



CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE



Welcome to the fun and
Excitement of Cub Scouting!

Where character counts and
the adventure begins...



At tonight's meeting, we will:

- √ Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
- √ Invite boys to join 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. Tiger Cubs is one-to-one program for boys and adults
- II. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub Den which:
 - A. Has three to eight boy/adult teams
 - B. Meets 2—3 times each month.
 - C. Meetings focus around topics know as "Big Ideas."
- III. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader.
 - A. A Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings.
 - B. Each boy/adult team takes a turn running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader.

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM



Second Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a Den which:
 - 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. The Den leader is assisted by an assistant den Leader, and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by Den members).
 - E. Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.

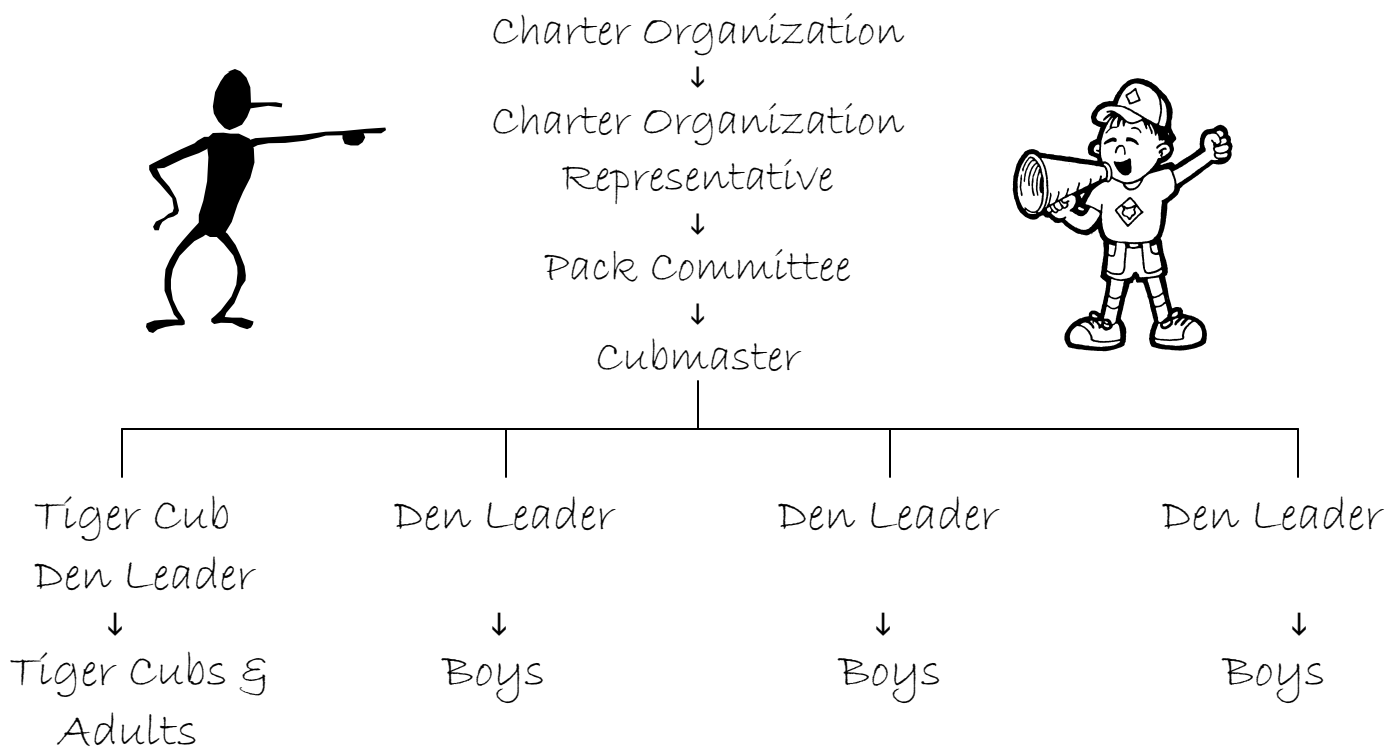
THE CUB SCOUT PACK



First Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a Pack which:
 - A. Is made up of one or more dens
 - B. Meets once a month at the Pack meetings—all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to Participate.
 - C. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
 - D. The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den Meetings and activities.
 - E. Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.

