

*Welcome
to the Adventure of
Cub Scouting!!!*

Where Character Counts
and
Adventure Begins...



This Guidebook Will:

Inform Parents and Boys about Cub Scouting.

Orient New Boys to the Cub Scout Program.

Explain why parents need to be involved.

Cub Scout Parent Guide

Your Son, Scouting and You

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 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 IS family values. However, Cub Scout age boys do not join just to build character. Boys join Cub Scouting because IT IS FUN!!

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Statistics show that over the long term, boys and young men who have experienced Scouting's programs are more likely to have success in school, career and family, as well as stronger ethics and better relationships with others. For example:

- Boys with 5 or more years in Scouting (98%) are more likely to graduate from high school than those who never were Scouts (83%).
- Former Scouts (40%) are also more likely to be college graduates than non- Scouts (16%).
- 30% of men who were Scouts for 5 years or more have household incomes of \$50,000 or more, compared to 17% of non-scouts. (Source: 1995 Harris and Associates study)



We Need Your Help!

Scouting operates through volunteer Leadership. Volunteer Leaders are an example of the Scouting 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 serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What does it take to be a volunteer?

A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is **NOT** required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

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 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 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.

How Cub Scouts Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family.
- You work with your son on his advancement award requirements.
- Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

The Cub Scout Den

- Your son is a member of a Cub Scout den.
- The den meets once each week.
- A Den Leader (usually a parent) leads the den.
- The Den Leader usually has an Assistant Den Leader, a Den Chief (a Boy Scout helper), and a Denner (a Cub Scout member of a den who is the designated monthly helper).
- Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

The Cub Scout Pack

- Your son and his den are members of a Cub Scout Pack.
- A pack meets once per month - providing an opportunity for all Cub Scout parents and families to be involved with their boys, and a chance to recognize boys, parents and leaders.
- The Cubmaster leads the Pack meeting.
- The pack meeting provides a place for the dens to showcase their skills and projects.
- Pack meetings have games, songs, skits, stunts, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that boys have earned during the month.

The Pack Leader's Meeting

- A committee of volunteer parents run the pack.
- A chairperson leads the pack committee.
- The committee plans and organizes events throughout the year.
- The committee selects Leaders, performs record keeping, manages finances, and finds meeting places, orders badges, maintains Pack equipment, helps train and recognizes Leaders.

The Chartered Organization

- The Pack is "owned" by the chartered organization.
- The chartered organization approves Leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the Pack within their own guidelines and the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.
- The chartered organization selects a representative to serve as liaison between the Pack and the organization.

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family, not with the Pack. Some advancement requirements are done at Den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family.



Rank Diamond showing the badge orientation.



Webelos Rank Badges



Arrow of Light

- **First grade** boys are members of a **Tiger** den
- **Second grade** boys are members of a **Wolf** den
- **Third grade** boys are members of a **Bear** den
- **Fourth and Fifth grade** boys are members of a **Webelos** den

Bobcat



All boys, regardless of age, 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, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level. See more Bobcat information on page 6.

Tiger Cub



Boys in first grade or age 7 are part of a Tiger Cub program. They work closely with their adult partner to accomplish activities in their handbook. Recognition is immediate. Beads are presented at a Den or Pack meeting and worn on a totem. After completing all 15 parts of the five achievements, the Tiger Cub has earned the Tiger Cub badge. See more Tiger Cub information on page 7

Wolf



A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve 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. For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an Arrow Point. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes. See more Wolf information on page 8.

Bear



A Cub Scout who has completed the 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 ten electives he completes, the boy earns an Arrow Point. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes. See more Bear information on pages 9 & 10.

Webelos



When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is ten years old) he joins a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, twenty activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting!



Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the nineteen 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 a graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout. See more Webelos and Arrow of Light information on pages 11, 12, 13 & 14.

Bobcat Badge

All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat rank first. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.



