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ADVENTURES IN CUB SCOUTING

A guidebook for parents/guardians

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WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING?

All Scouts learn these words, but more importantly, they understand what they mean. Cub Scouts come to understand the value of making these Scouting ideals part of their everyday lives.

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.

Cub Scout Motto

Do your best

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Be conservation-minded.

MISSION OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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.

OUR VISION

Longhorn Council provides outstanding opportunities to today's youth from all backgrounds and communities. We are guided by Scouting's core values as expressed in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Our motivated, energetic and experienced leadership is dedicated to delivering our programs and services, utilizing all of our resources and the latest technologies to best serve our stakeholders. We are committed to remaining financially sound and to serve as trustworthy stewards of the assets entrusted to us.

But most of all, youth members and their families, come to us for a great time and for adventures that will be cherished for a lifetime.



YOUR SON, SCOUTING, AND YOU

Most parents want their son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for boys.

Scouting develops strong values in each boy. Scouting honors the home, school, and religious organizations as the origins of our youths' values. Scouting's goal is to nurture and extend these values by emphasizing the Scout Oath and Law.



Scouting teaches a variety of academic skills, about career-awareness, leadership, first aid, swimming, outdoor skills, hiking, camping, and many other skills—life skills they will take with them into adulthood. With skills ranging from knot tying to computer-based research, Cub Scouting activities help boys realize their own potential for learning and mastering of new skills. This builds both pride and the confidence to handle challenges that cross their paths as they grow and develop. Our ultimate goal is to mold boys into young men who are competent to handle the tough questions.



While every skill Scouting teaches is important, the self-confidence, fun, and sense of accomplishment boys get from skill-building activities are equally important. Each Scouting activity has the basic goal of building character. *Scouting is where legends are made.*

DID YOU KNOW?

...that men who were Scouts 5 or more years as boys, are:

- **4%** more likely to graduate from high school
- **16%** more likely to graduate from college
- Earn **\$19,000** higher annual household incomes
- **9%** more likely to highly value family relationships
- **15%** more likely to have lifelong friendships
- **10%** more likely to attend religious services
- **9%** more likely to believe helping others should come before one's own self-interest

...for every 100 boys who join Scouting:

- **12** will have their first contact with a religious organization
- **5** will earn their religious emblem award
- **1** will enter the clergy
- **18** will develop hobbies that will last throughout their adult life
- **8** will enter a career that was learned through activity badges
- **1** will use his Scout skills to save a life
- will use his Scout skills to save his own life
- **17** will become Scouting volunteers
- **4** will become Eagle Scouts

Scouting Alumni Include:

- **28%** of Air Force Academy graduates
- **36%** of West Point graduates
- **70%** of Annapolis graduates
- **72%** of Rhodes Scholars
- **85%** of FBI agents
- **89%** of Senior Class Presidents
- **58%** of all Astronauts
- **52%** of Congressional Members
- **8** United States Presidents



PACK ORGANIZATION & KEY TERMS

- Your son is a member of a **Den** – a group of boys your son's age/grade
- The **Pack** is made up of one or more **Dens**
- The **Pack** meets once a month at the **Pack Meeting** (All families are expected to participate)
- **Pack Meetings** are a time for boys to be recognized for their accomplishments during the month, to perform skits and songs they have learned in den meetings, and to have fun with the entire family
- The **Pack** is led by the **Cubmaster** and **Assistant Cubmaster(s)**
- The **Pack Committee**, which is led by the **Committee Chairperson**, supported by a **Treasurer**, are

parents who serve as committee members and assist in planning, organizing and executing the **Pack** program, as well as keeping records and managing **Pack** funds

