

# PARENT'S GUIDE

## WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURES OF CUB SCOUTING

This guide will help you make the most of your Scouting experience as you and your child begin an adventure of learning, sharing, and having fun together.

Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose. It's a home and neighborhood centered program for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade five. It teaches values and life skills in an environment of fun and adventure.



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## KEY PACK INFORMATION

Pack # \_\_\_\_\_

Den # \_\_\_\_\_

Cubmaster \_\_\_\_\_

Den Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Pack Meeting Time \_\_\_\_\_

Den Meeting Time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

## CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES



**LION CUB (KINDERGARTEN)** - Lion Cubs learn by doing through exciting indoor and outdoor activities designed for kindergarten boys & girls and their adult partner.



**BOBCAT** - The Bobcat badge teaches boys and girls the basics of the Cub Scouting program. After earning this, they will move on to the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos program depending on their age.



**TIGER (1ST GRADE)** - Tigers work directly with an adult partner and are part of a Den. To earn the Tiger badge, they complete six adventures; Backyard Jungle, Games Tigers Play, My Family's Duty to God, Team Tiger, Tiger Bites and Tigers in the Wild.



**WOLF (2ND GRADE)** - To earn the Wolf badge, boys and girls complete six required adventures, like "Council Fire" and "Duty to God Footsteps". Wolves must also complete an elective achievement adventure of your den or family's choosing.



**BEAR (3RD GRADE)** - The Bear program is similar to the Wolf program, with more advanced activities.



**WEBELOS (4TH & 5TH GRADE)** - Typically, boys and girls work on the Webelos badge in 4th grade and the Arrow of Light in 5th grade. This level of the program helps prepare boys to become Boy Scouts.

## ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

**THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION** - Your Pack is "owned and operated" by an organization in your local community. This chartered organization provides space, approves adult volunteer leaders, and makes sure the Pack follows Boy Scouts of America guidelines.

**THE PACK COMMITTEE** - The Pack Committee is there to support your child's leaders. This group of parents plans pack meetings and other activities, manages the pack's money, orders badges and supplies, and takes care of other behind-the-scenes tasks.

**THE PACK** - A pack is made up of several Dens. The pack meets once a month under the leadership of the Cubmaster. These pack meetings, which all Cub Scout families attend, let the boys and girls show off the skills they've learned in their Den meetings. At the pack meeting, Scouts receive badges and awards they've earned.

**THE DEN** - Your son or daughter is a member of a Den. A Den typically consists of four to eight boys or girls in the same grade. The Den meets once a week and is led by a parent called a Den Leader and one or more assistants (also parents). Den meetings consist of games, crafts, stunts, ceremonies, and lots of fun.



## SPECIAL OUTINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### PINEWOOD DERBY

You and your child work together to build a miniature gravity-powered race car. Usually held in the spring.

### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Your Council brings an extra dose of fun and adventure to your child's Scouting journey. Participation in these events will keep your child excited about Scouting - take advantage of these opportunities!

### SCOUT NIGHTS

Events that all Cub Scouts are invited to, hosted by various local sports, clubs or organizations. Depending on the activity, this may be an overnight invitation.

### BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Often held in place of the February Pack meeting, this banquet is a special Birthday party for Scouting. It may be a seated dinner or a covered-dish supper.

### CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

An overnight camping experience for boys and girls in 1st to 5th grade. Each year, a new theme for camp is chosen. Find out more about camp at [www.michiganscouting.org/cubcamp](http://www.michiganscouting.org/cubcamp)

### WEBELOS OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT

A camping adventure where older Cub Scouts learn the in's and out's of Boy Scout camping, preparing them for the transition to a Boy Scout Troop.

## PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

If you have a Tiger, you will act as their adult partner and work on all activities with them. For Wolf and Bear levels, you will work with your child on advancements and sign off on achievements. Hopefully you will consider taking on an additional role to help your pack. The more help a pack has, the better your child's Scouting program will be!

**CUBMASTER** - Emcees monthly Pack Meetings and attends the Pack Leader's meeting. Supports the Den Leaders to ensure a quality den program. Encourages all adults to become trained leaders and represents the pack at District Roundtables.