To earn the Bobcat rank the new Cub Scout must do the following:

1. Learn and say the **Cub Scout Promise**

*"I(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."*

2. Say the **Law of the Pack**. Tell what it means.

*"The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the Pack go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout Grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill."*

3. Tell what **Webelos** means

"WE'II BE LOyal Scouts"

4. Show the **Cub Scout Sign**. Tell what it means.

5. Show the **Cub Scout Handshake**. Tell what it means.

6. Say the **Cub Scout Motto**. A motto is a rule. *"Do Your Best"*

7. Give the **Cub Scout Salute**. Tell what it means.

8. Learn Cub Scout Core Value "Honesty."

9. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet,
How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse.



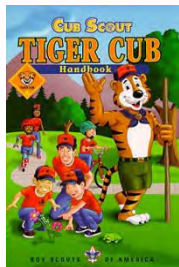
The above items are the basic information that ALL Cub Scouts must learn, which is why **EVERY** boy who enters into Cub Scouting **MUST** earn the Bobcat badge.

TIGER Cub

Tiger Cubs is an exciting program for first-grade boys and an adult partner. Tiger Cub dens meet once per month (plus the Pack meeting) and follow the Tiger Cub Motto of "Search, Discover, Share." The Tiger Cub den has four to eight families as members, and each family takes turns hosting a meeting or outing. Each meeting is based on a theme that the group selects in advance, which is found in the Tiger Cub Handbook.

The Tiger Cub Den Leader (one adult member of the den) leads the Tiger Cub den. Tiger Cubs take part in the monthly Pack meetings, where all of the dens and their families come together for fun, recognition, and fellowship.

A Tiger Cub works out of a Tiger Cub Handbook Shown here:



Tiger Rank Badge

A Tiger Cub uniform consists of a Cub Scout shirt, a Tiger Cub scarf, hat and belt as shown



A Tiger starts out by earning the Tiger Totem by:

- ❖ Learning the Tiger Cub motto: **Search, Discover, Share**
- ❖ Learn the Cub Scout sign
- ❖ Learn the Cub Scout salute

Once he earns the Totem, to earn the Tiger Cub rank, the Tiger Cub Scout must complete a Family Activity, a den Activity, and a "Go See It" Activity in each of five Achievement Areas:

1. Making My Family Special
2. Where I Live
3. Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe
4. How I Tell It
5. Let's Go Outdoors



As he completes each Achievement, he is awarded a bead at a den or pack meeting which is hung from the totem.

- ❖ He earns a **WHITE** bead for each required **FAMILY** activity.
- ❖ He earns an **ORANGE** Bead for each required **DEN** activity.
- ❖ He earns a **BLACK** bead for each required **GO SEE IT** activity.

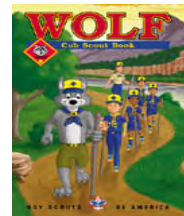
After completing the fifteen Achievements, the Tiger Cub is awarded the Tiger Cub Patch. The patch is sewn on the Blue Cub Scout Uniform shirt or placed in a plastic holder worn on the left shirt pocket.

Also, after completing the achievements, the Tiger Cub can be awarded Tiger Track Beads, which are YELLOW disks attached to the Totem. One bead is awarded for each group of TEN Electives the Tiger Cub completes. A boy can work on both Achievements and electives concurrently, but he can't receive Tiger Track beads until he has earned the Tiger Cub badge.

Wolf Cub Scout

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he crosses over to the next rank. For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an Arrow Point. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes. The Wolf Scout works out of a Wolf Rank Book. The Wolf Rank and Electives are awarded at a Pack Meeting in a special ceremony.

Wolf Book



ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Feats of Skill
2. Your Flag
3. Keep Your Body Healthy
4. Know Your Home and Community
5. Tools for Fixing and Building
6. Start a Collection
7. Your Living World
8. Cooking and Eating
9. Be Safe at Home and On the Street
10. Family Fun
11. Duty to God
12. Making Choices
13. Cub Scouting Core Values



Wolf Rank Badge

ELECTIVES

1. It's a Secret
2. Be an Actor
3. Make it Yourself
4. Play a Game
5. Spare Time Fun
6. Books, Books, Books
7. Foot Power
8. Machine Power
9. Let's Have a Party
10. Native American Lore
11. Sing-a-Long
12. Be An Artist
13. Birds
14. Pets
15. Grow Something
16. Family Alert
17. Tie It Right
18. Outdoor Adventure
19. Fishing
20. Sports
21. Computers
22. Say It Right
23. Let's Go Camping



Arrow Points and Proper Formation

There is a possibility of a Cub Scout earning up to 1 Gold and 10 Silver Arrow Points in the Wolf Book.