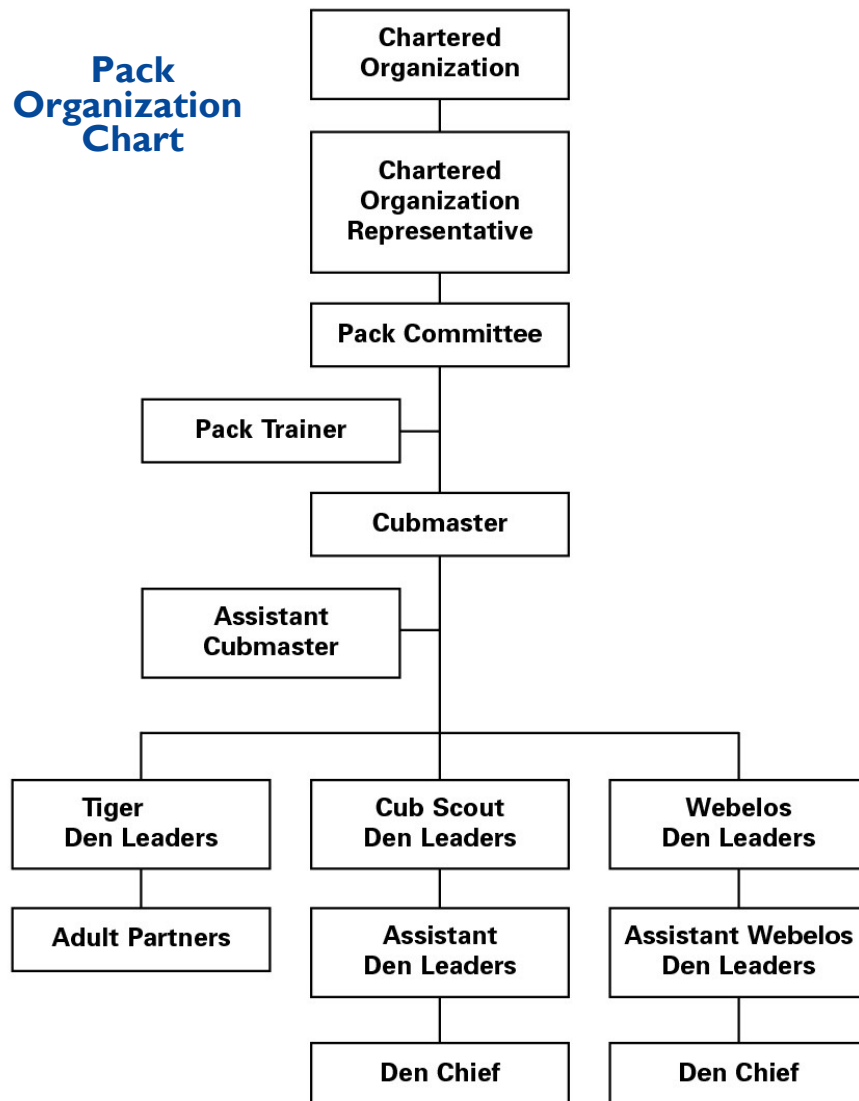
- The **Committee** usually meets monthly to plan for upcoming activities and events

- The **Pack** is sponsored by a **Chartered Organization**, (such as religious institutions, schools, parent-teacher organizations interested in youth, etc.)

- **Chartered Organizations** approve leadership, help secure a meeting place, oversee the implementation of BSA and organization policies, etc.

- Chartered organizations select a **Chartered Organization Representative** to serve as a liaison between your **Pack** and the organization

Pack Organization Chart



PACK ACTIVITIES

Most packs conduct a well-planned and organized annual program. You will receive a specific calendar of events for your pack, which may include several of the following:



Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is an annual parent/son project where you can design and build a racecar from a block of wood. Cub Scouts learn the valuable lesson of sportsmanship while racing their cars on a gravity track with their fellow Cub Scouts. They can receive prizes for speed, design, originality, etc.



Blue & Gold Banquet

Celebrate the anniversary of Scouting in February with your pack with dinner, entertainment, and special ceremonies. Most packs encourage Scouts to complete the requirements for their rank so that they can be presented during the Blue and Gold Banquet.



Service to Others

Your pack may participate in the Scouting for Food program; a national service project to collect canned food that is then distributed to the needy in your community. Or perhaps they will Adopt-A-School and do service to their local elementary school. Yet others do service to their local religious institution, chartered organization, or a variety of other worthy causes. Cheerful service to others is an important component of your pack's annual program.

Field Trips & Other Activities

Your pack will participate in local field trips and activities like Scout Days with sport teams, overnights at the Liberty Science Center, local zoos, museums, historical places, and many, many more.



CAMPING AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Camping and outdoor activities fulfill a Cub Scout's dream of fun, excitement, and adventure. They provide a natural setting for quality time with family and friends. Camping satisfies young men's curiosity about the pioneering way of life in America. Longhorn Council sponsors camps with certified leadership and ideal settings for activities such as swimming, archery, BB guns, boating, nature, ecology, crafts, and games. Several opportunities are waiting for your son and your family.

Pack and Den Camping

Many units organize and run their own outdoor and camping experiences. See your pack leaders for specific details on these events.



Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp runs Monday through Friday, during the summer months. A full, detailed schedule of dates, times, and cost is emailed to all Cub Scout Packs about six months before camp begins. Day Camp is offered for Cub Scouts going into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade, and is full of challenging and fun activities.

