



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Pine Tree Council

WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS

PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



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Scouting's Impact

Welcome to Scouting!

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. But does Scouting really improve a kid's character? According to research conducted at Tufts University, the answer is YES!

The research studied 4,000 kids, some who are in Scouting and some who are not. The findings show that Scouting...

1. Includes sustained, positive adult-youth relations with caring and supportive adults
2. Promotes development of life skills through program activities
3. Provides leadership opportunities

Serving Today's Families through Scouting

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.



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Scouting is a Path to Success

Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to earn a bachelor's degree

(75.6% of Scouting alumni compared to 36.0% national average)



Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to earn an advanced degree

(29.0% of Scouting alumni compared to 13.4% national average)



Scouts are more likely to have higher credit scores

(55.7% of Scouting alumni compared to 39.7% national average)



Scouts are more likely to earn almost **DOUBLE** as an adult

(\$62.5k median income compared to \$33.7k national median)



Scouts are more likely to advance and improve their socio-economic status



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SCOUT'S MOTTO

"BE PREPARED"

THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

Discovery is at the heart of Scouting. Whether it's a campout, derby car race, or hike on the trail, we believe every adventure helps us uncover a little more about ourselves. We build the foundations for humility and compassion—strengthening character through actions—to prepare youth for a lifetime of leadership.



Safety

In Scouting, we will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants.

Our 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.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

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.”



Become Your Best Self

Through fun yet challenging physical and mental activities, Scouting encourages personal growth by teaching youth how to set goals and achieve them with determination.



Diversity

The BSA promotes a culture where youth, volunteers, and employees feel a sense of belonging—where every person feels respected and valued. We welcome families of all backgrounds to help prepare young people to serve as successful members and leaders of our nation’s diverse communities.



Fun for the Whole Family

Scouting is something the whole family can experience together. We designed our program so that anyone—brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers—can have fun and make an impact!

Lion Requirements

Kindergarten

In Cub Scouting's newest program, Lions will experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through engaging and exciting adventures.

1. Complete each of the five required adventures with your den or family

1. Lion's Honor
2. Fun on the Run
3. Animal Kingdom
4. Mountain Lion
5. King of the Jungle

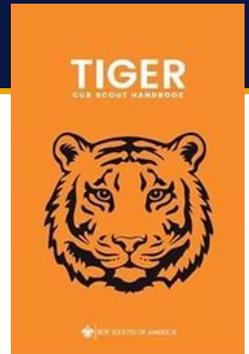


Tiger Requirements

First Grade

1. Complete each of the five required adventures with your den or family

1. Games Tigers Play
2. My Tiger Jungle
3. Team Tiger
4. Tiger Bites
5. Tiger Circles: Duty to God
6. Tigers in the Wild



Tiger Elective Adventures

Curiosity, Intrigue & Magical Mysteries

Family Stories

Rolling Tigers

Tiger-iffic!

Tiger Tales

Floats & Boats

Sky is the Limit

Safe & Smart

Tiger Theater

Earning Your Stripes

Good Knights

Stories in Shapes

Tiger Tag

The Advancement Trail

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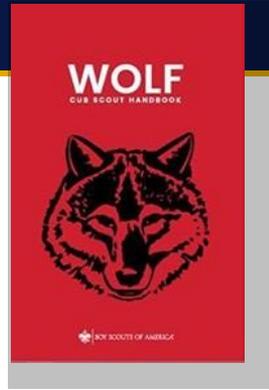


Wolf Requirements

Second Grade

1. Complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family:

1. Call of the Wild
2. Council Fire (Duty to Country)
3. Duty to God Footsteps
4. Howling at the Moon
5. Paws on the Path
6. Running with the Pack



Wolf Elective Adventures

Adventures in Coins
Finding Your Way
Spirit of the Water
Digging in the Past
Paws of Skill

Code of the Wolf
Grow Something
Air of the Wolf
Germs Alive!

Cubs Who Care
Motor Away
Collections and Hobbies
Hometown Heroes

Sample Activities

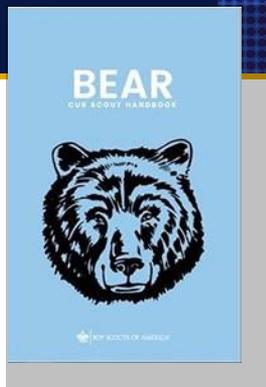
1. While a Wolf Scout, attend a pack or family campout
2. Make a kite using household materials
3. Visit a museum that displays different collections or models
4. Make a terrarium
5. Create a car that moves under its own power

Bear Requirements

Third Grade

1. Complete each of the six required adventures with your den or family:

1. Bear Claws
2. Bear Necessities
3. Fellowship and Duty to God
4. Fur, Feathers and Ferns
5. Baloo the Builder
6. Paws for Action