During progress advancing to the Wolf rank, a Wolf Cub Scout earns Progress Toward Ranks Beads. After the first three achievements, the Wolf Scout is awarded a Progress Toward Ranks patch. It's a diamond with a plastic thong attached and a gold bead attached to one end. It is worn on the button of the right shirt pocket. Each time the boy completes three achievements he will receive another gold bead. After he gets his fourth gold bead, he will receive his Wolf badge at a pack meeting. The red Progress Toward Ranks Beads are awarded during progress advancing to the Bear badge.



The Wolf Scout uniform consists of the blue Cub Scout Shirt, the Wolf neckerchief and slide, the blue Cub Scout belt, and the Wolf hat. A complete uniform is shown to the right. In addition to these, a Scout can wear Cub Scout pants or shorts as well as Cub Scout socks.



Cub Scout Shirt.

The shirt can be either short or long sleeved.



Wolf Hat



Wolf Neckerchief



Cub Scout Belt and Buckle

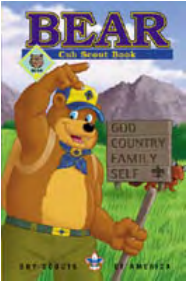


Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide



Bear Cub Scout

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works on twelve achievements out of the Bear book to earn the Bear badge.



To earn the Bear badge, a Cub Scout must complete 12 achievements out of a possible 24 that are offered in the book. The achievements are grouped in four major areas, **GOD, COUNTRY, FAMILY, and SELF**. Within each group, a required number of achievements must be completed, as indicated below. Just like in the Wolf Rank, once the Bear rank has been earned, a Bear Cub Scout may work on electives until he crosses over to the next rank. Also, any achievements that he does NOT use to earn the Bear Badge may be used toward Arrow Points.



Bear Rank Badge

ACHIEVEMENTS

GOD (Do ONE)

1. Ways We Worship
2. Emblems of Faith

COUNTRY (Do THREE)

3. What Makes America Special?
4. Tall Tales
5. Sharing Your World With Wildlife
6. Take Care of Your Planet
7. Law Enforcement is a Big Job

FAMILY (Do FOUR)

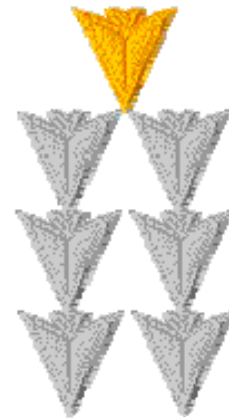
8. The Past is Exciting and Important
9. What's Cooking?
10. Family Fun
11. Be ready!
12. Family Outdoor Adventure
13. Saving Well, Spending Well

SELF (Do FOUR)

14. Ride Right
15. Games, Games, Games!
16. Building Muscles
17. Information Please
18. Jot it Down
19. Shavings and Chips
20. Sawdust and Nails
21. Build a Model
22. Tying it All Up
23. Sports, Sports, Sports
24. Be a Leader
25. Cub Scouting Core Values

ELECTIVES

1. Space
2. Weather
3. Radio
4. Electricity
5. Boats
6. Aircraft
7. Things That Go
8. Cub Scout Band
9. Art
10. Masks
11. Photography
12. Naturecrafts
13. Magic
14. Landscaping
15. Water and Soil Conservation
16. Farm Animals
17. Repairs
18. Backyard Gym
19. Swimming
20. Sports
21. Sales
22. Collecting Things
23. Maps
24. Native American Life
25. Let's Go Camping



Arrow Points and Proper Formation

There is a possibility of a Cub Scout earning one Gold and up to 20 Silver Arrow Points in the Bear Book.



