



Welcome to Cub Scouting!

Parents' Guide

Welcome new parents to the wonderful adventure of Cub Scouting. This great program is designed just for you and your family. Many new parents have the same question...What in the world is Cub Scouts? This short parents guide will answer that very question.

Enjoy!!!

Cub Scout Promise

I, (say your name), 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 Cub Scout Adventure Begins!



THE GREAT SAUK TRAIL COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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Welcome to Cub Scouting, the first part of the Boy Scouts of America's family of programs for boys and young men and women. The Cub Scouting program combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both physical and mental fitness in young boys.

Additionally, Cub Scouting provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, a boy learns ideals like honesty, bravery, thrift, and respect. These values help boys make

constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop.

Safe Havens. Cub Scouts are organized into small units called **dens**, neighborhood based groups of boys who are in the same grade.

Dens are supervised by volunteer Den Leaders (men and women who help the boys pursue age-appropriate

activities). A den is where many young boys first learn about the requirements of leadership and the give-and-take associated with teamwork.

Once a month, several Dens meet for a **Pack Meeting** (a highlight for the Cub Scout's entire family). Parents see their boys interact with their friends, meet other parents from surrounding areas, and share in their sons' successes and achievements.

The Den and Pack are the first leg of the Scouting Trail. Enjoy the adventure Cub Scouting has to offer your family!



Where does my son start?

First Grade	Tiger Cub
Second Grade.....	Wolf Cub Scout
Third Grade.....	Bear Cub Scout
Fourth Grade.....	Webelos Scout
Fifth Grade.....	Webelos Scout
Sixth-Twelfth Grade	Boy Scout

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Tiger Cubs: The First Grade Scouting Program



The Tiger Cub Motto:

**Search,
Discover,
Share.**

The Tiger Cub program revolves around a monthly theme. The monthly theme supplements the activities in the Tiger Cub Handbook.

Each month's program is made up of 4 parts. The first part is a list of **family activity** suggestions that are done at home prior to the group meeting. The second part is the **Den activity** where boys and their adult

Each First-Grade boy that joins the Cub Scouts needs to join with an Adult Partner. This is usually a parent of the boy, but may be another relative or guardian.

Although there is a Den Leader for each Tiger Cub Den, the responsibility for conducting the Den program is shared by *all* the Adult Partners.

Each Adult Partner takes a turn at leading one of the monthly themes. After the entire group has had a chance at conducting a month, the process begins again.

The Tiger Den Leaders

partners participate together. The third part is a Go-See-It trip to a location selected by the Den.

The final part of the month's program is participation in the monthly Cub Scout Pack meeting.

Here is an example: The monthly theme is "All Aboard!"

At the Den meetings the den makes puppets and practices a puppet skit for the

Pack meeting. For the Go-See-It trip, the Den tours the train station. Finally, the den attends the Pack meeting, the boys are awarded an achievement, and perform their skit.

While the monthly themes fit in with the Pack schedule, your Den can create it's own theme or activity.

Shared Leadership

receive support and coaching from the Cubmaster and Pack Committee.

The role of the Tiger Den Leader is to explain the program and coordinate the shared leadership. The first step is to share basic

information with each other, like names (son's name) and phone numbers. Don't forget e-mail addresses too.

It's a good idea to ask the Den which nights/days are bad times to meet. Get a consensus on when the best meeting times are.

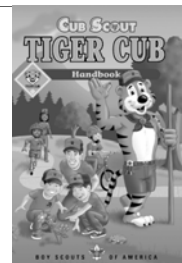
It's also important that all the Adult Partners understand their role in the success of the Den. Everyone does their part.

The Tiger Den Leader maintains regular contact with the Cub Scout Pack leadership in order to keep the Den active in Pack activities.



Getting Started

Patches	Uniform	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Sauk Trail Patch \$3.25 Unit Number (per number) \$.90 Den Number \$1.40 World Crest \$1.50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short Sleeve Shirt \$22.95 Long Sleeve Shirt \$26.95 Hat \$11.80 Belt \$6.30 Neckerchief \$5.10 Neckerchief Slide \$2.40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiger Cub Handbook \$4.29



Items available at the locations listed on page 11.