Bear Elective Adventures

Grin and Bear It

Bear Picnic Basket

Critter Care

Make it Move

Roaring Laughter

Salmon Run

A World of Sound

A Bear Goes Fishing

Beat of the Drum

Forensics

Marble Madness

Robotics

Super Science

Sample Activities

1. While working on your Bear badge, camp overnight with your pack
2. Go on a fishing adventure and spend a minimum of one hour trying to catch a fish
3. Make a dream catcher
4. Visit a sheriff's office or police station in your town
5. Select and build one useful project and one fun project using wood

Webelos and Arrow of Light

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Webelos CORE Adventures

Cast Iron Chef

First Responder

Duty to God & You

Stronger, Faster, Higher

Webelos Walkabout

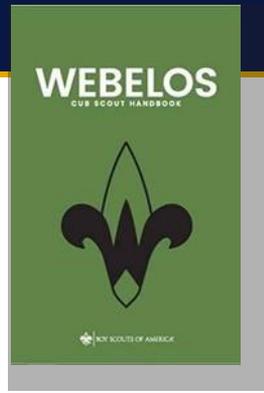
Arrow of Light CORE Adventures

Building a Better World

Duty to God in Action

Outdoorsman

Scouting Adventure



Webelos and Arrow of Light ELECTIVE Adventures

Adventures in Science

Aware & Care

Engineer

Castaway

Fix It

Into the Wild

Into the Woods

Moviemaking

Aquanaut

Build It

Earth Rocks!

Game Design

Project Family

Art Explosion

Build my Own Hero

Maestro!

Sportsman

Looking Back,
Looking Forward

Sample Activities

1. Put together a simple home first-aid kit
2. Meet with a government leader
3. Go on a geocaching adventure with your den or family
4. Build a model solar system
5. With adult supervision, build and launch a model rocket



The Cub Scout Pack



YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK WHICH

- Is made up of one or more dens organized by grade
- Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Cub Scout families are expected to participate:
 - The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
 - The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meetings and activities
 - 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 den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and parents
- The committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- Led by the Committee Chair
- 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

Special Programs



SUMMER CAMP

Cub Day Camp: Our Cub Scout Day Camps are a great way for all cub scouts to experience our camps. Activities include archery, sports, swimming, crafts.

Webelos Resident Camp: A three-day camping experience for fourth and fifth graders at Camp Hinds and Camp Bomazeen. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, and more.

Fun Pack Weekends: Family camping events at Camp Hinds and Camp Bomazeen. Fun Pack weekends can include your family, your den, or your whole pack.

Learn more at <https://www.pinetreebsa.org/camping/>.



ACTIVITIES

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/Scout project to build a racecar made from a block of wood. Scouts will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held at the February pack meeting.

POPCORN SALE

Our annual popcorn sale teaches Scouts a valuable life lesson of earning their own way and helps pay for Scouting expenses.

New Scout Basic Needs



SCOUT LIFE RECOMMENDED

Scout Life Magazine is especially designed for Scouts!



With features such as camping around the world and hiking, hobbies such as model cars and boat building, bicycling, fishing and nature, and articles on current Scouting, sporting and new events, Scout Life has just about everything to offer your child.

Make sure on your application you mark the Scout Life square and put your correct mailing address. In approximately 2 to 3 months, your Scout will receive their first issue. This is one step you can take to make sure your child will receive a full year of great Scouting and a monthly reminder of the fun of Scouting.

HOW TO GET STARTED... BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your Scout may tell you, the first thing they will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to their age. Kindergartners will need a Lion Book, a 1st grader will need a Tiger Book, a 2nd grader will need a Wolf Book, a 3rd grader needs a Bear Book, and 4th and 5th graders will need a Webelos Book. These books contain the basics they will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that rank.



CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents 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.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and our Council Scout Shop is the official distributor of BSA uniforms and equipment.

[Pine Tree Scout Shop](#)

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9:00am – 5:00pm (M-F) | Closed Saturdays and Sundays



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The Cost of Scouting



HOW MUCH IS SCOUTING?

One-Time Joining Fee.....	\$25.00
Scout Life Magazine	\$15.00 a year
Book Lion	\$12.99
Tiger.....	\$12.99
Wolf.....	\$12.99
Bear.....	\$12.99
Webelos & Arrow of Light	\$23.99
Pack Dues	\$

Note - uniforms and Scout Life are not required _____
(but recommended).

Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange program. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New Member Checklist

Cub Scouts:

Lion Tiger Wolf Bear

Webelos:

Webelos Arrow of Light

Pack # _____ Den # _____



UNIFORMS

Lion T-Shirt.....	\$14.99
Cub Scout Shirt.....	\$32.99
Webelos/Scout Shirt	\$39.99
Cub Scout Belt & Buckle	\$14.99
Webelos Belt & Buckle.....	\$19.99
Cub Scout	
Switchback Pants.....	\$32.99
Webelos/Scout	
Switchback Pants.....	\$54.99
Neckerchiefs:	
Lion	\$12.99
Tiger	\$12.99
Wolf	\$12.99
Bear	\$12.99
Webelos	\$12.99
Neckerchief Slides:	\$7.99
Insignia:	
Council Patch	\$4.99
World Crest & World Crest Ring.....	\$4.38
Webelos Colors.....	\$7.99
Unit #'s	\$1.99/each

For online purchases, visit scoutstuff.org

*Prices subject to change.

