



Parents' Guide to Cub Scouting

Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting!

Tonight, you and your son begin an adventure – an adventure of learning, sharing, and having fun together. This guide will help you make the most of your Scouting experience.

Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose. It's a home and neighborhood centered program for boys in grades one through five. It teaches values and life skills in an environment of fun and adventure.

How Cub Scouting is Organized

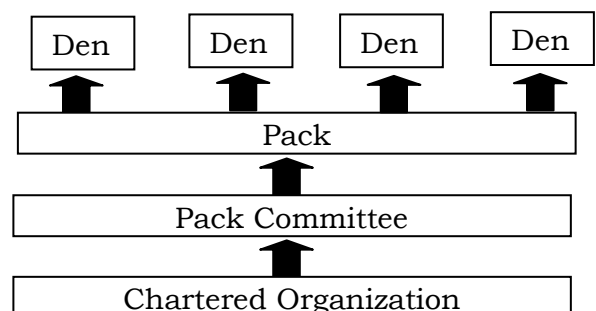
Here's a brief overview of the organization you're joining:

The Den. Your son is a member of a den. A den typically consists of four to eight boys in the same grade. The den usually meets once a week and is led by a parent called a den leader and one or more assistants (also parents). Den meetings consist of games, crafts, stunts, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

The Pack. A pack is made up of several dens. The pack meets once a month under the leadership of the Cubmaster. These pack meetings, which all Cub Scout families attend, let the boys show off the skills they've learned in their den meetings. At the pack meetings, Scouts receive badges and awards they've earned.

The Pack Committee. The pack committee is the "board of directors" of the pack. This group of parents help with activities, manages the pack's money, orders badges and supplies, and takes care of other behind-the-scenes tasks. Led by Pack Committee Chair, who works closely with Cubmaster.

The Chartered Organization. Your pack is "owned and operated" by a local community organization, such as a church, school, or civic organization. This chartered organization provides meeting space, approves adult volunteer leaders, and makes sure the pack follows the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

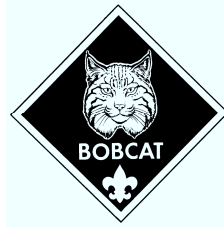


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Wolves and Tigers and Bears...Oh My!

In Cub Scouting, your son is an animal - either a Tiger, Wolf, Bear or that strange creature called a Webelos Scout. Which animal he is depends on what grade he's in.

Bobcat: When all boys join Cub Scouting, they earn the Bobcat badge which teaches them the basics of the program. After receiving the Bobcat badge, boys move on to the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos program, depending on their grade.



Tiger Cubs: Tiger Cubs are first-graders. They work directly with an adult partner (usually a parent) as they "search, discover, and share." To earn their Tiger Badge, the boys will complete 5 achievements, like "Where I Live" and "Let's Go Outdoors."



Wolf: Boys in second grade are Wolf Cub Scouts. To earn their Wolf badge, these boys complete 12 achievements, like "Feats of Skill," "Family Fun," and "Your Flag." Wolf Cub Scouts can also earn arrow points for completing extra projects.



Bear: Third-graders are Bear Cub Scouts. Their program is similar to the Wolf program, although the activities are more advanced.



Webelos: Fourth and fifth-graders are called Webelos. Boys usually work on the Webelos badge in fourth grade and the Arrow of Light (Cub Scouting's highest award) in fifth grade. The Webelos program helps prepare boys to become Boy Scouts at the end of fifth grade. ("Webelos" means "We'll be loyal Scouts.")



In addition to all the badges described above, boys can earn other awards, including belt loops and pins in 28 areas of sports and academics.



Special Activities and Outings

Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to be fun, but the real highlights of the program are activities like Cub Scout Day Camp and the Pinewood Derby. Each pack offers its own calendar of events, but here are some highlights.

Pinewood Derby: You and your son work together to build a miniature gravity-powered racecar. Usually held in the spring.

Blue and Gold Banquet: Often held in place of the February Pack Meeting, this banquet is a special birthday party for Scouting. It may be a seated dinner or a covered-dish supper.

Fun with Son: Two days and one nights of Scouting fun for all Cub Scouts. Held at Camp Sol Mayer near Ft. McKavett in the fall.

Mom and Me: Two days and one nights of Scouting fun for all Cub Scouts. Held at Camp Sol Mayer near Ft. McKavett in the spring.

Family Camp: Two days and one nights of Scouting fun for all Cub Scouts. Held at Camp Sol Mayer near Ft. McKavett in the fall and spring.

Cub Scout Day Camp: A week of outdoor fun for Cub Scouts from your area. Activities include archery, BB guns, nature hikes, sports, crafts, and much more.

AND MUCH MORE!!

Volunteers Make Cub Scouting GO!

Cub Scouting is a family program. With few exceptions, all the leaders in your pack have children in the pack.

So what role should you take? That depends on your abilities and interests. There's a job for everyone in Cub Scouting.

You have some specific jobs as a parent. If your son is a Tiger Cub, you will probably be his adult partner and work with him on all his activities. If your son is a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout, you will work with him on advancement requirements and sign off on his achievements.

But you should plan to do more. Below is a partial list of other jobs you might take on. (By the way, either men or women can fill all these positions.)

Den Leader or Webelos Leader: Leads the weekly den meeting. Coordinates the den's participation in monthly pack meetings. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting and roundtable meetings.

Assistant Den Leader: Assists the den leader and fills in as necessary.