Cub Scout / Webelos Resident Camp

Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Runaway Bay and Camp Tahuaya, located near Waco, are the settings for the Cub Scouts (Boys going into 1st-3rd grade) and Webelos (boys going into 4th and 5th grade) overnight camping experience. The Webelos program provides a natural bridge from Cub Scouting to many of the activities in Boy Scouting. The boys sleep in tents and spend their days pursuing outdoor skills combined with many fun activities. Nights are spent around the campfire with songs and skits.



Cub Family Camping

Longhorn Council offers special weekends for family fun at one of our camps. See your Cubmaster or contact your district executive for specific details on these events.



WHAT DO CUB SCOUTS DO?

The Advancement Plan

The Cub Scout advancement plan is designed to be age relevant and grade specific. The responsibility for 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 completed at home with the family.

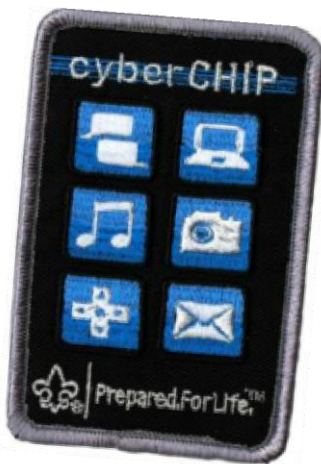


IT ALL STARTS WITH... the BOBCAT – All Scouts

No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can advance to the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos. A boy must complete the Bobcat requirements, which include:

1. Learn the Scout Oath, with help if needed
2. Learn the Scout Law, with help if needed
3. Make the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
5. Say the Cub Scout motto: "Do Your Best!"
6. Give the Cub Scout Salute. Tell what it means.
7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse."

While completing the requirements for Bobcat, Cub Scouts can also simultaneously work on requirements based on their grade level as shown below.



The cyberCHIP Award

Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America teamed up with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to create this fun and engaging program about being safe and about online 'netiquette.'

Boys are required to earn the cyberCHIP Award every year as they learn age-appropriate internet safety. The first time they earn the award they will receive the cyberCHIP patch. In each subsequent year, they will receive a "Recharged" pin to wear on the patch. The cyberCHIP Award is a requirement for each rank badge after earning the Bobcat.





RANK ADVANCEMENT – Tiger, Wolf, & Bear (Grades 1 – 3)

At each grade level, boys work closely with their adult partner to accomplish adventures in their handbook. Recognition is immediate – adventure loops are presented and worn on the Cub Scout belt to show their progress. After completing six required and one elective adventures, the Cub Scout has earned the rank badge for that grade (Tiger, Wolf, or Bear). Boys can also work on additional elective adventures and many other optional Cub Scout awards programs. Please see specific details on each rank below.



TIGER – First Grade Boys

Boys in first grade are part of the Tiger program. Below is a list of the six required adventures they must complete. In addition, there are thirteen elective adventures to choose from. They must complete at least one elective in order to earn their rank badge. However, boys can work on additional elective adventures to earn additional loops.

REQUIRED TIGER ADVENTURES

1. Backyard Jungle
2. Games Tigers Play
3. My Family's Duty to God
4. Team Tiger
5. Tiger Bites
6. Tiger in the Wild

ELECTIVE TIGER ADVENTURES

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| 1. Curiosity, Intrigue, & Magical Mysteries | 7. Sky is the Limit |
| 2. Earning Your Stripes | 8. Stories in Shapes |
| 3. Family Stories | 9. Tiger-iffic! |
| 4. Floats & Boats | 10. Tiger: Safe & Smart |
| 5. Good Knights | 11. Tiger Tag |
| 6. Rolling Tigers | 12. Tiger Tales |
| | 13. Tiger Theater |





WOLF – Second Grade Boys

Boys in second grade are part of the Wolf program. Below is a list of the six required adventures they must complete. In addition, there are thirteen elective adventures to choose from. They must complete at least one elective in order to earn their rank badge. However, boys can work on additional elective adventures to earn additional loops.

REQUIRED WOLF ADVENTURES

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

ELECTIVE WOLF ADVENTURES

1. Adventures in Coins
2. Air of the Wolf
3. Code of the Wolf
4. Collections and Hobbies
5. Cubs Who Care
6. Digging in the Past
7. Finding Your Way
8. Germs Alive!
9. Grow Something
10. Hometown Heroes
11. Motor Away
12. Paws of Skill
13. Spirit of the Water



BEAR – Third Grade Boys

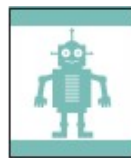
Boys in third grade are part of the Bear program. Below is a list of the six required adventures they must complete. In addition, there are thirteen elective adventures to choose from. They must complete at least one elective in order to earn their rank badge. However, boys can work on additional elective adventures to earn additional loops.

