

CUB SCOUTS IS A FAMILY-CENTERED PROGRAM

Your child is part of a grade-specific Den

- Dens have 5-9 youth
- Dens meet 2-3 times each month in den meetings and once a month with the entire Pack (all grades)
- Dens are led by a den leader (usually a parent), who may be assisted by an assistant den leader or den chief
- Dens participate in various outings / field trips
- Dens include STEM programming, outdoor adventures and ceremonies

Dens are based on grade level

- There will be three types of Cub Scout packs: all-boy packs, all-girl packs and packs that include a mix of girl dens and boy dens. Cub Scout dens will be single-gender: all boys or all girls

Lions - Kindergarten

- This one-on-one program requires an adult partner for every activity as they complete 5 required adventures
- A Den Leader with previous Scouting experience will help coordinate the meetings. Each adult partner takes a turn at shared leadership running the activity

Tigers - 1st Grade

- This one-on-one program also requires an adult partner for every activity as they complete 6 required adventures and 1 elective

Wolves - 2nd Grade and Bears - 3rd Grade

- Each rank is earned by completing 6 required adventures and 1 elective

Webelos - 4th Grade

- Earned by completing 5 required adventures and 2 electives

Arrow of Light - 5th Grade

- Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting and helps prepare for the transition to Scouts, BSA
- Earned by completing 4 required adventures and 3 electives

The majority of achievements and advancements are completed through den meetings. Don't worry if you have to miss a meeting. Your den leader will support the completion of activities at home and, regardless of achievements, your child will progress to the next rank with the peers of the same grade.

Dens come together to form your Pack

- All families meet once a month at the Pack meeting led by the Cubmaster
- Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that Scouts earned that month

Your pack is run by the Pack committee

- Made up of volunteer den leaders, Pack leaders, and parents
- The committee, led by the committee chairman, meets once a month or more often if needed
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities

It takes EVERYONE's involvement to provide the best program possible. Be sure to ask your leaders how you can help! As parents we have such a short time to make an impact on our child, so make it count...enjoy the adventure together!



SPECIAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Cub Scout Camping offers exciting summertime activities that include games, nature study, sports, crafts, songs and skits - all in the theme. For additional information on Cub camping, visit www.GoCubCamping.org.

Resident Camp (Camp Amakiro) bring your den, Pack, or just your Scout to Little Sioux Scout Ranch (just 1 hr north of Omaha on I-29, south of Sioux City). Parents and Scouts will spend 3 days and 2 nights camping with weekend sessions taking place in June and July.

Cub Scout Family Weekends are an outdoor experience for the whole family offered in the spring and fall! These 2-day and 1-night weekend adventures offer a taste of Cub camping with shooting sports, nature hikes, and family-friendly activities. Cub Scout family weekends are a fun way to build comfort in the great outdoors.

Pinewood Derby is an annual parent-child project where you can design and build a race car from a block of wood. Cub Scouts learn the valuable lesson of sportsmanship by racing their cars on a gravity track against their fellow Scouts. After participating in your Pack's race, Scouts can also race at the District and Council level Pinewood Derbies.

Popcorn & Camp Card Sales are annual fundraisers Cub Scouts participate in. In addition to boosting confidence, earning prizes, and helping their Pack, their participation in these sales helps fund their Scouting program. A commission of their sales goes directly to the Pack to help with payment for activities, badges, and summer camp fees. The commission from these sales reduces out-of-pocket spending and helps your family save money for Scouting.

Blue and Gold Banquets are a birthday party for Scouting in February, Packs hold an annual family celebration. Many times, Scouts receive their rank advancements at this event.

Scouting For Food is an annual food collection drive that helps provide meals for families in need in our service area. In April, Scouts go out to hang door tags on residential homes and return the following Saturday to pick up donations. Check out www.mac-bsa.org/ScoutingForFood for more information.

Investment in Character is our annual giving campaign. Scouting families, businesses, and civic-minded citizens are asked to support the Mid-America Council in providing the Scouting program to thousands of young people in our service area.



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SCOUT ME IN Parent Guide

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth. Family values are abundant in Scouting. However, we know that youth do not join Scouting to build their character. They join because it is fun.