Cubmaster: Helps plan and carry out the pack program. Emcees the monthly pack meeting. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Assistant Cubmaster: Assists Cubmaster and fills in as necessary. Takes responsibility for a specific area of program.

Committee Chair: Chairs monthly committee meeting. Ensures enough parents are recruited to do behind-the-scenes work.

Pack Committee: Meets monthly. Positions include secretary, treasurer, advancement chair, and outings coordinator.

Other Jobs: Throughout the year, parents will be needed to chair one-time events like the Blue and Gold Banquet, Scouting for Food, or a money-earning project.

The Dollars and Cents of Cub Scouting

Compared to other youth programs, Cub Scouting is a bargain. But it's not free. It takes a lot of money to run your son's den and pack.

Expenses include awards and recognition, outings, program materials, equipment, and leader training.

These expenses are generally met in three ways: dues, money-earning projects, and activity fees.

Dues: Most dens charge weekly dues to cover the cost of program materials and supplies. Paying dues teaches boys responsibility and the importance of paying their own way.

Money-Earning Projects: The main source of money for your pack is money-earning projects. The Three Rivers Council provides two of the best: **The Trails End Popcorn Sale in the Fall**. This no-risk fundraiser let boys earn prizes while supporting their pack.

Activity Fees: Programs like Cub Scout Day Camp are designed to be self-supporting, so boys are charged an activity fee. Financial aid is available for some activities.

Financial Assistance: Assistance is available for various activities, programs and registration. See your Cubmaster or School Night Leader for information.

The Concho Valley Council

The Concho Valley Council serves 24 counties in Southwest Texas. The council provides program support, camping facilities, Scout Shop and other support.

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mail and fax orders are gladly accepted.

Complete Cub Scout Uniform

- ◆ Shirt
- ◆ Trousers
- ◆ Belt
- ◆ Cap
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Neckerchief
- ◆ Neckerchief Slide
 - ◆ Council Shoulder Patch
 - ◆ World Crest Emblem
 - ◆ Den Numerals
 - ◆ Unit Numerals

Notes:

Key Pack Information

Please fill in and save this important
information.

Pack # _____ Den # _____

Den Leader: _____

Den Leader #: _____

Den Meeting Time and Place: _____

Cubmaster: _____

Cubmaster #: _____

Pack Meeting Time and Place: _____

www.scoutparents.org has
additional information for parents
about the Scouting program.

To Learn More:

Take the following online introductory
trainings at www.myscouting.org: This is
Scouting, Youth Protection, & Fast Start.

For New Leaders

Position Specific Training Time and Place: _____

Roundtable Time and Place: _____

Leader Meeting Time and Place: _____



BOBCAT TRAIL

(The first award earned by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade boys)

Welcome to Our Pack

Say Hi to my friend Bobcat. He has eight things for you to do.

"Follow my Bobcat trail"

When you have completed all eight tracks *you* can wear my badge.



Learn and say the Cub Scout Promise and complete the Honesty Character Connection.

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*.

Duty to God means: Put *God* first. Do what you know *God* wants you to do.

And my country means: Do what your can for your country. Be proud that you are an *American*.

To help other people means: Do things for others that would *help* them.

Obey the Law of the Pack means: Do what Akela ask you to do. Be *proud* that you are a good **Cub Scout**.

Honesty Character Connection

Know: What a promise is and what does "keep your word mean" and to "do your best mean?"

Commit: Why is it important to keep your word and for people to trust you. When might it be hard to keep your word. List examples.

Practice: Discuss with family members why it important to be trustworthy and how you can do your best to be a good Cub Scout.



Step One
Akela's OK

Say the Law of The Pack. Tell what it means.



The Law of The Pack

The Cub Scout Follows Akela

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The Cub Scout helps the pack grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

The Cub Scout Follows Akela (say AH-KAY-la).

Akela is a good leader. Akela can be your parents or another adult member of your family.

Akela is your Cubmaster, den leader, and your school teacher.

So go to all the meetings and have *lots of fun*.



Step Two
Akela's OK

Tell what Webelos means.

(say WE-buh-lows) this means we'll be *Loyal* scouts.

Being loyal means to keep the Cub Scout Promise.



The Webelos Arrow of Light points the right way to go at all times.



Step Three
Akela's OK

Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
Make the Cub Scout sign with right arm held straight up.
Cub Scout Sign means: Promise to obey and help others.
They look like a wolf's ears; this means you are ready to listen.



Step Four
Akela's OK

Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
Cub Scout handshake means;
that you help and obey Law of the Pack.



Step Five
Akela's OK



Say the Cub Scout motto. A motto is a guiding principle.
Cub Scout Motto: DO YOUR BEST

It means to always **do your best at all the things** you do wherever you are.



Step Six
Akela's OK

Give The Cub Scout salute.

Tell what it means.



Cub Scout Salute: it is a way to show respect. We salute our flag to show respect for our country. Use your right hand and hold your fingers like you do to for the Cub Scout sign. If you have a cap on hold your fingers on the cap, if not hold touch your right eyebrow.



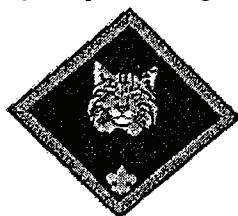
Step Seven
Akela's OK

Child Protection Exercises



With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet *how to protect your children from child abuse*.

Now that you have completed the eight steps you can wear my badge.



Step Eight
Akela's OK