**DEN LEADERS** - Coordinates parent efforts of weekly den meetings. Plans the meeting via Program Helps & then assigns various functions to the other parents. Attends the monthly Pack Leader's meetings.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR** - Presides over all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit volunteer leaders and attends the monthly pack meeting.

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN** - Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders all badges and awards. Attends the monthly pack meeting and committee meeting. Takes care of online advancement and Scoutbook tools.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER** - Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

**PACK TRAINER** - Coordinates training for adults. Promotes basic leader training and roundtable meeting attendance. Attends the monthly pack meeting and committee meeting.

**PARENT HELPERS** - Each year the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as pack fund-raisers (Popcorn Sale), Scouting for Food, Pack Good Turn, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, Pack Graduation, and Day Camp. These are short-term jobs and enable all families to assist with important pack responsibilities.

## PURPOSES AND METHODS OF CUB SCOUTING

The Cub Scouting program has 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the Boy Scouts of America - to build character, learn citizenship and develop personal fitness:

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

### MISSION OF THE 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 lifetime by instilling them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

### 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.

### 12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW

A SCOUT IS...

1. Trustworthy
2. Loyal
3. Helpful
4. Friendly
5. Courteous
6. Kind
7. Obedient
8. Cheerful
9. Thrifty
10. Brave
11. Clean
12. Reverent

### HOW TO GET STARTED

Turn in Membership Application, Registration Fee, Boy's Life Subscription (optional, \$12 per year, prorated). Some units may also charge a fee.

Learn about the pack you are joining. When and where is the first meeting, normal den & pack Meetings? Leader contact information?

### BEFORE YOUR FIRST MEETING

Purchase age-specific handbook from a Scout Shop. (Approx. \$17 for spiral bound - see a Scout Shop flyer for store locations and hours.) Visit [www.MichiganScouting.org](http://www.MichiganScouting.org) for more detailed information for new Cub Scout parents.

### BEFORE YOUR SCOUT EARNS HIS FIRST AWARD

Purchase a BSA uniform from a Scout Shop.



# SCOUT SHOP LOCATIONS

## ANN ARBOR SCOUT SHOP

3914 Bestech Dr  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
Phone: 734-477-5194

## DETROIT TOYOTA SCOUT SHOP

1776 West Warren Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48208-2215  
Phone: 313-898-8920

## TROY SCOUT SHOP

1155 East Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48085  
Phone: 248-526-0169

## AUBURN SCOUT SHOP

5001 11 Mile Rd  
Auburn, MI 48611-8512  
Phone: 989-662-0242

## GRAND RAPIDS SCOUT SHOP

3213 Walker Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49544-9775  
Phone: 616-647-0207

## MCC SCOUT SHOP AT EAGLE

14258 Michigan Street  
Eagle, MI 48822  
Phone: 517-940-4087 (ext. 7777)  
[www.michiganscouting.org/shop](http://www.michiganscouting.org/shop)

## BURTON SCOUT SHOP

4205 E. Court Street  
Burton, MI 48509  
Phone: 810-743-7926

## KALAMAZOO SCOUT SHOP

3497 S. 9th Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Phone: 269-353-2832



# THE DOLLAR AND CENTS OF CUB SCOUTING

Expenses for your Pack include awards and recognitions, outings, program materials, equipment, and leader training. These expenses are generally handled in three ways: dues, the annual Trail's End popcorn sale, and activity fees.

## ANNUAL TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALE:

Money earning projects are the main source of funding for your Pack. The best money earning project is the Council-wide Trail's End popcorn sale in the fall. This no-risk fundraiser lets boys and girls earn prizes while supporting their Pack.

**DUES:** Your Pack may charge dues to cover the cost of program materials and supplies. Paying dues teaches boys and girls responsibility and the importance of paying their own way.

**EVENT FEES:** Programs put on by the Council are designed to be self-supporting, so boys and girls are typically charged an event fee to participate. Fees vary depending on the type of program and are paid online at [www.MichiganScouting.org](http://www.MichiganScouting.org).