REQUIRED BEAR ADVENTURES

1. Bear Claws
2. Bear Necessities
3. Fellowship & Duty to God
4. Fur, Feathers, & Ferns
5. Grin & Bear It
6. Paws for Action

ELECTIVE BEAR ADVENTURES

1. Baloo the Builder
2. A Bear Goes Fishing
3. Bear Picnic Basket
4. Beat of the Drum
5. Critter Care
6. Forensics
7. Make It Move
8. Marble Madness
9. Roaring Laughter
10. Robotics
11. Salmon Run
12. Super Science
13. A World of Sound





WEBELOS SCOUTS – Fourth and Fifth Grade Boys

Boys in the fourth grade are part of the Webelos den that pursues the Webelos badge (shown left), while boys in the fifth grade pursue the Arrow of Light (shown below). There are five required and three elective adventures to earn the Webelos badge. There are four required and three elective adventures to earn the Arrow of Light. The boys in fourth and fifth grade have a common set of eighteen elective adventures from which to choose. Boys will receive a pin for each completed adventure that will be worn on the Webelos colors on the right arm.

THE ARROW OF LIGHT

The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting! 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.



REQUIRED WEBELOS BADGE ADVENTURES

1. Cast Iron Chef
2. Duty to God & You
3. First Responder
4. Stronger, Faster, Higher
5. Webelos Walkabout



REQUIRED ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURES

1. Building a Better World
2. Camper
3. Duty to God in Action
4. Scouting Adventure



ELECTIVE WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURES

1. Adventures in Science
2. Aquanaut
3. Art Explosion
4. Aware & Care
5. Build It
6. Build My Own Hero
7. Castaway
8. Earth Rock!
9. Engineer



10. Fix It
11. Game Design
12. Into the Wild
13. Into the Woods I
14. Looking Back, Looking Forward
15. Maestro!
16. Moviemaking
17. Project Family
18. Sportsman



OTHER/OPTIONAL AWARDS PROGRAMS



Shooting Sports Program (Archery & BB Shooting)

The BSA is in the process of developing a new award to recognize boys' achievements in archery and BB shooting. Boys can participate in these shooting sports at council approved facilities and at most cub family camping events. The program is scheduled to debut in the fall of 2015, at which time more detailed information will be available.



Religious Emblems

The religious emblems program offers the Scout an opportunity to study his faith in-depth. Many faiths offer the emblems, with the activities overseen by the Scout's religious leaders. The religious emblems are awarded by the religious organization, and the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the achievement of these awards.

Outdoor Activity Award

The Outdoor Activity Award can be earned by all Cub Scouts and may be earned each year. This award recognizes the Scout's participation in camping, outdoor recreation, and conservation projects.



STEM-NOVA Awards

The NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for Cub Scouts. The belief is that the requirements and activities for earning these awards stimulates interest in STEM-related fields and shows how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics apply to everyday living and the world around them.

The Nova Awards - There are multiple Nova awards for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Each award covers various aspects of STEM—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

The Supernova Awards - The Supernova awards have more rigorous requirements than the Nova awards. The requirements and activities were designed to motivate youth and recognize more in-depth, advanced achievement in STEM-related activities.

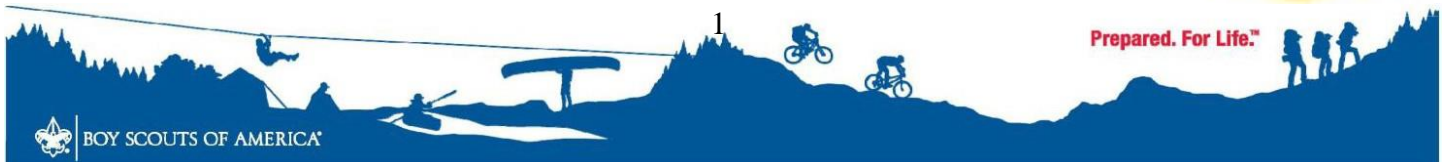


World Conservation Award

The Cub Scout World Conservation Award may be earned by any Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Scout. The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for individual Cub Scouts to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

Conservation Good Turn Award

The Conservation Good Turn Award is an opportunity for Scout units to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a conservation



Good Turn in their home communities. Working together in the local community, the unit and the agency plan the details and establish the date, time and location for carrying out the project. It may be earned by all registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts.

The Emergency Preparedness Award

The Emergency Preparedness Award has different requirements for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adults tailored for the abilities of each. The whole goal is to make Scouts better able to handle emergency situations while enhancing their first aid skills.



