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NCAC Lion Scout Resource Guide



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Welcome to Cub Scouts!

We are thrilled to have you and your children as part of the Cub Scouts program! These slides are intended to provide an overview of some of the definitions related to scouting, the pack structure, funding, points of contact, and an overview of what to expect in the Cub Scouts program.

Our mission is to prepare kids to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

We rely on parent participation and support to create a meaningful and rewarding experience for the Scouts.

Scouting is a family-centered, volunteer-driven activity and we look to parents to help where you can. Parents and Guardians can register and hold committee positions, den leader positions, leading/supporting individual events, or just provide an extra set of helping hands. Prior Scouting experience is not required!





Aims and Methods of Cub Scouts

Living the Ideals – Cub Scouting’s values are embedded in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program’s values in Scouts and the leaders who guide them.

Belonging to a Den - The den -- a group of six to eight children who are in the same grade and are the same gender—is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.

Advancement - Recognition is important to everyone. The advancement plan provides fun for the Scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with them on advancement projects.

Family Involvement - Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that Scouts have a good experience in the program.

Activities - Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

Serving the Neighborhood - Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps Scouts strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn supports their growth and development.

Uniform – Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating that a Scout is part of a team and showing individual achievement (Scouts wear the badges they’ve earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, and good behavior.



Cub Scout Uniform



Lion - Kindergarten

The Lion Cub Scout uniform has the following parts:

1. **Shirt:** The official Lion t-shirt.
2. **Belt:** Official navy-blue web belt with metal buckle.
3. **Cap:** Official navy-blue Lion cap.
4. **Neckerchief:** Optional Lion neckerchief. The Lion den decides if they will wear the neckerchief.
5. **Neckerchief Slide:** Optional Lion neckerchief slide.

Official uniform pants, shorts, or skorts, and Cub Scout socks are optional. Use of these items for Lions is decided by the den leader and families in the den. There is no uniform inspection sheet for Lions.





How Cub Scouts is Organized

There are different organizational names and positions that comprise Cub Scouts BSA Packs:

- **Pack** – The pack is identified by a number (such as Pack 123) and made up of one or more dens.
- **Den** – A small group of Cub Scouts who are in the same grade (ideally 6 to 8 Cub Scouts).
- **Den Leader** – A registered adult volunteer, usually a parent, serves as a Den Leader. They carry out the activities related to adventures as they are presented in the Cub Scout's handbook and the Den Leader Guide.
- **Cubmaster** – Leads the pack and responsible for delivering a quality, fun, year-round program. The Cubmaster provides support for the Den Leaders and serves as the master of ceremonies for pack events.
- **Pack Committee Chair** – Leads the committee responsible for the overall operations of the pack such as finance, budgeting, planning, training, and recruiting children as well as adults to operate the pack. Several parents support the committee such as the Treasurer, Religious Program Coordinator, and other roles.
- **Chartered Organization** – This is the organization that partners with the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Scouting program and adopt Scouting to serve the youth in the community.

Chartered Organization Representative – This person is the liaison between the Chartered Organization and the Scouting Unit; approves all adult leaders and provides resources from the chartered organization.



How much does Cub Scouts cost?

Annual Membership Fees

- NCAC does not directly receive any of the BSA membership fees currently paid as shown in the graphic.
- Units may have additional fees or dues to pay for a unit's programs and activities; those fees also remain with the unit, and do not go to NCAC. Many units also fundraise for these fees and activities, we encourage units to continue those efforts.

ANNUAL YOUTH FEES										
 BSA						\$80 Membership Fee	BSA YOUTH NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE			
										\$25
							SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE			\$15
 NCAC						\$80 Participation Fee				
Scouting Units - Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships							Fees Vary by Unit			





Popcorn Program

The Popcorn Program is an important part of Scouting. If managed well the program can generate enough income to financially support your Scouting program for the entire year!

Some of the great benefits of selling popcorn include:

There are NO up-front costs to your unit.

A built-in prize program to support the unit and individual Scout goals.

Participating in the Popcorn Program can complete requirements for rank advancement and multiple merit badges.

Popcorn is supported by the local community Scouts can earn a free week at a NCAC camp of their choice!

More importantly participating in the Popcorn Program teaches Scouts the value of earning their own way, setting goals and supporting their unit program budget. This is an essential part of the character development learned through Scouting.

These skills can't be taught by parents writing checks.



2022-2023 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements



New Cub Scouts who are in 1st grade or above earn the Bobcat Badge first before working on the requirements for their badge of rank.

Exercises in the pamphlet
*How to Protect Your Children
From Child Abuse*

- Scout Oath
- Cub Scout Handshake
- Scout Law
- Cub Scout Motto
- Cub Scout Sign
- Cub Scout Salute

Kindergarten

LION

TIGER

1st Grade or
6 years old

WOLF

2nd Grade or
7 years old

BEAR

3rd Grade or
8 years old

WEBELOS

4th Grade through
joining a Scouts BSA Troop.