Wolf Cub Scouts: Second Grade Boys



A boy's first step after registering as a Cub Scout, regardless of his age, is to pass the Bobcat requirements:

- Learn & give the Cub Scout Promise.
- Repeat and explain the Law of the Pack.
- Explain the meaning of the term Webelos.
- Give and explain the Cub Scout sign and handshake.
- Give and explain the Cub Scout motto and salute.
- Read and do the activities in How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide.

The Wolf Cub Scout program revolves around a monthly theme. The monthly theme supplements the activities in the Wolf Cub Scout Handbook.

Each month's program is made up of 5 parts. The first four parts are the **Den Meetings** where the boys work with two or three parents who are the Den Leader and Assistant Den Leaders. Some Dens also have a Den Chief from a local Boy Scout Troop.

The meeting can take place at the Den Leader's home or at the facility provided by the institution that sponsors your Pack. They typically meet once a

Wolf Cub Scout Dens are led by a volunteer Den Leader, with help from Assistant Den Leaders and possibly a Den Chief from a local Boy Scout Troop.

The Den Leader, with support and coaching from the Cubmaster and Pack Committee, plans the

week for one hour.

At the Den meeting boys play games, learn new skills, make crafts, prepare for upcoming events, and do activities towards advancement. Activities include: leading a flag ceremony, practicing good hygiene, using wood tools, learning bike safety, and planning family outings.

Wolf Cubs wear the blue Cub Scout uniform with the yellow neckerchief and hat.

The Wolf Den makes sure everyone feels like a part of the group. Even the shyest of boys feels at ease and opens up in the comfort of the den setting. Most

importantly, no one sits out on the sidelines or plays for only one inning. Every boy is a winner in Cub Scouting, and every boy will feel a sense of accomplishment for the things he does.

The final part of the month's program is participation in the monthly **Cub Scout Pack meeting**. The Wolf Cub Scouts have been preparing skits, songs, or a presentation to show the pack related to the monthly theme. The Cub Scouts will also be awarded for any ranks or achievements they have earned, and activities they have participated in.

Adult Leadership

monthly program for the Den following the themes and agendas in the *Cub Scout Program Helps*.

All parents have a role in the Den, either providing refreshments or transportation, working on a specific project or activity, or attending Den and Pack meet-

ings. **Without parent involvement, there can be no Cub Scouting.**

For more information on being a Den Leader, see the Leadership Position Description on page 8.

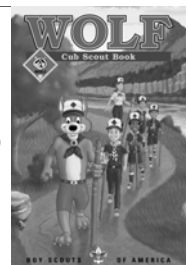


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• Den Number	\$1.40
• World Crest	\$1.50

Uniform	
• Short Sleeve Shirt	\$22.95
• Long Sleeve Shirt	\$26.95
• Hat	\$11.80
• Belt	\$6.30
• Neckerchief	\$5.10
• Neckerchief Slide	\$2.40

Books	
• Wolf Cub Scout Handbook	\$6.99



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Wolf Cub Scouts Become Bear Cub Scouts

The 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 Cub Scout Motto:

Do Your Best

The Law Of The Pack:

A Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives good will.

The Bear Cub Scout program revolves around a monthly theme. This program is very similar to the Wolf Cub program yet there is twice as much to do. Bear Cub Scouts work out of the Bear Cub Scout Book with new achievements like: recycling, home safety, cooking, thrifty use of money, sports, games, swimming, magic, and crafts.

Bear Den meetings are very similar to a Wolf Cub Scout Den meeting. The meeting can take place at the Den Leader's home or at the facility provided by the

Bear Cub Scout Dens are led by a volunteer Den Leader, with help from Assistant Den Leaders and possibly a Den Chief from a local Boy Scout Troop.

The Den Leader, with support and coaching from the Cubmaster and Pack Committee, plans the monthly program for the Den following the themes

institution that sponsors your Pack. They typically meet once a week for one hour.

At the Den meeting boys play games, learn new skills, make crafts, prepare for upcoming events, and do activities towards advancement. Activities include: leading a flag ceremony, practicing good hygiene, using wood tools, learning bike safety, and planning family outings.

Bear Cubs wear the same blue uniform that Wolf Cubs use except they wear a blue neckerchief and hat.

The final part of the month's program is

Adult Leadership

and agendas in the *Cub Scout Program Helps*.