Fun With Family Awards

Offers activities to help strengthen all families—whether two-parent, single-parent, or nontraditional; this program helps families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships among family members.

Interpreter Strip

Boys and adults may wear this strip if they show their knowledge of a foreign language or the sign language for the hearing impaired. This award may be earned by all registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts.



Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

The Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award is designed introduce Cub-age boys to the principles of Leave No Trace. The program is designed to enhance the Cub Scout's awareness of the natural world while minimizing impact to the land. For Scouts who have a deep interest in the outdoors, nature, and the environment, Scouting's outdoor ethics will give you an everdeeper appreciation of the richness of the land and how we fit into it. This award may be earned by all registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts.

National Summertime Pack Award

The National Summertime Award encourages packs to provide a year-round program by continuing to meet during the time periods when school is out of session for several weeks or months. Cub Scouts earn this pin by participating in three summertime pack events (one each in June, July, and August). This award may be earned by all registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts.



Recruiter Strip

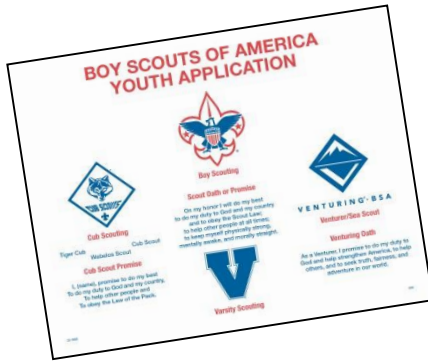
The Recruiter Strip is awarded to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and is worn below the right pocket on the uniform. This award may be earned by all registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts.

The SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge

The motto for SCOUTStrong is, "Fit, Fuel, Fun," emphasizing physical fitness, good nutrition, and having fun. The Boy Scouts of America has made a formal commitment to do more to address the major health concerns facing today's youth. This initiative is offered in partnership with the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, & Nutrition. This joint effort resulted in this Scout-specific Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) Challenge. Scouts, parents, and volunteers can improve their fitness by earning the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge award.



SO WHAT'S NEXT? HOW DO I SIGN MY SON UP FOR SCOUTING?



Complete Registration

- An application will need to be completed for all boys. Remember to include birth date, address, phone number, email, parent/guardian info, and parent's signature
- Registration fees will be collected with the application. These include the national BSA registration and insurance as well as local fees for your council and pack

Organize Dens

- Your pack will create dens by forming groups of boys by grade
- Dens should be at least 4 boys, usually no more than 10 boys
- It helps to group boys by neighborhoods and/or friendships

Recruit Leaders and Volunteers

- Decide as a parent, would you rather help the pack by working directly with the boys or by working behind the scenes as a member of the pack committee.
- An adult application needs to be completed for all new leaders.
- Youth protection training must be taken by all new leaders and is recommended for all parents. It can be taken on-line at www.myscouting.org
- Within the organized dens, one parent needs to volunteer to be the den leader, and at least one parent needs to volunteer to be the assistant den leader. Within the Tiger den, all parents must participate as the adult partner for their son.
- The other parents will be asked to volunteer to help on the pack committee as an event chair, secretary, treasurer, advancement chair, etc., or to volunteer to support a specific event or pack function.

Share Contact Information

- It is important that the new den leaders have contact information for all families
- Also, each family should complete the back page of this booklet listing all the important information you will need (your unit may provide this to you separately)
- Your unit may also provide a list on contact information as well as a unit calendar of events for the coming year

BECOME A SCOUTING LEADER OR VOLUNTEER

YOUR ROLE!

You may be wondering—or even a little nervous—about what your role is in Cub Scouting. Well, your first role in Scouting is simply to continue what you are doing: be a parent! Help your son succeed. Be supportive. Follow through. You're here because you see value in the Scouting program. There will always be times when your son doesn't want to go to the weekly meeting, or seems to be losing interest in advancement and doing his best in Scouting. That's when he needs a parent's encouragement. Scouting works best when the whole family is involved.



VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Beyond that, you need to know that Scouting is a worldwide movement that operates primarily through volunteer leadership. In fact, without volunteers like yourself, there would simply be no Scouting- anywhere! Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. Parents can support their son's pack in multiple ways – from running a den, organizing an event, or simply bringing the snack. To become a Scouting volunteer is one of the finest decisions you'll ever make.



