



PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF CUB SCOUTING!

WHERE CHARACTER COUNTS
AND THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

CUB PACK 31
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YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

SCOUTING...AN AID TO PARENTS

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has the same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifetime values into fun, and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.



TIGER CUB PROGRAM

First Grade

I. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub den that:

- A. Has three to eight boy/adult partner teams.
- B. Meets at least twice each month in a den meeting.
- C. Has one outing a month, called a Go See It.
- D. Attends the monthly pack meetings.



II. Each pack has one or more Tiger Cub Den Leaders

- A. This person plans and carries out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den.
- B. Each month, the den leader works with a different boy/adult partner team to plan the two monthly den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting. This is called shared leadership.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Second Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a den that:

- A. Has four to eight boys
- B. Meets once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience
- C. Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent)
- D. Has an assistant leader and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout) and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members) to assist the den leader.
- E. Has games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, periodic field trips, and lots of fun.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a Pack that:

- A. Is made up of one or more dens
- B. Meets once a month... all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to participate
- C. Has meetings led by a Cubmaster
- D. Is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities
- E. Has games, skits, songs, stunts, and ceremonies at meetings, and presentations of badges earned that month.



THE PACK COMMITTEE

Our pack is run by **the Pack Committee**, which:

- A. Is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents.
- B. Meets once a month or more often if needed.
- C. Is led by a committee chair
- D. Plans den and pack meetings around a common theme
- E. Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.



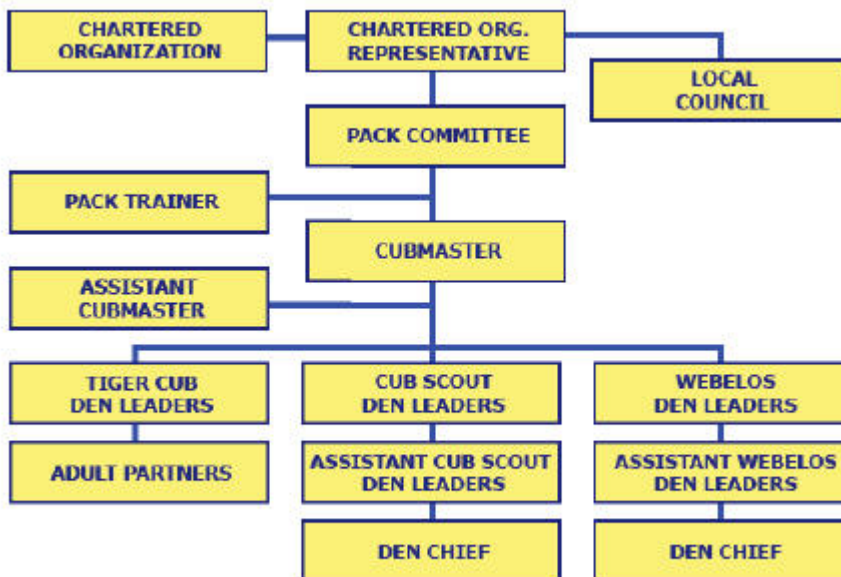
THE CHARTER ORGANIZATION

Our pack is owned by a **Charter Organization** which:

- A. Includes schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, parent organizations, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B. Approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of the charter organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
- C. Selects a charter organization representative to serve as a liaison between our pack and our charter organization.



PACK ORGANIZATION CHART



TIGER CUB – BSA MOTTO

SEARCH, DISCOVER SHARE



Tiger Cubs, BSA is a one-year program for first grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include activities from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

This time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and an opportunity to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub den whom you see at your den and pack meetings.

CUB SCOUT – BSA MOTTO

Do Your Best!

In society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.



Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, god and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

*I _____, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack*

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of 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 done at home with the family.

TIGER CUBS

There are five achievements in Tiger Cubs:

- Making My Family Special
- Where I Live
- Keeping Myself Healthy and Save
- How I Tell It
- Let's Go Outdoors



Each achievement has three parts: a family activity, a den activity, and a Go See It outing. A boy receives totem beads as he completes each part:

- A *white bead* for each required family activity part he completes
- An *orange bead* for each required den activity part he completes
- A *black bead* for each required Go See It part he completes

BOBCAT

All boys, in second through fifth grade 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, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 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.



ARROW POINTS

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.



BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 12 of 24 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 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.



WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).



Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-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.

ARROW OF LIGHT



Cub Scouting's highest award, and the only award a boy can earn in Cub Scouts and wear on his Boy Scout uniform. The culmination of all of his work in Cub Scouts, awarded at a very solemn ceremony which celebrates the transition from a boy to a young man. After earning his Arrow of Light he may join the local Boy Scout Troop.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered race car from a block of wood. All scouts look forward to this annual event.



GOOD TURN

Pack service project to benefit the community, such as a park clean-up, food collection, or tree planting.



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Exciting summertime activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, nature, sports, songs and skits! Weeklong program which is held at local parks and facilities in your area.

An excellent way to introduce youth to the outdoors and teach them new skills. It also helps strengthen the pack's summer program.

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

Join us at Akelaland every summer for a fun filled time at our weeklong summer camp. Program activities include swimming, outdoor cooking, nature, crafts, scouting skills, ecology, shooting sports, hiking, and much more.



DISTRICT EVENTS

Our council is divided into districts (geographical area). Each district conducts activities for Cub Scouts ranging from Sport and Academic Belt Loop days (introduction to different sports and academic activities) to Cub Adventure weekends, camping, etc.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in March. A special program or entertainment is customary.

BOYS' LIFE

A magazine for boys and adults, Boy's Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The price is one half of the regular cover price for registered members.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer Cub Scout leaders are an example of Scouting's 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 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 needs 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 that 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.

Volunteer positions in the pack are held by adults like you, who work directly with the boys and organize the activities in which they participate.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

- **Tiger Cub and Cub Scout Program Helps, along with the Webelos Leader Guide** contain meeting plans for dens and packs and show you how to do crafts and games. All leaders working with Tiger Cubs or Cub Scouts receive the current month's *Program Helps* in *Scouting* magazine.
- Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need and Fast Start training videotapes and view guides designed to help you do your job.



- Monthly roundtable meetings for all adult Cub Scout volunteers are held. Participants receive help with crafts, games, skills, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.

- Your district volunteer crew, called the district committee, performs quality district-wide programs in which youth can participate.

- Your district has another volunteer crew, called the commissioner staff. Individuals on the

staff serve as the sales and service crew. They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to your unit.

Your district has basic leader training available. All leaders need training! The district will also help you with Fast Start training.

There are award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.

Each district is served by a full-time district executive.

Staff members at the local council service center can help you or put you in touch with someone who can help you succeed.

For those connected to the Internet, you might enjoy visiting the National BSA website: www.bsa.scouting.org.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is 31.

My council is the Minsi Trails Council.

My district is the Trexler District.

My charter organization is Old Zionsville UCC.

DEN INFORMATION

My den number is _____

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number is _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

PACK INFORMATION

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____

My pack meets on _____

My pack meets at _____

My unit commissioner's name is _____

NOTES

DO YOUR BEST!