All parents have a role in the Den, either providing refreshments or transportation, working on a specific project or activity, or attending Den and Pack meetings. **Without parent involvement, there can be no Cub Scouting.**

For more information on

participation in the monthly **Cub Scout Pack meeting**. The Bear Cub Scouts have been preparing skits, songs, or a presentation to show the Pack related to the monthly theme. The Cub Scouts will also be awarded for any ranks or achievements they have earned, and activities they have participated in.

Of course every Cub Scout strives to realize his full potential by following the Cub Scout motto: Do Your Best. No matter the skill or activity, the Cub Scout motto encourages young boys to set lofty goals and to achieve them.

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The Cub Scout becomes a Webelos

The 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.

The Boy Scout Motto:

Be Prepared

The Scout Law:

A Scout is:
Trustworthy,
Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous, Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave,
Clean, and
Reverent.

Fourth and Fifth Grade boys become Webelos Scouts. Webelos is an acronym for “**We’ll be loyal Scouts.**” This 18 month program will have these boys pursuing activity badges in outdoor skills, academic achievement, technology, sports, community involvement, and many more as detailed in the Webelos Scout Book. While working on these badges, they will be on their way to the highest award in Cub Scouting, the **Arrow of Light.**

The Webelos Den Meetings are geared toward meeting the changing needs of

Webelos Scout Dens are led by a volunteer Webelos Den Leader, with help from Assistant Den Leaders and possibly a Den Chief from a local Boy Scout Troop.

The Webelos Den Leader, with support and coaching from the Cubmaster and Pack Committee, plans the monthly program for the

older boys. Webelos Scouts spend more time on learning skills like using computers, understanding their role as a citizen, studying animals and insects, swimming, and first aid. The Webelos Den will also go camping and meet with Boy Scout Troops to learn what being a Boy Scout is all about.

The Webelos Scouts wear either the blue uniform

or the green and tan Boy Scout uniform with a plaid neckerchief and hat.

Webelos Scouts spend their time preparing themselves to become Boy Scouts and join a Boy Scout Troop. It is a program that emphasizes the transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, and it helps each boy reach their fullest potential.



Adult Leadership

Den following the themes and agendas in the *Cub Scout Program Helps*.

All parents have a role in the Den, either providing refreshments or transportation, working on a specific project or activity, or attending Den and Pack meetings. **Without parent involvement, there can be no Cub Scouting.**

For more information on being a Den Leader, see the Leadership Position



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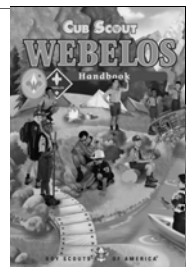
- Great Sauk Trail Patch \$3.25
- Unit Number \$0.90
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- World Crest \$1.50

Uniform

- Short Sleeve Shirt \$24.25
- Long Sleeve Shirt \$30.40
- Hat \$11.80
- Belt \$6.30
- Neckerchief \$6.25
- Neckerchief Slide \$2.40

Books

- Webelos Scout Handbook \$6.99



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What is Leadership?

In Cub Scouting, leadership is working with boys and their families, improving the life of your community by enriching the lives of the families who live in it. You will be helping boys respect their homes and families, and you will be helping families understand their boys by doing things with them. Few organizations in history have had the universal impact on the family that can be claimed by Scouting. And as a leader, you are an important part of that impact today.

The purpose of Scouting is to help young people grow to be responsible, resourceful members of their communities, their country and the world. As a leader, you help them achieve that goal.