4th graders work towards the
Webeles badge of rank first

5th Graders may work on
Arrow of Light without earning the
Webeles badge

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- Lion's Honor
- Animal Kingdom
- Mountain Lion
- King of the Jungle
- Fun on the Run

- Games Tigers Play
- My Tiger Jungle
- Team Tiger
- Tiger Bites
- Tiger Circles: Duty to God
- Tigers in the Wild
- Elective Adventure

- Call of the Wild
- Council Fire
- Duty to God Footsteps
- Howling at the Moon
- Paws on the Path
- Running with the Pack
- Elective Adventure

- Baloo the Builder
- Bear Claws
- Bear Necessities
- Fellowship and Duty to God
- Fur, Feathers, and Ferns
- Paws for Action
- Elective Adventure

- Cast Iron Chef
 - Duty to God & You
 - First Responder
 - Stronger, Faster, Higher
 - Webeles Walkabout
 - Elective
- Be Active In Your Webeles Den
for 3 Months*

- Building a Better World
 - Duty to God in Action
 - Outdoor Adventurer
 - Scouting Adventure
 - Elective
- Be Active In Your Webeles Den
for 6 Months or Be 10 and a
half years old*

*Required once a year. Is not repeated in the same year as earning Bobcat.



Lion

*Den Leader – Volunteer
Opportunity!*

Lion Scouts is a fun introduction to the Scouting program for kindergarten-age youth eager to get going! Lions do adventures with their adult partners and other Lions every month. This program introduces youth and their families to Scouting and the outdoors as it builds a foundation of character. Everything as a Lion is done with an adult partner.

Lion Advancement – Lion Scouts have fun exploring and doing adventures that move them ahead towards their Lion rank. The Lion rank is earned by completing five adventures. The Lion's adult partner participates the whole time, but the recognition items are only for the Scouts.

Lion Rank Requirements – Complete each of the following Lion required adventures with your den or family:

Lion's Honor Fun
on the Run Animal
Kingdom Mountain
Lion
King of the Jungle

After earning the Lion rank, additional Lion elective adventures can be done for further exploration and fun:

I'll Do It Myself, Pick My Path, Gizmos and Gadgets, On Your Mark, Build It Up, Knock It Down, Rumble in the Jungle, Ready, Set, Grow



Frequently Asked Questions

How often do Cub Scouts meet? Generally, Cub Scouts meet in their dens twice per month, and with their pack once a month. However, it is up to the den and pack to set a schedule that works with their families. Occasionally, a den or pack may hold a special activity, such as a service project or visit to a local museum. These events, along with regular meetings, are generally scheduled in a yearly pack calendar available to parents.

May parents attend den meetings? Absolutely! Parent involvement is encouraged within Cub Scouting and there are many ways to assist the den as a volunteer. Once you've joined a den, your leader will have information on ways to become involved...whether that's leading an activity or simply attending meetings. In Cub Scouting, we're happy to have you!

What activities will my child do in Cub Scouts? The foundation of Scouting is built on providing hands-on, interactive activities that lead a child down the path of character and leadership development. In den meetings and pack meetings, Cub Scouts will make new friends, play purposeful games, and learn new skills through age-appropriate activities outlined in the Cub Scout handbooks. In addition, Cub Scout families will have opportunities to go camping and to participate in outdoor adventures. Lessons learned in the out-of-doors help to develop a life-long respect for the environment. Many packs host special events such as banquets, Pinewood Derby races, and community service projects. Packs may also be invited to attend other special events such as a large community festival and/or special "Scout Nights" at local sporting events. All the fun family activities are part of a curriculum designed to help a Cub Scout become their best future selves!

If a child joins Cub Scouting after kindergarten, do they need to "catch up" on earning badges from earlier grade levels? No. The Cub Scouting program is designed so that a child may jump right in at any point. There is no need to work backwards to catch up. A new Cub Scout may join in any grade (K-5) and continue through the program.

How can I save money on the cost of uniforms and equipment? The Cub Scout pack may provide assistance with the cost of uniforms and equipment through initiatives such as fundraisers or uniform exchanges. In addition, many packs award uniform components (hat and neckerchief) as part of the graduation to the next grade level. Parents should inquire as to what the pack provides before purchasing items.



Welcome to Cub Scouts!

Your den is in a pack that belongs to an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Cub Scout pack. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of the BSA. Many volunteers and BSA professionals are interested in the success of your pack. A special volunteer assigned to help your pack is called a commissioner. The commissioner helps the pack provide a successful and high-quality program. The commissioner is also the communication link between your pack and the local council. There are professional staff at your council service center who can help or will get you in touch with someone who can. Our local council is the National Capital Area Council, you can visit the website at www.ncacbsa.org

My child is in Pack _____, which meets at _____(location)
at _____ (time) on _____ (day and week of month).

My child is in Den _____, which meets at _____(location)
at _____ (time) on _____ (day of week).

Our pack's chartered organization is _____

Our local council name is National Capital Area Council

Phone Number _____

Website _____

Our Leaders: Name / Phone Number / Email

Den Leader: _____

Committee Chair: _____

Cubmaster: _____