Volunteer unit leaders are themselves an example of Scouting's principle service to others. They volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve their son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth of the community. Even if you only have a few minutes a month to help us out, we can use you. In your pack, the Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster(s), committee chairperson, pack committee members, and chartered organization representative all work with the pack's parents to provide a good environment and program for the Scouts under their care.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

- **Staff Support** - Our council is staffed by a group of Scouting professionals that are available to assist when needed and get you in touch with other necessary resources. In addition, each community is served by a full-time district executive and a group of dedicated volunteers.
- **Roundtables** - Each local district holds a monthly leader in-service meeting for all adult Scout volunteers. This gives leaders an opportunity to meet with their peers and district staff to share ideas and seek solutions to problems they may encounter.
- **Pack Leadership** - Most packs have been in existence for many years and have existing leadership which will provide direct assistance and support to your den program. Many packs have a library of resource books to aid leaders in putting on quality den and pack programs.
- **Online** – Scouting has been around for over 100 years and there is an abundance of information on any topic somewhere on the Internet, such as the LinkedIn Boy Scouts of America Adult Volunteers group, which has over 15,000 members.

TRAINING AVAILABLE

For every position in Scouting there are guidelines and tools available to show the way to success. Registered positions with the BSA and our local council require specific training which is designed to give you what you need to be successful in whichever role you choose. Much of it can be done on-line at www.MyScouting.org on your own schedule, at your own pace.



VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP Cont.

Other training opportunities are provided in person by Longhorn Council and your Scouting district in your community, delivered by experienced Scout leaders. This training will give you a full understanding of the Cub Scout program, and provide you with many aids and resources to help you in pack operations.

In addition, there's a council-wide **"University of Scouting"** in the winter, which is inspiring, fun, informative, and most of all – bonding with fellow Scouting volunteers from the areas served by our council. You'll learn more about this from the pack committee chair when you sign up as a BSA adult volunteer.

But maybe the best of all aspects here is that, through Scouting, you'll be working side-by-side in a spirit of cooperation and teamwork with others like yourself who believe in the foundational Scouting values.



YOUTH PROTECTION

Now, a specific word about **Youth Protection**. The Boy Scouts of America has had a very strong program in place for many years to protect our youth from abuse of all kinds. We require **ALL** of our leaders to be trained in Youth Protection, and to refresh that training at regular intervals.

There are some rules we follow that you will hear about, such as two-deep leadership and no one-on-ones. That means that there should not be a situation where a Scout leader is alone with a single Scout. All leaders must have taken

Youth Protection training to register as an adult leader. There are other rules

and policies as well, and we encourage you to take the training and learn about Boy Scout Youth Protection. The training can be taken on-line at www.MyScouting.org under e-training.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Scouting leaders are WELL TRAINED!

To be a trained Cub Scout leader you need: Youth Protection Training and Leader Position-Specific Training. You need to take the leader position training for your specific position. There is also a Fast Start Training which can be taken as a good first step for any new volunteer. It is available on-line at myscouting.org.

'This is Scouting' is solid, foundational training for ALL adult leaders involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Venturing. New parents might also benefit from this training where you will learn all of the basic facts and policies of the Boy Scouts of America.



And there is much more training available to help you be a better leader.



THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN YOUR SON

So what does Cub Scouting cost?

BSA and Local Dues

All registered youth pay annual registration and insurance fees, which go directly to the BSA national office. Each pack has its own annual budget, based on anticipated trips, activities, campout reservations, awards and advancements, summer program fees, etc. packs fund their annual budgets in many ways. Often dues are charged to each Scout family to help fund the budget.

Additionally, many packs participate in the council-sponsored popcorn sale, which can partially offset or even eliminate pack dues for Scout families and also help boys raise enough money for their summertime camp experience. Your committee chairperson, Cubmaster, and treasurer provide for secure, mutual oversight of all pack funds. Your pack leadership will explain in detail how their budget, dues, and fundraisers are handled.



Cub Scout Handbook

Your son will need the handbook for his rank.

Cub Scout Uniform (also see the next page)

The Scout uniform has served for over 100 years as an expression of friendliness to all Scouts, regardless of who they are, where they're from, or what their backgrounds may be. The uniform represents Scouting's spirit of equality and democracy. Many packs maintain a "gently used" uniform program to allow for handed down hats, shirts, neckerchiefs, etc.

BOYS' LIFE monthly magazine

This multifaceted magazine is written for boys your son's age. The mission of *Boys' Life* is to "entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading." Since 1911, *Boys' Life* magazine has published more than 1,000 issues, and it has attracted more than 4 million readers!



