Pack

DEN LEADER (S)

Leads the den at den meetings and monthly Pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leader's meeting and roundtable meeting.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees monthly pack meeting, and attends pack leaders' meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Presides at all pack meeting. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends monthly meeting and roundtable meetings.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR

Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attend pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER

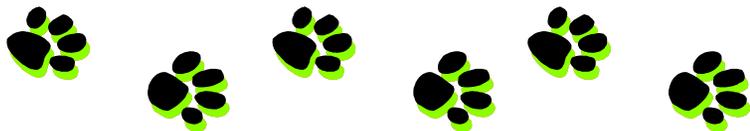
Conducts orientation for new families and pack leaders. Trains new leaders for their specific leadership positions and encourages participation in district training. Encourages pack leaders to attend ongoing training, such as roundtables and youth protection training. Keeps track of pack training records.

TIGER CUB DEN LEADER

Helps the Tiger Cub den(s) stay active and participate with the pack. Coordinates monthly activities.

PARENT HELPERS

Each year, the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as pack fund-raiser (Popcorn Sale, pancake breakfast or similar events), Scouting for Food, Pack Good Turn, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, Pack Graduation, and Day Camp. These jobs are of short duration and still enable all families to assist with important pack responsibilities.



The advancement plan

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

The Cub Scout Advancement Program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your son. For each special skill or activity your son completed with you, you can sign-off one of the requirements he needs to earn his next award. As a result, the awards he earns increase his knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. You can be a part of it by actively participating in the Cub Scout program with him. The rank awards he earns are listed below.



Tiger Cub, BSA (First Graders)

First grade boys and a parent (or another adult family member) participate in Tiger Cubs. The Tiger Cub Badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and a "Go See It". After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Track beads a boy can earn.



Bobcat (earn by ALL NEW Cub Scouts)

All boys can earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Cub Scouts Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, motto, and the meaning of "Webelos". After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.



Wolf (Second Graders)

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on achievements to earn the wolf badge. Each achievement is designed to teach skills and initiate family discussion on values, drug awareness, health, etc.



Bear (Third Graders)

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), completes 12 to 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Wolf or Bear a boy work on electives in different interest until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank. For every ten electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn many Arrow Points as he wishes. Parent help boys learn more complicated life skills and values.



Webelos Scouts (4th & 5th graders)

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting) which prepares him for Boy Scouts.



Boy Scouts

When a boy earns the Arrow of Light or reaches 11 years of age, or completes the fifth grade, he may graduate from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. We aim to graduate every Cub Scout into Boy Scouting. Generally, your son will be prepared to join a Boy Scout troop in February or March of his fifth grade year.

Program Highlights

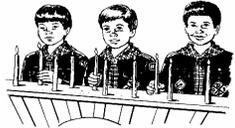
Good Turn Projects

Service projects to benefit the community, like *Scouting For Food*, a project to collect cans of food for local food banks and shelters.



Pinewood Derby

An annual parent/son project where you design a miniature downhill racecar from a block of wood and race it on a gravity-powered track.



Blue & Gold Banquet

A birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. Most often it involves a dinner with some type of entertainment.

Special Events

Districts will periodically host special events for boys to participate in. Programs like Hike For Scouting, Pinewood Derbies, Fishing Derbies, Etc. provide days of enjoyment for both the Scout and his family.



Popcorn/Magazine/Nut Sales

Each year Scouts across the council participate in a community wide popcorn sale. Boys can earn great prizes, and packs earn commissions to be used for pack activities, summer camp fees, and recognition. Scouting teaches boys to “earn their own way.” Selling popcorn is a great way for a Scout to pay for his uniform, dues, camping and other Scout expenses.



Day Camp

Exciting day long, summertime activity, that includes Archery, BB gun, crafts, games, sports, songs and skits.

Family & Resident Camps

These outdoor programs allow for both the Scout and his family to participate in overnight adventures at our local Scout camps.

Boys' Life Magazine

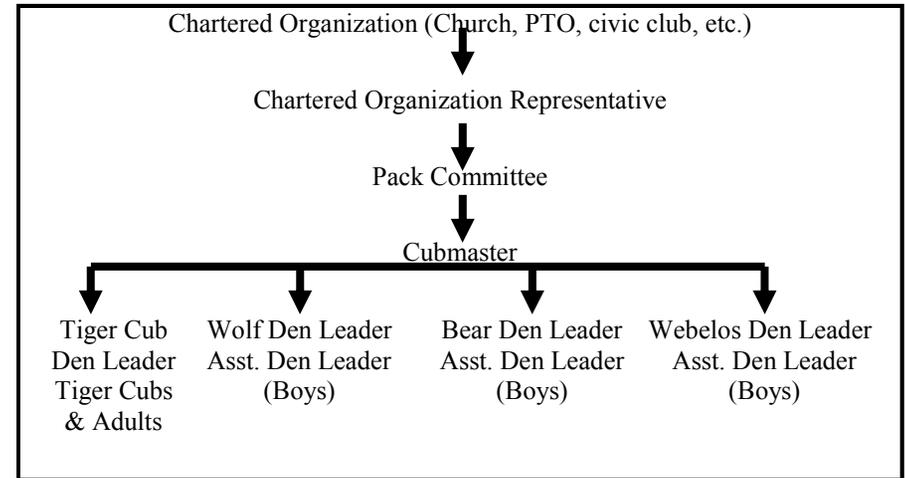
A magazine for boys and adults, includes interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. This Magazine is optional but highly recommended, and costs \$12.00 per year.



Scouting Magazine

All registered adults will receive as part of their registration fees the “Scouting” magazine. It includes program helps, stories, BSA updates, and features on scouting successes around the country and world.

Pack Leadership Structure



How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer Cub Scout leaders are an example of Scouting principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

There are on-line training available to you. Go to www.buckscountybsa.org. Click on training and go to Online training Center; take Youth Protection, Cub Scout fast Start, and This is Scouting courses. Additional info is available under New Den Leader Resources.

What Do You Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding! Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are only 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 boy's 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.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- 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.