The Mid-America Council is one of the largest youth serving agencies in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, instilling timeless values of character, citizenship and leadership in each youth who enters the Scouting program. The Council provides educational-based skills and activities. Currently, there are more than 18,645 Scouts and more than 5465 volunteer leaders. The Council also owns and operates four camps and provides an outstanding outdoor experience for youth and adults.

Promise to Parents

Parents will say Scouting in the Mid-America Council offers their family fun and adventurous things to do. This fun and adventure will help their son or daughter develop leadership skills and values important to good citizenship and service to others.

The Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling

in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout Oath

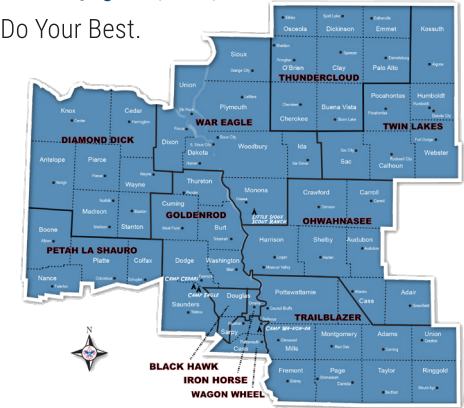
On my honor, I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout Law

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

The Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best.



District	Area
Diamond Dick	Knox, Cedar, Antelope, Pierce, Wayne, Madison and Stanton Counties in Nebraska
Goldenrod	Thurston, Cuming, Burt, Dodge, Washington and Saunders Counties in Nebraska
Iron Horse	Omaha Public Schools, Elkhorn, Bennington, Valley
Ohwahnasee	Crawford, Carroll, Harrison, Shelby, Audubon, Adair & Cass Counties in Iowa
Petah La Shauro	Boone, Nance, Platte and Colfax counties in Nebraska
Black Hawk	Millard, Westside, Gretna, Ralston, LaVista
Thundercloud	Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, O'Brien, Clay, Palo Alto, Cherokee, and Buena Vista Counties in Iowa
Trailblazer	Fremont, Mills, Pottawattamie, Montgomery, Page, Adams, Union, Taylor, Ringgold and western Cass Counties in Iowa
Twin Lakes	Kossuth, Humboldt, Webster, Pocahontas, Calhoun, and Sac Counties in Iowa
Wagon Wheel	Papillion, Bellevue, Plattsmouth, La Vista in Nebraska
War Eagle	Union County South Dakota, Dakota and Dixon Counties in Nebraska, and Ida, Sioux, Plymouth, Woodbury and Monona Counties in Iowa

Adventure begins here

THE BASICS

- Youth development program for kindergarten through fifth grade
- Builds character
- Teaches citizenship

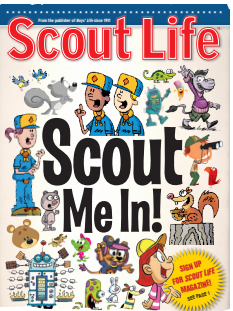


WHY CUB SCOUTING?

- Bring the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn teamwork
- Build self-confidence
- Service projects to help others
- FUN!

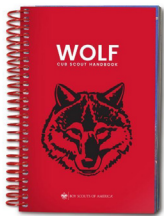
SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Pinewood derby
- Raingutter regatta
- Hiking, fishing, biking
- Get active!
- Cool field trips
- ...to name a few



THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Book
- Scout Life Magazine
- Patches



CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

The uniform is an important part of the program and Scouts are encouraged to wear it to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. Although the uniform is an investment on your part, our uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for them to grow into. If you can find an ‘experienced’ uniform in good shape, you can use that too.

Staff at the Gottschalk Scout Shop located in the Durham Scout Center at 12401 West Maple Road in Omaha, NE or the Sioux City Scout Shop located at 4240 Hickory Lane, Ste 120 in Sioux City, IA can help get your Scout fitted and on their way in the right uniform.

THE BIG PICTURE

- Den meetings
- Small groups organized by grade
- Pack meetings & activities
- Family events combining all dens
- District & council events
- Community-wide activities



ADVANCEMENT

- Age-based rank
- Assigned by grade
- Awards & badges
- Connecting effort & success
- Recognition
- Celebrating achievement & building self-confidence

TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Position-specific training
- Printed resources



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Learn about your pack
- Register today - signup4scouting.org

How to get started

- Obtain program book
- Purchase uniform
- Attend first pack / den meeting
- Visit www.mac-bsa.org