- II. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee
- A. Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer and all parents.
 - B. We meet once a month or more often if needed.
 - C. Led by a committee chairman.
 - D. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.
- III. Our Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization
- A. Charter Organizations include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs and other organizations interested in youth.
 - B. Our Charter Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
 - C. Our Charter Organization selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor.)



TIGER CUB, MOTTO



SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE

Tiger Cubs, BSA is a 1-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include things from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

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

CUB SCOUT, 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
- Reinforce 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 awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

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 BSA

TIGER CUBS

The Tiger Cub badge is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and Go See It. After completing the Tiger Cub rank, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Cub beads a boy can earn. Advancements are displayed on a Tiger Cub Totem, which is worn on the Tiger Cub belt.

BOBCAT

All boys in 1st thru 5th 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, the boys work on requirements based on his grade level.



WOLF

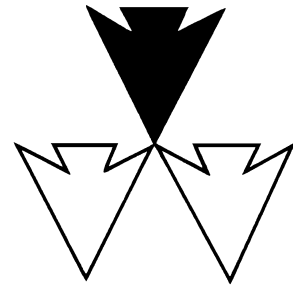
A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge.



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.

ARROW POINTS

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an *Arrow Point*. A boy may earn as many *Arrow Points* as he can.



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 can.

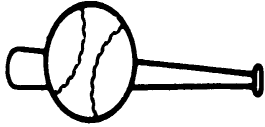
WEBELOS

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 5th 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



SUMMERTIME CAMPING

Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs and skits. Camps run 5 days in a local park.



Bear Camp: A 2 day overnight camping experience for 3rd graders and a parent at Scout Camp. Activities include sports, archery, swimming, crafts and campfires.



Webelos Camp: A 3 day and 2 night camping experience for 4th & 5th graders. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, games, model rockets and more!

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there the night of the big race!



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February

BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE

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. Magazine is \$12.00/year. There are special Tiger Cub and Cub Scouting editions.



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, talents 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 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

Organizes the Tiger Cub dens and promotes leader training and Roundtable meeting attendance.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!



- ✓ Our staff at the Cornhusker Council Scout Service Center can help or get you in touch with someone who can.
Phone # - 402-488-6020
Toll Free—800-278-7402
Website—www.cornhuskercouncil.org
- ✓ 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 which 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. Or you can visit www.cornhuskercouncil.org/training. All leaders need training.
- ✓ We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding Potentially dangerous situations.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is _____

My den number is _____

My Scouting District is the _____

My council is the **Cornhusker Council**

My Pack number is _____

My Pack meets on _____

My Pack meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____

My Den Leader's name is _____

My Den Leader's phone number is _____

My Den meets on _____

My Den meets at _____

My Unit Commissioner's name is _____

My Unit Commissioner's phone number is _____

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.**

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| ___ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader | ___ Tiger Cub Den Leader |
| ___ Pack Parents' Committee | ___ Pack Holiday Party Committee |
| ___ Pack Song Leader | ___ Pack Sports Program Committee |
| ___ Awards Committee | ___ Special Events Committee |
| ___ Pinewood Derby Committee | ___ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader |
| ___ Good Turn Committee | ___ Webelos Camp-out Committee |
| ___ Blue and Gold Banquet | ___ Telephone Committee |
| ___ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster | ___ Pack Popcorn Sales Committee |
| ___ Cub Day Camp Coordinator | _____ |
| ___ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator | |
| ___ Pack Trainer | |

Hobbies _____

Sports Interests _____

Job _____ Work Shifts _____

I have a truck ___ Van ___ Trailer ___ Station Wagon ___ I have a workshop ___

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____



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