

Cub Dictionary

SCOUT DICTIONARY 101

Cub Scouting has a language all its own. Below are the definitions of many of the terms you will encounter in Scouting. If you do not find your term, feel free to ask.

Adventure Loops and Pins

To earn the rank badge, Scouts must complete Adventure loops (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear) and Adventure pins for Webelos and Arrow of Lighters. These adventures are found in their rank handbook.

Adult partner

The adult member of the Tiger Cub team

Akela

A leader, this may be the Cubmaster, parent, religious leader, den leader, teacher or any other person providing leadership.

Arrow of Light

This is the highest award a Scout can earn in Cub Scouting, and is also the only (non-religious) award from Cub Scouts that can be worn on a Scout BSA uniform.

Bear Scout

A boy or girl who is in 3rd grade or 9 years old.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Cub Scout's birthday party celebrated the founding of Boy Scouts in 1910 and Cub Scouting in America in 1930.

Boy Scouts of America (BSA)

The Boy Scouts of America was the name of the nationally-chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Crews. Abbreviated as BSA. Now called Scouting America to reflect the inclusion of girls.

Chartered Organization

This is the organization (church, school, American Legion, etc.) that charts a unit (pack or troop) and approves of all its leaders. Bethany Presbyterian Church is Pack 4's and Troop 4's chartered partner and provides us with space to meet, storing our equipment and supporting and encouraging Scouting. We in turn support Bethany with services projects around the church.

Committee

This is the group of qualified adults who administer the affairs of the pack. Any interested adult is welcome to attend the pack committee meetings.

Committee Chair

The primary leader of the pack. The committee chair works with the pack committee members, the cubmaster and the chartered organization representative to plan the pack program, recruit leaders and oversee the pack's budget.

Crossover

When Arrow of Lighters cross over and join Scouts BSA

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A boy or girl between the ages of 6 and 11 and grades 1 through 5th who is a registered member of the Scouting America. Cub Scouting is a family oriented program designed to address needs of younger girls and boys.

Cubmaster

The Cubmaster is the unit leader of the Pack. The Cubmaster runs the pack meetings, advises den leaders and works with the pack committee to plan and run the pack program.

Den Chief

A Scout BSA member, , usually of First Class rank or higher, who serves as an assistant leader in a den.

Den Leader

An adult volunteer who is in charge of planning and running the den meetings. Leaders must have den leader training, youth protection training and undergo state mandated criminal background checks.

Den Meetings

Individual meetings of dens held for each rank level of Cub Scouting. Usually occurring weekly. Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear dens work on adventure loops through projects, crafts, game and field trip to reach their den rank. Webelos den and Arrow Of Lighters use their den time to work on adventure pins working toward their Webelos or Arrow of Light badge.

Denner

A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout elected by their peers or appointed by the den leader to help the den chief and den leader during the meeting time.

District

Each Council is divided into a number of districts. Pack 4 is part of the Susquehanna District.

District Executive

A professional Scouter who works under the direction of the council Scout executive and acts as adviser to the volunteer leaders in the district

Handbook

Each level of Scouting has its own Handbook. The Handbook is essential for your Scout, as it spells out and explains the requirements for advancement as well as having a place to record their completion.

Leave NO Trace

Teaches Scouts from Lions to Eagles to enjoy the outdoors responsibly.

LION Program

Lion Cubs are kindergarten age Scouts, who with an adult partner, participate in the Lion den and work toward earning their Lion rank badge.

PACK

All of the Cub Scout dens and their families and leaders make up the pack. Pack's usually meet monthly.

Pa Dutch Council

The Council is an organization of professional Scouters that oversees all Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA troops and Venture Crews.

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Pinewood Derby

A pack activity that involves making a race car out of a wood kit and racing the model cars on a track in March.

Rank Badges

The rank badges for Cub Scouts are: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light.

SCOUT BSA

A Scout is between 11 and 17 years and belongs to a Troop. He or she advances through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. Designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through vigorous outdoor programs and peer group leadership with council from adult leader, especially Scoutmaster.

Scouter

A registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

SCOUTING AMERICA

Scouting America is the new name for Boy Scouts as of 2/8/2025. To prepare young people for lives of impact and purpose.

STEM

Stem stands for Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics. Cub Scouts can earn the NOVA patch STEM is included in many aspects of Scouting program and badges. .

Tiger Cub

Tiger Cubs are first grade boys and girls who, with an adult partner, participate in the Tiger den and work toward completing 7 adventure loops toward earning their Tiger rank badge.

Tiger Partner

The adult partner of a Tiger Cub, usually a family member. Tiger partners accompany their Tiger Cubs to all Scouting events and activities.

Uniform

The uniform is the prescribed clothing for any and all official Cub Scout events and activities, as required by the unit.

Unit

Each individual chartered pack, troop, post, lodge, or crew in the Boy Scouts of America is a unit.

Webelos

Webelos are boy and girls in the 4th grade earning their Webelos rank Webelos means "WE'LL BE LOYAL SCOUTS." Webelos is both the singular and the plural form.

Whittling Chip

A requirement for Bear Scouts to be able to carry a pocketknife when it is allowed by Scout leaders. A Scout earn this adventure loop or pin as an elective requirements vary with rank from Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light.

Wolf Cub

Generally second grade Cub Scouts who are working on adventure loops toward their Wolf badge of rank.