Today *Boys' Life* stands alone as the premier magazine for youth concerned with good reading and good character. Although it's optional, we highly encourage subscriptions. Know, however, that Scouts who subscribe to *Boys' Life* stay in Scouting longer than nonsubscribers—on average, two and a half times longer than nonsubscribers.

Friends of Scouting

In order to provide quality programming, the Longhorn Council needs to raise additional funds. Aside from camping costs and activities, the cost per Scout is typically over \$200 per year. Each year, all Scouting families are given the opportunity to participate in the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign to help support the annual cost of Scouting. Please consider becoming a Friend of Scouting and make a tax-deductible contribution to the ongoing success of Scouting in making a difference in the lives of boys. You can also contribute online at the Longhorn Council website: give.ppbsa.org/fos/supportscouting.htm

NOTE: In cases of financial difficulty, packs will often work with their chartering organizations to assist any boy in obtaining whatever financial support he needs to allow him to participate fully in the Cub Scouting program. The Longhorn Council also has a special assistance program for families in need. See your Cubmaster in strictest confidence to arrange for any support you feel is necessary.



UNIFORMS

The Cub Scout uniform has the following parts:

Shirt - The official uniform shirt is available with long or short sleeves and has button-flap pockets and "Boy Scouts of America" lettered in gold above the right pocket.

Cap - Official navy-blue cap with orange front panel and tiger emblem for Tiger Cub Scouts; yellow panel and wolf emblem for Wolf Cub Scouts; blue panel and bear emblem for Bear Cub Scouts. Webelos Scouts wear an olive cap with a plaid panel bearing the Webelos logo.

Neckerchief - Triangular neckerchief is orange with navy-blue trim for Tiger Cub Scouts, gold with navy-blue trim for Wolf Cub Scouts, light blue with navy-blue trim for Bear Cub Scouts, and plaid for Webelos Scouts.

Neckerchief slide - Official gold-tone metal slide with the Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Cub Scout or Webelos Scout logo. Boys may wear handmade neckerchief slides.

Belt - Official navy-blue web belt with metal buckle and Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout emblem. These are specifically sized to hold belt loops.

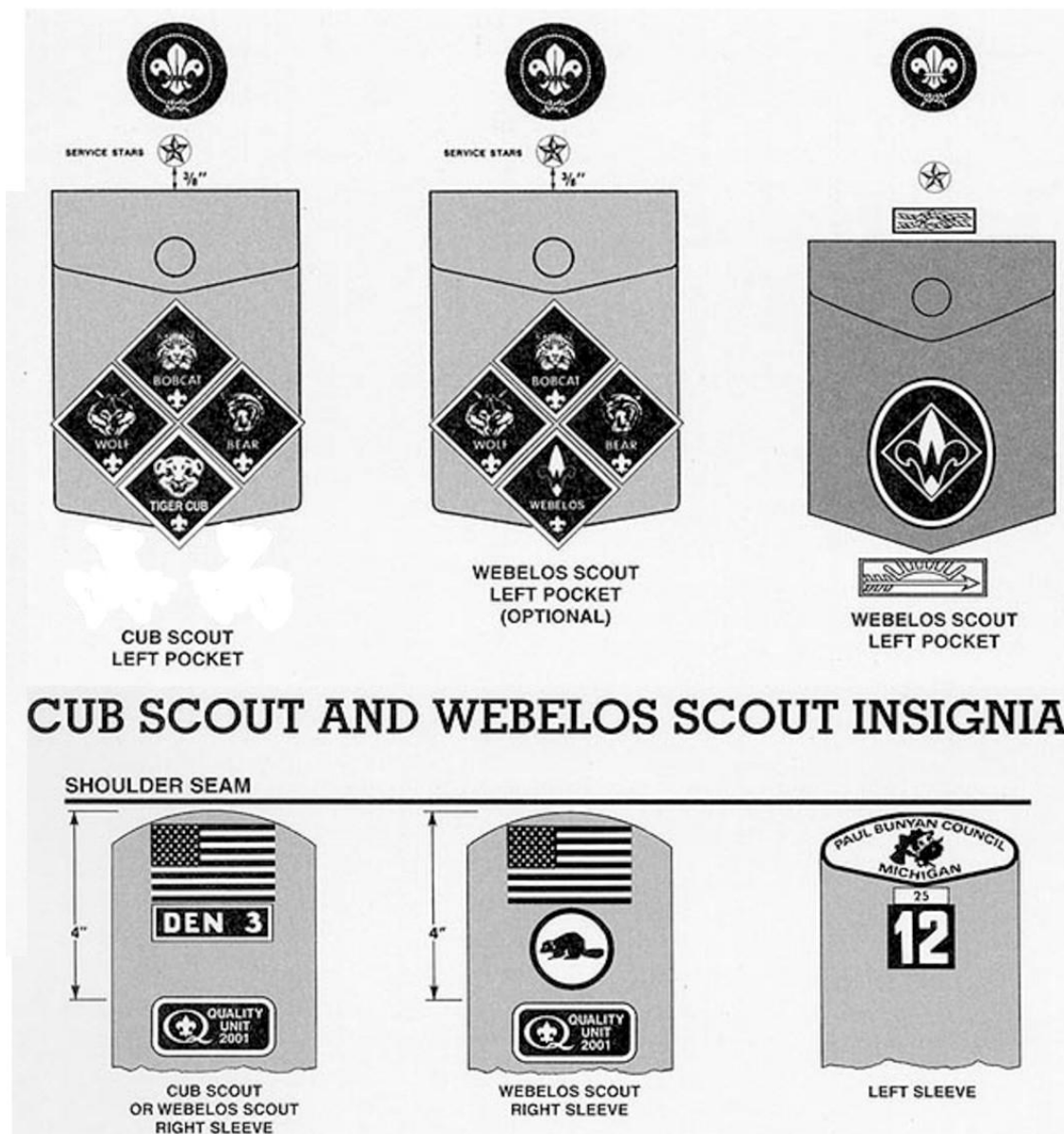
Pack T-shirt - Most packs also sell their own local t-shirt. See your Cubmaster for details.