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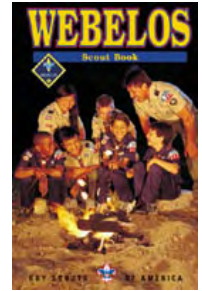
The Bear Cub Scout Uniform consists of the Blue Cub Scout Shirt, the Bear Neckerchief and Slide, the blue Cub Scout belt, and the Bear Hat. In addition to these, a Scout can wear Cub Scout Pants or shorts as well as Cub Scout socks.

WEBELOS Scout

The Webelos program is a two year program for fourth and fifth grade boys. In both years, they work toward earning Webelos Activity Pins in twenty different areas, arranged in five categories. Fourth grade boys work toward the Webelos badge. After earning the Webelos badge, boys work toward the Compass Point Emblem patch and up to three metal Compass Points as they earn additional Webelos Activity Pins and progress toward earning the Arrow of Light.

The Webelos rank is a transitional program from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. It helps boys to become familiar with some of the differences of the Boy Scout program so they may be better prepared once they cross over to a Boy Scout Troop.

As with all Cub Scout ranks, you must first earn the Bobcat badge to be eligible to work for this award. Also, your Webelos Den Leader will now sign off your activities (your parent or guardian does not sign off the activities as they did when you were a Wolf or Bear).



The Webelos Badge is earned by:

1. Have an adult member of your family read the Webelos Scout Parent Guide that comes with the Webelos Handbook.
2. Be an active member of your Webelos Den for 3 months (Active means having good attendance, paying Den dues, working on Den projects).
3. Know and explain the meaning of the Webelos badge.
4. Point out the three special parts of the Webelos Scout uniform.
Tell when to wear the uniform and when not to wear it.
5. Earn the Citizen and Fitness activity badges and two other activity badges from different activity badge groups.
6. Plan and lead a flag ceremony in your Den.
7. Show that you know and understand the requirements to be a Boy Scout.
Understand and intend to live by the:
Scout Oath
Scout Law
Scout motto
Scout slogan
Know the following and when to use them:
Scout salute
Scout sign
Scout handclasp
Understand & agree to follow the Outdoor Code
8. Cub Scouting Core Value "Faith"
9. a. Earn the Religious Emblem of your faith OR
b. Do two of these:
 - ❖ Attend the church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious organization of your choice, talk with your religious Leader about your beliefs, and tell your family and Webelos Den Leader about what you learned.
 - ❖ Tell how your religious beliefs fit in with the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Discuss this with your family and Webelos Den Leader: What character-building traits do your beliefs and the Scout Oath and Scout Law have in common?
 - ❖ With your religious Leader, discuss and write down two things you think will help you draw nearer to God. Do these things.
 - ❖ Pray to God or meditate reverently each day as taught by your family, and by your church, synagogue, or religious group. Do this for at least one month.
 - ❖ Under the direction of your religious Leader, do an act of service for someone else. Talk about your service with your family and Webelos Den Leader. Tell them how it made you feel.
 - ❖ List at least two ways you believe you have lived according to your religious beliefs.



WEBELOS Badges

The **ARROW OF LIGHT** badge is earned by:

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade (or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old), and earn the Webelos badge.

2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:



- ❖ Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12 points of the Scout Law. Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.
- ❖ Give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handclasp.
- ❖ Understand the significance of the Scout badge. Know its parts and tell what each stands for.
- ❖ Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
- ❖ Tie the joining knot (square knot).

3. Earn five more activity badges in addition to the three you already earned for the Webelos badge. These must include:

- ❖ Fitness (already earned for the Webelos badge)
- ❖ Citizen
- ❖ Readyman
- ❖ Outdoorsman
- ❖ At least one from the Outdoor Group
- ❖ At least one from the Mental Skills Group
- ❖ At least one from the Technology Group
- ❖ Two more of your choice

See the following page for the activity badges and activity badge groups.

4. Learn Cub Scouting Core Value "Honesty."

5. With your Webelos den visit at least one Boy Scout troop meeting, and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.

6. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike.

7. After you have completed all five of the above requirements and after a talk with your Webelos den leader, arrange to visit, with your parent or guardian, a meeting of a Boy Scout troop you think you might like to join. Have a conference with the Scoutmaster. During the conference complete and have the Scoutmaster sign a "Join Boy Scouting" application. Return this to your Cubmaster.