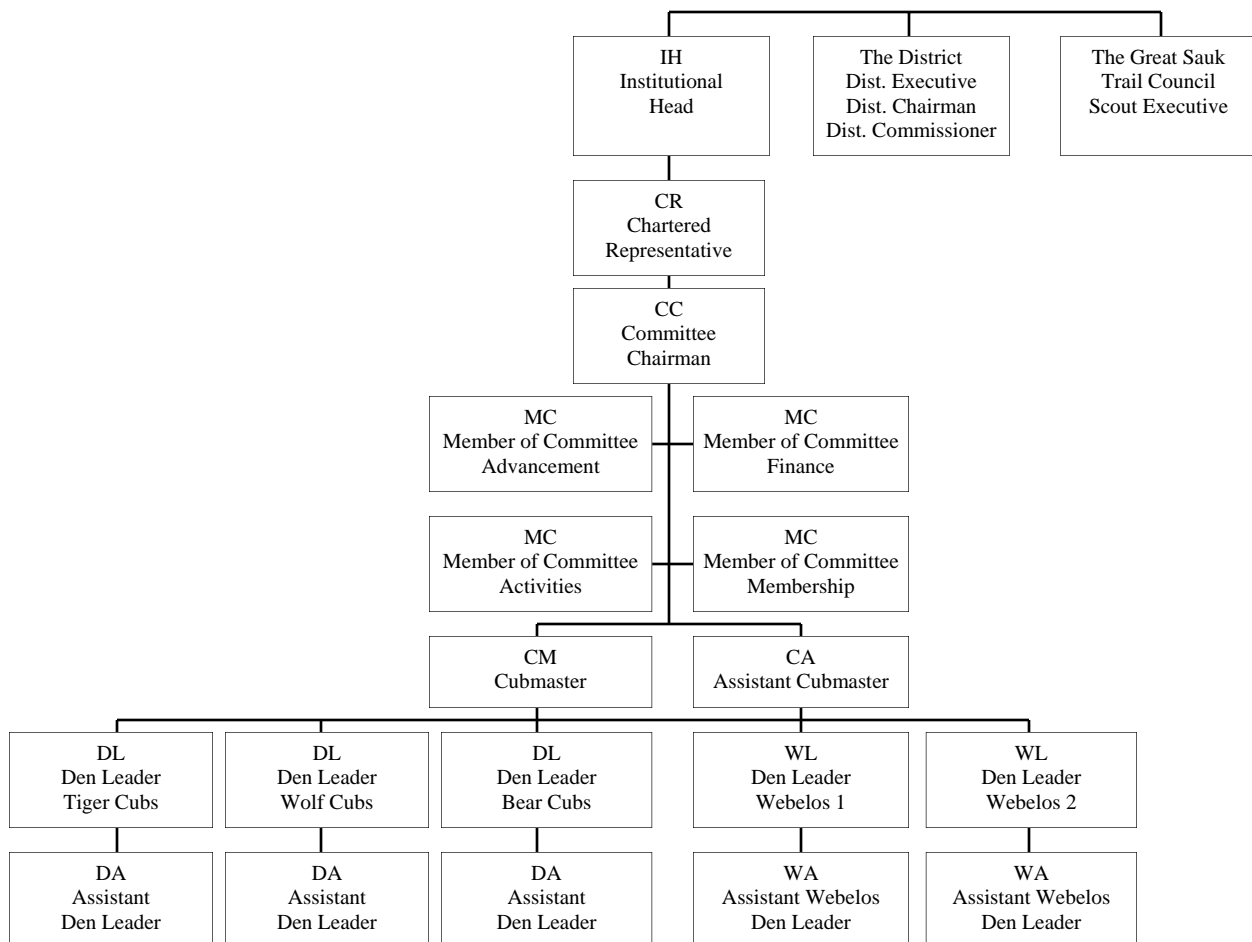
Like everything else of a volunteer nature, being a Cub Scout leader is not just an hour a week at a den meeting or an hour a month at a pack meeting.

A good rule of thumb is an hour's preparation time for an hour's program. Add to this the time needed for planning meetings, monthly roundtables and training courses.

In the long run, the amount of time you invest in Cub Scouting will depend on your enthusiasm, dedication, and personal involvement. Usually the more time spent, the better program the boys receive.



Pack Organization



Pack Leadership Position Descriptions



Cubmaster

A Cubmaster oversees all Pack level activities and coordinates the efforts of the adult leaders in charge of each Den. Though he or she works mainly with adults, a Cubmaster is ultimately in charge of the youth program.

- Conduct a program planning session to include monthly pack meetings and pack activities for one year.
- Coordinate the existing pack leadership, parents of boys, and outside assets to staff your pack program.



Den Leader

A Den Leader works directly with the boys. He or she will conduct a weekly meeting for their den (a group of 6-8 boys in the same age group). A den meeting is typically a 1—1½ hour meeting.

- Conduct a weekly den meeting
- Coordinate the efforts of Assistant Den Leaders and parents to support your den program.
- Plan out your den program and organize your materials to support the monthly pack theme prior to your meeting.



Webelos Den Leader

A Webelos Den Leader works directly with the boys. He or she will conduct a weekly meeting for their den (a group of 6-8 boys in the same age group). A den meeting is typically a 1—1½ hour meeting.

- Conduct a weekly den meeting
- Coordinate the efforts of Assistant Den Leaders and parents to support your den program.
- Plan out your den program and organize your materials to support the monthly pack theme prior to your meeting.