(Optional) **Pants or Shorts** - Official blue. Many packs simply have boys wear jeans.

(Optional) **Socks** - Official socks are available in three lengths: ankle, crew, and knee. Tiger socks are navy blue with orange tops. Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts' socks are navy blue with gold tops.



UNIFORM PATCH PLACEMENT



CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS SCOUT INSIGNIA

Scout Shop Locations to Serve You

Longhorn Scout Shop

850 Cannon Drive

Hurst, TX 76054

817-427-1555

Lewisville Scout Shop

2305 S. HWY BUS 121 ST180

Lewisville, TX 75067

972-316-0672



LONGHORN COUNCIL, BSA

Council Service Center

850 Cannon Drive

Hurst, TX 76054

Phone: 817-231-8500

Fax: 817-231-8600

Longhorn Council's WEBSITE contains general information about all aspects of Scouting in our council, as well as forms, online registration for events, and pages devoted to our individual districts:

www.longhorncouncil.org

Longhorn Council is on FACEBOOK. Follow this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/LonghornCouncilBSA>

Longhorn Council TWEETS. Follow this link:

<http://twitter.com/longhorncouncil>

BSA's national recruiting website is: www.beAscout.org

The Cub Scout packs in your area are members of a larger Scouting Family that is called the Longhorn Council. The Longhorn Council is a nonprofit corporation whose responsibility is to provide the programs of the Boy Scouts of America (including Cub Scouting) to all of the communities in its geographical area. It is the council's responsibility to give Cub Scout packs the tools and resources it needs to provide a quality character-building programs for your child.

The Longhorn Council, BSA supports over 15,000 youth members and over 5,000 volunteers from Waco to Denton. We help provide outstanding opportunities for today's youth from all backgrounds and communities in our service area, guided by Scouting's core values as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. Our motivated, energetic, and experienced volunteers and staff are dedicated to delivering Scouting's programs and services, utilizing all of our resources and the latest technologies. Most importantly, youth members and their families come to us for great times and adventures to be cherished for a lifetime.

Due to the large geography of the Longhorn Council it is divided into smaller groups called districts. These groups provide localized support, training, and programming. In addition to local volunteer support, a local Scouting professional is provided by the Longhorn Council to give leadership and guidance to the Scouting volunteers in your community. District volunteers, aided by professional staffers and administrative personnel based at the council's service center in Hurst, provide unit oversight and support, volunteer training, and special annual and seasonal events for the hundreds of packs, troops, crews and posts comprising the council.



MY DEN & PACK INFORMATION

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I am in the Longhorn Council.

My pack is part of the _____ district

I am in pack number _____ I am in den number _____

My den type is (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos) _____

My chartered organization is _____.

My den leader's name is _____.

My den leader's phone number is _____.

My den leader's email is _____.

My Cubmaster's name is _____.

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____.

My Cubmaster's email is _____.

My first den meeting will be _____.

My first pack meeting will be _____.

The pack plans on the following fundraisers this year: _____.

_____.

The pack plans on the following community service projects this year: _____.

_____.

_____.

Other:

I can reach the Council Service Center by calling 817-231-8500.

www.longhotncouncil.org www.BeAScout.org

