

Your Son, Scouting, and You

An aid to parents



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 goals in mind for him. Since 1910, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities.

Scouting is fun with a purpose!



Cub Scout Program

Tiger Cub Program (1st grade)

- **Each family is a member of a Tiger Cub Den**
 - Has three to eight families
 - Meets once or twice each month and each family takes turns running the meeting
 - Meetings are based on ideas from the Program Help Guide and the Tiger Cub Handbook
- **Each Pack has a Tiger Cub Leader**
 - This person can be the parent of a Tiger Cub or someone from your Pack

Cub Scout Program (2nd-5th grade)

- **Your boy is a member of a Den**
 - Has four to eight boys
 - Meets once a week regularly scheduled at the Leader's convenience
 - A Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader
- Your boy is a member of a Pack
 - The Pack is made of one or more Dens
 - Meets once a month- all Cub Scouts and parents are expected to attend
 - Pack meeting is led by the Cub Master
 - Pack meeting is the climax of the month's Den meetings and activities
 - Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that boys have earned
- Pack is run by the Pack Committee
 - Made of Den leaders, Pack leaders, and parents
 - Meets once a month
 - Led by a Committee Chairman
 - Committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack funds, orders badges, maintains equipment, trains leaders, and recognizes leaders
- Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization
 - Chartered Organizations include: schools, parent-school organizations, religions organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in helping youth
 - Chartered Organizations approve leadership, help secure a meeting place, keep the Pack within the sponsor' and Boy Scout guidelines and policies
 - Chartered Organizations selected a Chartered Organization Representative (a liaison between your Pack and the sponsor)



The Advancement Plan

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies within the family and not with the Pack. Some advancement requirements are done at Den meeting, but most are done at home with the family.



Bobcat

All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first. It's earned by learning the Cub Scout Promise, the 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.



Tiger

Tiger Cubs 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 things from family camping to preparing for emergencies.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is 8) works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns the badge, a boy may work on electives in different interested until he is old enough to begin working on the next rank. For every 10 elective completed, he earns Arrow Points. A boy may earn as many as he can.



Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is 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 work on the next rank. For every 10 elective completed, he earns Arrow Points. A boy may earn as many as he can.





Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10), he transfers to a Webelos Den. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light award (the highest in Cub Scouting).

A boy starts his Webelos program on June 1st between his third and fourth grade year. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month program. IN February of Webelos 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting. He then begins the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive e graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



Special Programs

Pinewood Derby

Parent and son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weight 5 ounces or less, and it must clear track. Your Pack may hold a race-off.

Scouting for Food

Food drive to benefit local food banks. Part of the nationwide program, "Good Turn for America".

Scout Fair

Yearly event held by the Council that allows each Pack to show off their skills and what they do as a unit. It's a huge event that is held in the Reliant Arena that allows Scouts and their parents to visit a variety of fun-filled booths that show off the skills Scouts are learning.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Birthday party for Cub Scouting that is usually held in February. A ceremony for promoting boys into their next rank and awarding the achievements earned.

Day Camp

Exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camp is 5 days and is for parent and son.



Leadership

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principal of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends. You will have a chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them become better parents. The following are some of the many rewards that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- Fun and fellowship with other families while 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.
- 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 part of the organization. Wearing the Scout uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Training

As a leader within the Scouting organization, a training program is provided to help you with your position. Training sessions are offered in different locations throughout the year. Online training is also available.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

DEN LEADER(S)

Leads the Den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings. Attends the monthly Pack leaders' meeting

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members (see positions below) perform administrative functions for the Pack.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

This can be one or two people. Keeps all records for the Pack including: bank account, financial records, achievements, etc. Attends Pack meetings and Pack committee meetings

CHAIRPERSONS

These volunteer functions oversee special programs and events within the Pack. These can include: Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold banquet, Day Camp, Popcorn sales.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack committee. Leads monthly Pack meetings and attend the Pack leader's meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Presides at all Pack committee meetings; helps recruit adult leaders; attends Pack meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

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



PARENT POSITIONS

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 that you would be willing to work on this year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work.

Please be sure that each parent turns in this sheet tonight.

___ Den Leader or Assistant

___ Pack Committee

___ Pack Song Leader

___ Awards Committee

___ Pinewood Derby Committee

___ Scouting for Food Chair

___ Blue and Gold Banquet

___ Cubmaster or Assistant

___ Popcorn Committee

___ Tiger Cub Leader

___ Pack Sports program

___ Webelos Den Leader or Asst.

___ Telephone Committee

___ Cub Day Camp Coordinator

___ Summer Camp Coordinator

Hobbies – _____

Sports/Interests- _____

Scout's Name- _____

Phone- _____

Email - _____



Important Information

My pack number is –

My Den number is –

My Scouting district is – Tall Timbers

My Council is – Sam Houston Area Council

My Den leader's name is –

My Den leader's phone number is –

My Den meets on –

My Den meets at –

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 –



You're Not Alone

- Our staff at the Sam Houston Area Council (713-659-8111) can help you or get you in touch with someone that can.
- Roundtable, a monthly leaders meeting for all adult volunteers in your district is available on the second Thursday of each month. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at the Den or Pack meeting. Visit talltimbersdistrict.org for the calendar.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which performs quality district wide programs that boys can participate in.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the Commissioner Staff. They are our "service team". They check on the health of your Pack and are a communication link between your Pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to your unit.
- Your district has New Leaders Essentials and Leader Specific Training. All leaders need training. (Can be done online).



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