How Can I Help?



Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your child and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find 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, talents, and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the Scout's accomplishments
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- A chance to help Scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men and women 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 and girls as they grow strong in mind and body
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both youth and adults

Pack Leadership



DEN LEADER(s)

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

CUBMASTER

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

THE PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members perform administrative functions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

SECRETARY/TREASURER

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

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER

Ensures that all leaders of the pack are trained. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

Leader Training



Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for your Scouts.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. This training covers the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It does so by taking you through situations that require choices and produce consequences. This training is available online and in each district throughout the year. In order for an adult to remain a registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Youth Protection Training is required every year.

JOB SPECIFIC TRAINING

Job Specific Training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. This course is presented several times a year in your district, at the council level and online.

To complete training courses and Youth Protection Training online go to my.scouting.org and create an account.

Resources



Thank you for your commitment to becoming a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. We assure you that you are not alone. Please take advantage of the number of resources available to ensure your success as a leader.

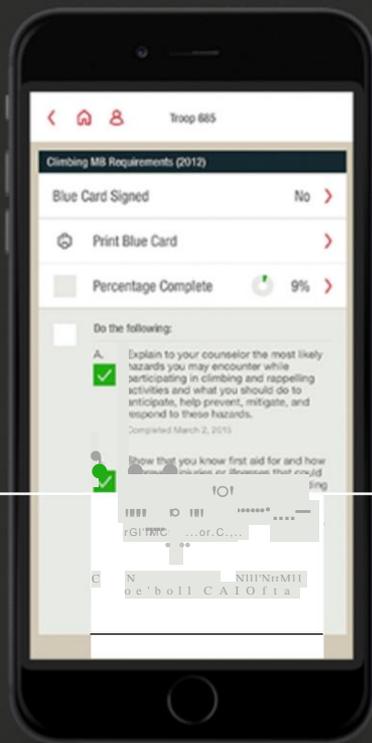
- The staff at Pine Tree Council can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can.
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- Attend Roundtable - A monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which Scouts can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the Commissioner staff. They are your "service team." 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 assist your unit.



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Tracking the Scouting Experience from Tiger to Eagle Scout

From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.



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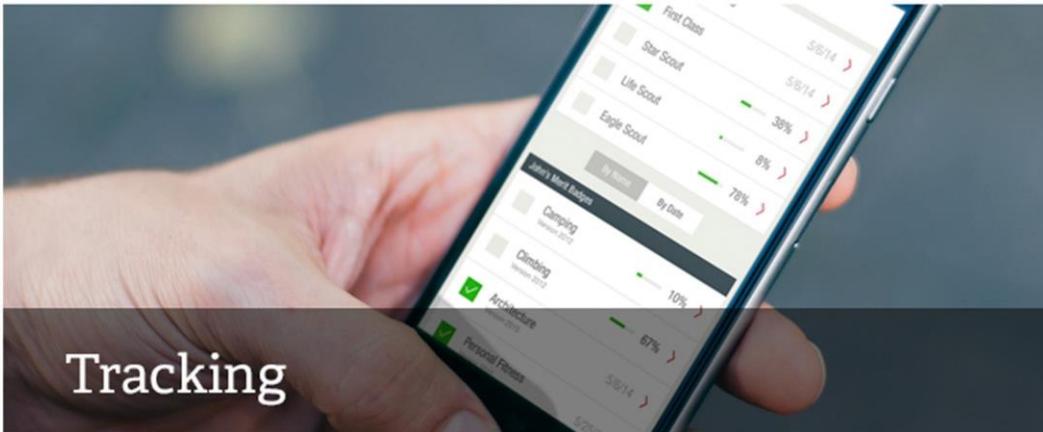
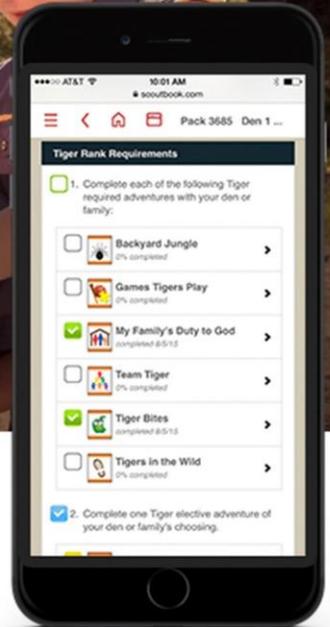
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Enhance Your Scouting Experience - Scoutbook

With ScoutBook, You can begin tracking your Scouts progress from the first knot learned in Tiger, all the way to finalizing his Eagle Scout project.



Tracking

Forget the hassle of trying to upkeep old binders full of logged paperwork. Scoutbook does this for you. Simply input the Scouting task completed and all documentation is automatically saved. Scoutbook can even capture images and videos at the time of completion to be added along with the certificate of completion. The memory of achievement will always be with your family thanks to Scoutbook!