



CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF
CUB SCOUTING!



Where character counts
and
the adventure begins...

THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU WITH:

- Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
- Recruit boys into Cub Scouting
- Involve parents in the program,

YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

SCOUTING... AN AID TO PARENTS

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



Scouting teaches family values... We know that boys do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

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 twice each month in a den meeting.
- C. Has one outing a month, called a Go See It.
- D. Attends the month pack meetings.

II. Each pack has a Tiger Cub Den Leader

- 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

I. 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 den 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, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and periodic field trips.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First Through Fifth Grade

I. 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 Cubmaster.
- D. Is the climax of the month's den meeting and activities.
- E. Has games, skits, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.

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.

The 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 do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub group whom you see at monthly 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



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.

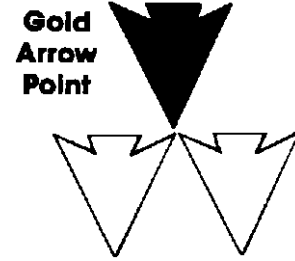


BOBCAT

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.

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.

Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



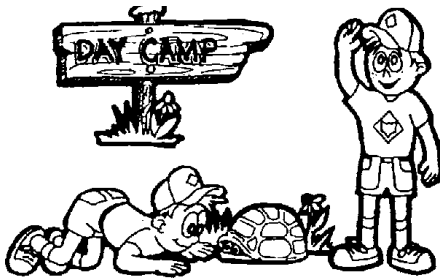
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Be there the night of the big race!

CUB RESIDENT CAMP AT PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION

The adventure includes both the boy and the parent at this camping facility. It is located on the James River right across the river from Jamestown. In fact, Captain John Smith was the first owner of this property according to property records. Here you and your Cub partner can enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, archery, boating, campfires and much more. Download more information from the camping section of the Web site at: tidewaterbsa.com.



DAY CAMP

Exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run five days in a local park.

A magazine for boys and adults. *Boys' Life* has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Subscription is \$12.00 per year for 12 issues.

BOYS' LIFE



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer 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 help 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.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

DEN LEADER(S)

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

CUBMASTER

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

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee (positions listed below) members perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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 meetings and pack committee meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

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

PARENT HELPERS

Function chairman positions to perform "one-shot" program jobs, such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

PACK TRAINER

This person will assist you with your orientation to Cub Scouts and help you sign up for training.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

- ✓ Our staff at the Tidewater Council Scout Service Center can help or get you in touch with someone who can.

General number: 757-497-2688

Fax: 757-473-3305

Web site www.tidewaterbsa.com

- ✓ Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- ✓ Program Helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders
- ✓ Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- ✓ Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee that develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- ✓ 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 communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- ✓ Your district has fast start training videos and leader basic training available. All leaders need training!
- ✓ We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

You can sign up for a free newsletter which we call the "Electronic Knapsack" or "EK" for short. You can get your free copy e-mailed to you by submitting your e-mail address to: tide596bsa@aol.com.

If you can please tell us your unit number, the city you reside in, and if you are a parent or a leader in your unit.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is _____

My den number is _____

My Scouting district is the _____

My council is the Tidewater Council, 1032 Heatherwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Office: 757-497-2688; Fax: 757-473-3305; E-mail: tide596bsa@aol.com

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 _____

YOUR TIDEWATER COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL WEB ADDRESS: tidewaterbsa.com

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?



Registration & Insurance fee:		\$12.00/Year
<i>Boys' Life</i> Magazine		\$12.00/Year
Handbook	• Tiger	\$4.25
	• Wolf & Bear	\$6.95
	• Webelos	\$6.95
Pack Dues		\$ _____

(Some units do fund-raising to decrease the amount of pack dues required. Popcorn is the best. for all units.)

Note: Uniforms and *Boys' Life* are not required (but recommended) to join Scouting.

A price list for new uniform costs is included. 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. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

NEW-MEMBER CHECKLIST

Cub Scouts: _____ Tiger Cub _____ Wolf _____ Bear _____ Webelos

Pack # _____ Den # _____

Uniforms:

Shirt — short sleeve, \$22.95 _____
 Cub Scout belt & buckle, \$8.65 _____
 Webelos buckle, \$3.35 _____
 Tiger Cub T-shirt, \$9.40 _____

Insignia:

Council shoulder patch, \$5.00 _____
 Webelos colors, \$3.55 _____
 Unit numeral, \$.90 each _____
 Den numeral, \$1.40 _____

Neckerchiefs:

Wolf, \$5.10 _____
 Bear, \$5.10 _____
 Webelos, \$5.95 _____
 Tiger \$5.10 _____

Handbooks

Tiger, \$4.25 _____
 Wolf and Bear, \$6.95 _____
 Webelos, \$6.95 _____

Neckerchief Slides:

Cub Scout, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and
 Webelos, \$2.40 _____

PLEASE NOTE-ALL ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE TIDEWATER COUNCIL AND BY SO DOING, YOU ARE SUPPORTING YOUR CUB PACK.

Note: Prices are subject to change.

NOTES

PARENT HELP 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 coming year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work. Please complete and turn in this form tonight.

<p>_____ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Pack Parents' Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Song leader</p> <p>_____ Awards Committee</p> <p>_____ Pinewood Derby Committee</p> <p>_____ Scouting For Food Committee</p> <p>_____ Blue and Gold Banquet</p> <p>_____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster</p> <p>_____ Cub Day Camp Coordinator</p> <p>_____ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator</p>	<p>_____ Pack Trainer</p> <p>_____ Pack Holiday Party Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Sports Program Committee</p> <p>_____ Special Events Committee</p> <p>_____ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader</p> <p>_____ Webelos Camp-out Committee</p> <p>_____ Telephone Committee</p> <p>_____ Pack Popcorn Sale Committee</p> <p>_____</p>
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Hobbies _____

Sports Interests _____

Job _____ Workshift _____

I have a truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station wagon _____ I have a workshop _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____

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TO SERVE THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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*The mission of the Boy Scouts of America
is to prepare young people
to make ethical choices over their lifetimes
by instilling in them
the values of the Scout Oath and Law.*

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.

Scout Law

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