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Welcome To The Adventure of Cub Scouting!!

Where Character Counts
and
The Adventure Begins...



At Tonight's Meeting, We Will:

- ✓ Inform Parents and Boys About Cub Scouting
- ✓ Register Boys For Cub Scouting
- ✓ Involve Parents With The Program

OVERVIEW



Boys' Life magazine is the official youth publication of the Boy Scouts of America.

The mission of *Boys' Life* is to entertain and educate America's youth, and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics and Scouting.

CUB SCOUT DEMOGRAPHIC VERSION

Since September 1995, *Boys' Life* has published two versions – one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts. The Cub Scout version focuses on the developmental reading needs of Cub Scout age subscribers. It contains eight to twelve special pages (substituted for a similar number of pages in the Boy Scout version) modified especially for Cub Scout age readers.

“The Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* contains something for every boy age 6 to 11 – word games, cartoons and puzzles; sports profiles of young athletes; pack activities – articles and activities that interest our young readers. They also receive most of our regular lineup of action-packed articles and columns, Boy Scout adventures and humor. With the Cub Scout version, *Boys' Life* reinforces its commitment to be the ‘magazine for all boys.’”-J.D. Owen, editor-in-chief, *Boys' Life* magazine.

CUB SCOUTS WHO SUBSCRIBE TO *BOYS' LIFE*:

- Stay in Scouting longer than non-subscribers.** The most recent finding by Globe Research Corporation reports that, on average, *Boys' Life* subscribers stay in Scouting 2.5 times longer than non-subscribers.

- Advance in rank faster and more often than non-subscribers.** The advancement rate for *Boys' Life* subscribers is more than twice that of non-subscribers.

- Are more active in Scouting events than non-subscribers.** Surveys taken at council Scout shows pointed out that 85 percent of participants are *Boys' Life* subscribers. **This percentage seems to hold true regardless of the council-wide percentage of *Boys' Life* subscribers.**

- “The decision to publish a Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* magazine represents a strong commitment by the BSA to your son's success in Scouting.” -Jere Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive, BSA (retired).

At \$9.00 per year for a subscription – this is a tremendous bargain! Initial sign-up fee of \$8.00, plus a \$9.00 subscription fee for 12 issues – the cost is still only \$17.00!

What a Value!!
This averages 75¢ per issue!!

Your Son, Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. 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.

Scouting IS family values. However, Cub Scout age boys do not join just to build character. Boys join Cub Scouting because IT IS FUN!!

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Statistics show that over the long term, boys and young men who have experienced Scouting's programs are more likely to have success in school, career and family, as well as stronger ethics and better relationships with others. For example:



- ◆ Boys with 5 or more years in Scouting (98%) are more likely to graduate from high school than those who never were Scouts (83%).
- ◆ Former Scouts (40%) are also more likely to be college graduates than non- Scouts (16%).
- ◆ Thirty-three percent of men who were Scouts for five years or more have household incomes of \$50,000 or more, compared to 17% of non-scouts.

(source: 1995 Harris and Associates study)

Tiger Cubs, BSA Program

Tiger Cubs, BSA is an exciting program for first-grade boys and an adult partner. Tiger Cub dens meet 2-3 times monthly and follow the Tiger Cub Motto of "Search, Discover, Share." The Tiger Cub den has four to eight families as members, and each family takes turns hosting a meeting or outing. Each meeting is based on a theme that the group selects in advance, which is found in the Tiger Cub Handbook.

The Tiger Cub den is led by the Tiger Cub den leader (one adult member of the den). Tiger cubs will take part in the monthly pack meetings, where all of the dens and their families come together for fun, recognition, and fellowship.

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

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

The Cub Scout Den

Your son is a member of a Cub Scout den
The den meets once per week
The den is led by a den leader (usually a parent)
The den leader usually has an assistant den leader, a den chief (a Boy Scout helper),
and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members)
Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun

The Cub Scout Pack

Your son is a member of a Cub Scout pack
A pack meets once per month – all Cub Scout families attend
The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
The pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meeting and activities
Pack meetings have games, song, skits, stunts, ceremonies, and presentations of
badges that boys earned during the month

The Pack Meeting

The pack is run by a committee of volunteer parents
The pack committee is made up of all den leaders, the Cubmaster, and parents
The pack committee is led by a chairperson
The committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme
The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages finances, finds
meeting places, orders badges, maintain pack equipment, helps train leaders, and
recognizes leaders

The Chartered Partner

The pack is “owned” by the chartered partner, usually a school, parent association,
religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in helping youth
The chartered partner approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the
pack within their own guidelines and the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America
The chartered organization selects a representative to serve as liaison between the
pack and the organization

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's advancement 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.

Tiger Cub



Boys in 1st grade are part of the Tiger Cub program. They work closely with their adult partner to accomplish activities in their handbook. Recognition is immediate. Beads are presented at the den meeting and are worn on a leather belt totem. After completing all 15 parts of the five achievements, the Tiger Cub has earned the Tiger Cub Badge.

Bobcat



All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of The Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.

Wolf



A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an *Arrow Point*. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Bear



A Cub Scout who has completed the second grade (or is age 9) works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an *Arrow Point*. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Webelos



(Webelos is from the phrase "We'll Be Loyal Scouts")

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is ten years old) he joins a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, twenty activity badges, and the *Arrow of Light Award*. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting!