Committee Chairman

A Committee Chairman oversees the pack committee that supports the pack program. He or she is also responsible for recruiting or dismissing pack leadership. The Committee Chairman governs the unit.

- Recruit for and fill all vacant leadership positions in the pack.
- Conduct a monthly committee meeting to coordinate pack assets to help the Cubmaster and Den Leaders. (Advancement, Finance, Activities, Membership).
- Ensure that the pack program meets the aims and methods of the BSA, and that all activities follow our safety guidelines.

- Oversee the financial needs of the pack through a Treasurer and Fundraising Chairman, and support the Council FOS effort.
- Oversee the recognition of youth through a Pack Advancement Chairman.
- Attend a one day training course.

Time commitment: 3 two hour meetings per month one of which you will need to spend time preparing for; a one day training course; a fair amount of phone time.

Member of Committee

A Member of the Pack Committee serves to assist with a specific function on the committee. Some of these are: Advancement, Treasurer, Fundraising, Activities, and Membership.



- Attend the Pack meeting and the monthly committee meeting.
- Assist the Cubmaster and Den Leaders through your assigned function:
 - Advancement**—Gather advancement records from Den Leaders monthly. Complete an Advancement report and turn it in to the store when you purchase the awards. Work with the Cubmaster on ceremonies to honor the boys when they receive their awards.
 - Treasurer**—Maintain the pack checkbook and provide a balance statement at each pack committee meeting. Be available to issue checks to the Cubmaster or Den Leaders.

Fundraiser—Coordinate all fundraising projects and the Popcorn Sale. Provide instructions and materials at Den and Pack meetings. Oversee the product distribution and the money collection. Assist with the prize distribution to top sales leaders.

Activities—Assist the Cubmaster by coordinating all off site activities and trips. Provide advance information on all such events to all parents in the pack (a newsletter is a good format). Collect fees, forms, and permission slips from participants. File the necessary BSA Tour Permits with the office. If patches or recognitions were earned, distribute them at the pack meeting.

Membership—Maintain accurate records of all youth and leaders who are in the pack. Make sure that everyone is properly registered with the Boy Scouts. Conduct recruitment efforts to add new boys. Assist with the re-charter process.

Camping and outdoor activities fulfill a Cub Scout's dreams of fun, excitement, and adventure. They provide a natural setting for quality time with family and friends. Modern Council camps, with qualified leadership, provide an ideal setting for these activities.

It is important that early camping experiences be successful ones if we want boys to continue to have a desire to camp as they progress through Scouting. Proper equipment (bought, rented, or borrowed), age-appropriate activities, and careful planning are essential.

Day and Resident Camping

"The camp that comes to the boy," **day camp** is an accredited, organized, three day program for Tiger cubs, Cub scouts, and Webelos scouts under certified leadership at an approved site, and is usually held during daylight or early evening hours, but not overnight. Den members are supervised by den and pack leaders.

Resident Camping is an organized, accredited overnight camping program covering at least two nights.

It is conducted under certified leadership in an established Scout camp operated by the council during the normal camping season. Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and parents participate with den and pack leaders in a



theme-related outdoor program.

Resident Camping includes these program areas:

- Showmanship
- Craftsmanship
- Fitness
- Nature
- Sportsmanship
- Waterfront
- Camp Skills

Look for Resident Camp and Day Camp Information at the upcoming Pack meetings. Or on the web at: www.gstcbsa.org click on the Cub Scout Camping Link.

Webelos Den Overnight Camping

Webelos Scout-and-parent overnights introduce the boy and his parent to the camping program, under the leadership of the Webelos Den Leader. In most cases

the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of his father or mother.

Joint Webelos den-troop campouts are encouraged for dens of fifth-grade Webelos

Scouts with their parents to strengthen ties between the pack and troop. Webelos dens are encouraged to have several overnights a year.

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Your Pack Information

On this page is space to write down some of the critical information you will receive at tonight's Roundup.

Our Pack number (#) is: _____

The Cubmaster is (name)_____ (phone)_____

Our first Pack meeting is: (location)_____

(Date and time)_____

Our Den number (#) is: _____

Our Den Leader(s) is/are (name)_____ (phone)_____

(name)_____ (phone)_____

Our first Den meeting is: (location)_____

(Date and time)_____

Other Notes:
