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Purposes of Cub Scouts

Cub Scout programs (called “packs”) serve boys and girls who are in kindergarten through fifth grade. Cub Scouts, families, leaders and partner organizations work together to achieve the 10 purposes of Cub Scouts:

Character Development
Spiritual Growth
Good Citizenship
Sportsmanship
Family Understanding
Respectful Relationships
Personal Achievements
Friendly Service
Fun and Adventure
Preparation for Scouts BSA

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
What Are Cub Scouts?

For more than 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has provided high quality, fun, and educational programs designed to help young people build moral strength and character, develop fitness, and become active, responsible citizens.

Cub Scouts emphasizes a year-round, home-centered program at the local level that helps to strengthen the family. Cubs Scouts—including Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos—is the largest of BSA’s programs. The other programs include Scouts BSA, Venturing and Exploring.

Cubs is for the entire family—mom, dad, brother and sister!

Your Child’s Safety: Our Top Priority

Boy Scouts of America’s number one priority is the safety and protection of your child while involved in any Scouting activity. For this reason, we work closely with our local chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units. We take great pride in the quality of our adult leadership and in our application review process. Each registered adult leader goes through an extensive background check and is required to take our youth protection training every two years.

As a major youth-serving organization, the Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation. In addition to helping families address the problem of child abuse, BSA has adopted a comprehensive set of policies and procedures designed to ensure that Scouting continues to be safe for all participants. BSA is a national leader among youth-serving agencies in addressing the potential threat that child abuse poses to young people.

For more information, visit

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### Cub Scout Organization and Fees

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My child’s Pack number is ______________

Our Cubmaster is ___________________________ Phone ______________________

Our Pack Website is _________________________________________________

**Cub Scout registration fees are $5.50 per month ($66 per year) plus a one time $25 joining fee.**

These fees cover insurance and registration with our National Office. Local pack dues may vary.

Boys’ Life is $1 per month or $12 per year and is recommended for every household.
Cub Scout Advancement

Recognition is important for everyone and especially in Cub Scouts. Advancement provides fun, gives youth a sense of personal achievement, and strengthens family understanding, participation, and appreciation. The responsible for a Cub Scout’s advancement lies with the family, not the pack. Often, requirements are completed at den meetings, but many require additional work at home.

Lion

The Lion program is for Kindergartners and their adult partners. They work on adventures, like the older grades, but they do not earn Bobcat first.

Bobcat

Beginning in Tigers, all new Cub Scouts complete their Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath and Law, sign, handshake, moto, salute, and with the parent/guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide—Bobcat Requirements. Usually, Bobcat should be completed within a month of joining Cub Scouts. Once Bobcat is completed, scouts continue to the rank based on his or her grade.

Tiger

First grader scouts work on their Tiger, with their adult partner. Tigers complete adventures that include both indoor and outdoor activities.

Wolf

Second grade scouts work on their Wolf. Wolf scouts learn about the outdoors, Leave No Trace, neighborhoods, communities, service and good health.

Bear

Third grade scouts work on their Bear. Bears learn about nature, taking care of themselves, patriotism, and the value of helping others

Webelos

Webelos is divided into two parts: 4th graders and 5th graders. These scouts are ready for camping and more of the adventure that comes from the outdoors. Fifth grade scouts earn their Arrow of Light—the highest award in Cub Scouts—and prepare to join a Scouts BSA Troop.
Sample Activity Calendar

You wanted to join Cub Scouts because of what we can do for your family. Your child wanted to join Cub Scouts to have FUN! Here is just a sample of the FUN!
Your Scout’s Own Magazine

Boys’ Life is the iconic magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. Written for both boys and girls, the monthly magazine includes camping and outdoors tips, jokes, games, interviews and stories with and about people youth know, book reviews, and more. Boys’ Life encourages youth to read for fun on their own. It gives each scout something to look forward to, every month, in the mail. Each issue also focuses on a real scout who has done something heroic. Scouts can also earn a patch by sending in a joke, a favorite collection or other materials to Boys’ Life. The “Gear Guy” section provides up-to-date information on the best gear for families, as well as scouts, getting ready for the great outdoors.

Need more reasons? Here are 12 of them—as in it costs only $12 per year ($1 per month) to subscribe! Subscribing is easy! Check the box on your membership application and turn in a check with your joining fee. Then, within two, expect your first issue!

Trained Leaders

Earlier, we mentioned that all leaders are training in Youth Protection at least every two years. Training, however, isn’t just for registered leaders. NO! Every parent can and should get trained, even if you are only driving scouts to an adventure day.

Think about it—you want your child to be with someone who has learned how to keep children safe, right? So do all of the parents in your pack! Training is on-line, and takes just over an hour. To take youth protection training, follow these simple steps:

1) Go to my.scouting.org, and complete the registration process for a new account.
2) Click on the Youth Protection logo in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
3) Click on “enroll”
4) Click on any of the “start” buttons. You must complete all four parts to be considered youth protection trained.
Scouting is a program that is like no other. It has a long history of empowering the youth with all the skills necessary to step into the future prepared to contribute in mighty ways.

As we kick off another fall popcorn campaign I want to emphasis a few opportunities often overlooked with this sale.

**It provides the scouts the opportunity to “pay their way”**. In a world that often tells kids that they are too small or not old enough, Scouting tells kids, “you are capable” from the youngest Lion to the Eagle Scout. I often told the parents in my unit that I only ask they support their scouts by taking them out in their neighborhoods, but let your scout do the selling. People will buy more from them (the scouts) anyway.

**It provides a perfect lesson in goal setting.** This is a life lesson that can be learned young and will make these Scouts far richer learning how to apply it.

**It develops presentation skills.** Many jobs now demand an ability to communicate effectively. There is nothing that hones that skill more effectively than standing in front of a neighbor or stranger and having a conversation at a young age.

**It educates both the Scout on his local community and the community on Scouting.** I can’t tell you all the stories my child has heard from neighbors who were scouts, people we have met, invitations extended to my child and his unit, and connections made that ended up with a child joining the unit because of a popcorn sale. It is simply the best way to connect with your community. Trust me, they want to see your Scout on their doorstep and ask them about their camp adventures. Yes, it takes some time, but the rewards are so worth it!
Fun! Fun! Fun!

Did you realize that Cub Scouts all about the FUN? And FUN WITH A PURPOSE! Here are just a few of the fun things that you and your scout can expect!
Uniform

You wouldn’t send your child out on the football field without a uniform would you? Of course not! Then don’t let him or her go to Cub Scouts without a uniform either! The Premier Scout Shop is here to serve you, and make sure that your Cub looks his or her BEST! **Boldface items are required for nearly every pack. Check with your local leader for which items are required and which will be supplied.**

Uniform Checklist

____ **Blue Shirt*** ($24.99—$29.99)
____ Pants/shorts ($19.99—$24.99)
____ Cub Scout Cap* ($14.99)
____ **Belt** ($9.99)
____ **Neckerchief** ($9.99)
____ Socks ($5.99—$9.99)
____ **Neckerchief Slide** ($5.99)
____ **Webelos Colors**** ($5.99)
____ **Shoulder Loops**** ($3.99)
____ **Council Shoulder Patch** ($3.99)
____ **World Crest** ($2.29)
____ **World Crest Ring** ($1.99)
____ **Pack Numbers** ($1.49)
____ **Den Number** ($1.49)
____ **Lion Kit** ($9.99)
____ **Handbook** ($16.99)

*Webelo's shirt/cap are slightly higher
**For Webelo Scouts only

Contact the Premier Scout Shop for all of your uniform, casual Scouting wear and outdoors needs!

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Sioux Falls, SD  57104
(605) 361-5220 or siouxpremierscoutshop@scouting.org

*Uniform top and bottom must be from the same program and purchased together. Offer valid online and in participating Scout Shops from 08/17/20 to 10/10/20 at 11:59pm EST. Not valid on previous purchases. May not be combined with any other offer or discount. No cash value.