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



of the eighteen
fifth grade year,

Special Cub Scout Activities

Pinewood Derby

Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Most packs conduct races annually.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by your pack, usually in February. Most packs hold some of dinner and a special program or entertainment is customary.

Scouting For Food

Food drive held each year to benefit local food shelves. Part of a nation-wide program of the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the hungry.



Tiger Cub Zoo Day

A special day set aside at Como Zoo for new Tiger Cubs and their adult partner. Tigers participate in an opening general session and then partake in several activities at the zoo! This year Zoo Day is scheduled for October 5, 2002.



Fun With Son

A weekend camping experience for Cub Scouts accompanied by an adult or partner. Special activities include BB guns, archery and crafts. At this time, seven sessions are scheduled for the summer of 2002, held at our Rum River Scout Camp, located 3 miles north of Anoka.

Cub Scout Day Camp

An exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, BB guns, archery, and LOTS of FUN! Camps are held throughout the area and run two days.

Webelos Camp

For 4th Grade Webelos there is a two-night, three day camping experience, 5th Grade Webelos offers a three-night, four day camping experience. Special activities include canoeing, swimming, BB guns, and campfire programs. Twenty-two sessions are scheduled for the summer of 2002.

Webelos Adventure Overnight Camp

A weekend camping experience for current 3rd graders going into Webelos at Stearns Scout Camp near Annandale. This is guaranteed to get Bear Cubs excited about Webelos!

Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. History. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Special subscription rate for all Cubs and Scouts of \$9.00 per year.

BOYS' LIFE

How Can You Help?



Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the 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.

What does it take to be a volunteer? A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

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 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 boys' 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 need 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 worldwide 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.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

Den Leader(s)

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings.
Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Cubmaster

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

Pack Committee

Pack committee members (positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack.

Committee Chairman

Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members. Also attends monthly pack meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc.
Attends monthly pack meeting and monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Advancement Chairman

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and awards for boys. Attends monthly pack meeting and monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Parent Helpers

Each year the pack will undertake many short-term projects. Parents are needed for activities such as pack fund-raisers (popcorn sale, pancake breakfast or similar events), Scouting For Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, pack graduation, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

How Can I Help?

The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions of service for the coming year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist in some capacity if our Cub Scout pack is to run effectively. Please fill out this page and turn it in tonight!

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger Cub Den Leader or Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue and Gold Banquet Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp Coordinator/Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Den Leader or Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Adventure Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Camp Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Holiday Party Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Secretary/Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Special Events Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Advancement Chair/Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Song Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-Raising Committee | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pinewood Derby Committee | _____ |

My hobbies are: _____

My sports interests are: _____

Job _____ Work Shift/Hours _____

I have a truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station Wagon _____ Workshop _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____

What Will Scouting Cost Me?



Registration Fee:	\$7.00/Year
Boys' Life Magazine:	\$9.00/Year
Book (Tiger)	\$3.50
(Wolf and Bear)	\$4.95
(Webelos)	\$5.50

Pack Dues (determined by each Cub Scout Pack) \$_____

(Many packs do fund-raising through the annual Fall Popcorn Sale to decrease the amount of pack dues required.)

Uniforms – While uniforms are not required to join Scouting, it does play an important part of the recognition and self esteem elements of the program.

Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends as its “official” uniform. Remember, uniforms can also be found at thrift shops and some packs have a uniform exchange. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New Member Checklist

Name: _____

Tiger (1st grade)
 Wolf (2nd grade)
 Bear (3rd grade)
 Webelos (4th or 5th grade)
 Pack Number _____
 Den Number _____

Uniform Parts Checklist

- Tiger Cub T-Shirt, \$8.15
- Shirt – short sleeved, \$21.80
- Cub Scout Belt and Buckle, \$6.15
- Webelos Buckle, \$3.10
- Webelos Shirt, \$23.05
tan, short-sleeved
- Blue Shoulder Loops, \$1.65

Insignia

- Viking Council Patch, \$2.95
- Unit Numeral, \$.80 each
- Den Numeral, \$1.20
- Webelos Colors, \$3.20
- World Crest Emblem, \$1.20

Handbooks

- Tiger, \$3.50
- Wolf, \$4.95
- Bear, \$4.95
- Webelos, \$5.50

Neckerchief

- Wolf, \$4.40
- Bear, \$4.40
- Webelos, \$5.65

Hats

- Tiger Cub Hat, \$11.50
- Cub Scout Mesh or Twill Cap, \$11.50
- Webelos Mesh or Twill Cap, \$11.50

Neckerchief Slide

- Cub Scout, \$2.20

NOTE: These prices were taken from the 2002 Official Boy Scouts of America Catalog. Prices are subject to change, and do not include sales tax.

Uniforms are available at:

- Minneapolis Scout Shop, 5300 Glenwood Ave., 763-545-9459 (Viking Council Service Center)
- Burnsville Scout Shop, Burnsville Crossing Shopping Center, 14250 Plymouth Ave S., 952-892-0206

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Our pack number is _____

Our den number is _____

My Scouting District is _____

My Council is: **Viking Council (763) 545-4550** _____

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number is _____

My den leader's e-mail is _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____

My Cubmaster's e-mail is _____

My pack meets on _____

My pack meets at _____

My commissioner's name is _____

OUR CUB DEN ROSTER

Name (Boy & Adult) Address Daytime Phone Evening Phone

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____


4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

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Den Leader _____

Meeting Day/Time _____

Cubmaster _____

Committee Chair _____



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