



WHO ARE THE CUB SCOUTS?

THE PURPOSE OF THE CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America – to build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Scouts, BSA



METHODS OF CUB SCOUTING

1. Living the Ideals
2. Belonging to a Den
3. Using Advancement
4. Involving Family and Home
5. Participating in Activities
6. Serving Home and Neighborhood
7. Wearing the Uniform

SCOUT OATH

*On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.*

SCOUT LAW

*A Scout is;
Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
and Reverent.*



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

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CUB SCOUT DENS

A **den** is a group of six to eight boys or girls, within the pack, that meets several times a month between pack meetings.

The youth in a den are the same gender and grade level.

The den structure allows youth to build relationships with leaders and others. The den provides opportunities for activities that would be difficult with a large group. The den also provides leadership opportunities for the youth.



MEETINGS

The monthly pack meeting brings together all dens, their leaders, and their families, to participate in a largescale event that serves as a showcase for everything the Scouts have learned and done in their individual den meetings.

The pack meeting gives the youth a larger experience beyond their own den, and helps them to connect their individual activities to the entire Cub Scouting program.

VOLUNTEERING

Scouting is a Volunteer-led, Family Experience. It is only through family involvement that the Scouting program can be delivered. Youth Protection training is required by all leaders and a 2 adult deep safety measure is required for all activities.

Over the course of the year, each family will be asked to help with different projects.

Some of the most fun and important volunteers serve as Den Leaders and help coordinate and lead the regular den meetings.

YOUR PACK AND BEYOND...

Families have the unique opportunity in the Mid-America Council to fill their calendars with inter-unit events. Your Pack or Den can choose from exciting experiences to enhance the program. "Scouting is a game with a purpose." **Come to one of these events and let the games begin.**

MID-AMERICA COUNCIL EVENTS

*First Camp
Camp Amikaro
Pinewood Derbys
Jubilees
and many more!*

COMMUNITY BASED EVENTS

*Cub Scouting at the Zoo
Scoutnight at Werner Park
Omaha Symphony
SAC Museum
and many more!*



ADVANCEMENT

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LION

The Lion Rank is for youth in kindergarten or age 6. To earn the Lion badge, a Scout must complete five required adventures.

After Lions, the Bobcat badge is the first rank Cub Scouts earn before they advance to the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos.



BOBCAT

The Bobcat requirements include: Learn and say the Cub Scout motto, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law and tell what they mean; Show the Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake and tell what they mean; With your parent or guardian complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide.



TIGER

The Tiger rank is for youth who are in first grade or are age 7. To earn the Tiger badge, a Scout must complete six required adventures with their den or family and one elective adventure of the den or family's choosing.



WOLF

The Wolf rank is for youth who have finished first grade (or who are 8 years old). To earn the Wolf badge, a Scout must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure.



BEAR

The Bear rank is for youth who have finished second grade (or who are 9 years old). To earn the Bear badge, a Scout must complete six required adventures and one elective adventure.



WEBELOS

Webelos dens are for youth who have completed third grade (or reached age 10). Webelos Scouts get to work on the five required Webelos adventures and choose two of the 18 elective adventures that are shared by the Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks.



ARROW OF LIGHT

The highest rank in Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos Scout to join a Troop. Scouts must complete four required adventures and three elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light rank.

THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

IT IS A METHOD—NOT AN END IN ITSELF

Advancement is simply a means to an end, not an end in itself. It is one of several methods designed to help unit leadership carry out the aims and mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Learning comes from doing. Rushing a Scout through requirements to obtain a badge is not the goal. Advancement should be a natural outcome of a well-rounded unit program, rich in opportunities to work toward the ranks.

SCOUTING SKILLS

It's not just what a Cub Scout learns, but the growth achieved through participation. Our goal is to "do your best" with age-appropriate tasks and opportunities to grow. Cub Scouts complete adventures & challenges helping them learn about themselves and gain confidence.





FUNDING THE PROGRAM

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HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Fees vary by Cub Scout pack, adventures and activities performed. A few constants include your national registration and Mid-America insurance. Your Cub Scout Pack and den may impose additional dues to help with your program, awards given & maintaining assets and gear. Beyond your initial investment in Scouting, families have the opportunity to fundraise the rest of their adventure.

On the right are the fees to be collected for this Cub Scout pack.



REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

We believe Scouting should be available to all families. Assistance is available in case of financial hardship or need. In the Mid-America Council, registration can be covered by Wellcare. "Camperships" (camp/activity scholarships) may be requested directly by families using the Campership form.



FUNDRAISING

Scouts are encouraged to fundraise to help pay for their adventures and experiences. Fundraising allows youth to learn the value of hard work and taking ownership of their program.

Trails End popcorn is sold all over the Mid-America Council in the fall to allow youth an opportunity to raise funds for the upcoming year.

Trails End popcorn supports not just your Cub Scout Pack, but also the Scouting program across our council.

Other fundraising opportunities like Camp Card sales are also available to help youth fund their Scouting adventure.

Registration Fees

Includes:

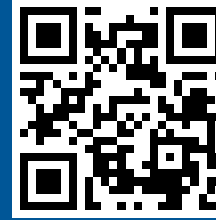




**JOIN AND
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SIGN UP TODAY



Many Cub Scout Packs allow for online registrations. If you or your friends are interested in joining, share this link or direct them to **SignUp4Scouting.org**.

GET CONNECTED

www.mac-bsa.org



mac.ihubapp.org



www.scoutbook.com



GETTING INVOLVED

Thank you for volunteering as an Adult Scouter! Without you, this program could not exist.

We need volunteers to help with:
Den Meetings (Den Leaders)
Pack Meetings (Assistant Cubmasters)
Activity Planning (Committee Members)

Even if you do not take on a year-round volunteer role, we need each family to help with some part of our program and events. All adult volunteers must complete Youth Protection Training.

NEXT STEPS

- Attend your Pack Parent Orientation meeting _____
- Take your welcome packet home and read over the information
- Bring your new Cub Scout and your questions to our Pack Orientation meeting
- Visit the Gottschalk Scout Shop to purchase your uniform