Dear Scouting Family,

Congratulations on taking the first step on the journey of a lifetime for your son and family.

Scouting lets kids have fun while teaching them skills that will help them now and throughout their lives. In fact, Scouts have been participating in exciting adventures for over 100 years while developing their personal fitness, building self-esteem and leadership skills, and learning the importance of helping others.

While boys join Scouting to have fun with their friends and make new ones along the trail, Scouting’s mission is to help you instill in them the ability to make good decisions and equip them with the tools they’ll need to lead a happy, fulfilling life.

We’ve seen first-hand the enormous positive impact Scouting has on the lives of young people, and we’re thrilled your family has made the great decision to become part of our Scouting community.

We encourage you to visit www.PathwayToAdventure.org/Blast2017 at your earliest convenience to access valuable resources, including an essential Parent Orientation Guide, which will help you and your son get the most out of Scouting. Also, check out the Adventure Day flyer included in your welcome packet. Pick the date and location that works best for your family and hang on to the attached Launch Ticket so you can trade it in for your rocket engine at Adventure Day!

Feel free to reach out to our top-notch staff with any questions as you settle in or at any time in the future. You can reach us at (312) 421-8800 ext. 219.

Welcome!

Richard Romani
Volunteer Membership Chair

Jeff Isaac
Executive Director
The Cub Scout program is designed to involve your son in a group of boys his own age where he can earn status and recognition. There he will also gain a sense of personal achievement from the new skills he learns.

Cub Scout Motto
DO YOUR BEST

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.

Mission
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 Scout Law.

Tiger Cubs
1st Grade or 7 Years Old

Bear
3rd Grade or 9 Years Old

Wolf
2nd Grade or 8 Years Old

Webelos
4th & 5th Grade or 10 Years Old
HOW DOES CUB SCOUTING WORK?

YOUR SCOUT IS A MEMBER OF A DEN...

• A den is made up of no more than eight boys who are the same age and/or grade.
• The den meets two to three times a month. One of the den meetings each month is a “Go See It” or field trip.
• The den has a den leader, but the den leader shares the planning of the den meetings with the parents.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: THE DEN

Tiger Cub den
Parents are most involved at the Tiger Cub level. The boy and his parent or guardian join the den and attend all meetings and activities together.

The den is made up of three to eight parent-son teams. Each den has a Tiger Cub den leader (one of the parents) who helps coordinate the meetings. The parent-son teams take turns hosting the activities and plan the meetings with the Tiger Cub den leader. The den has three meetings a month: one is a den meeting focused on advancement; one “Go See It” activity (the den, as a group visits a community place of interest); and the monthly pack meeting.

Wolf and Bear Cub Scout dens
Parents are vital to Cub Scout dens. Parents help the den leader, and support the Cub Scout at home. Scouts are beginning to be more independent. The den consists of four to eight boys, a den leader and assistant den leader (parent of some of the boys), and usually a den chief (a Boy Scout who helps the den leader). They meet at least twice monthly at a regularly scheduled time and place, and attend monthly pack meetings with their families.

Webelos Scout den
The Webelos den is similar to Wolf and Bear Cub Scout dens. However, more emphasis is placed on the boys taking leadership roles as they prepare to become Boy Scouts.
YOUR SCOUT IS A MEMBER OF A PACK...

- A pack consists of several dens and meets once a month.
- The Cubmaster leads the monthly pack meeting, but each den will have a part in the pack meeting.
- Some months, the pack meeting will have special themes such as Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing the Scouts for the projects they have completed.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Committee Chair
Conducts monthly Pack Leaders’ Meeting to help plan program. Ensures that committee members give adequate support to the Cubmaster and den leaders. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

Committee Members
Attend monthly Pack Leaders’ Meeting to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities and membership.

Pack Trainer
Conducts orientation for new families and pack leaders. Trains new leaders for their specific positions or encourages participation in district training. Conducts other training as designated. Keeps track of pack training records.

Cubmaster
Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program. Attends monthly leaders’ meeting.

HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

$32 - BSA Registration
* Covers September 2017 - December 2018

$16 - Boys’ Life monthly full-size magazine (optional)
* Subscription from September 2017 - December 2018
Boys’ Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science and U.S. History. There are also jokes, comics and short stories.

Pack Dues - This is an additional charge your local unit (pack) will collect for activities it has planned for the year. The cost varies by unit by typically ranges from $40 to $80 annually. There are multiple opportunities throughout the year for your son to earn the money needed to attend camp and participate in the other planned activities.
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

**Adventure Days** - Scouts and their families will get to launch their model rockets at one of five locations on September 30th or October 7th. The Adventure Days will also include marble golf, archery, fishing, field games and much more!

**Pinewood Derby** - Scouts participate in the thrill of model car racing! The Pinewood Derby is a parent/son project in which they build a race car from a block of wood. Boys race their cars against one another in the pack.

**Sports Days** - Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to see their favorite sport teams in action. (White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Chicago Wolves, Chicago Blackhawks, and many more!)

**Cub Scout Day Camp** - Day camp is right in your backyard and allows you to spend a few days experiencing wonderful activities with your Scout. Camps range from two to four days. They feature shooting sports (Archery and BB where permitted), games, Scout skills, crafts, and much more.

**Scouting for Food** - The annual food drive is held in December to benefit local food banks as part of our “Good Turn” to help the hungry.

**Field Trips and Special Outings** - These are great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.
Scouting Uniform Checklist

Bring this checklist to the Scout Shop and we’ll help outfit you in your first complete uniform.

Name ________________________________

Council ________________________________

Den Number _______ Pack Number _______

☐ Tiger  ☐ Wolf  ☐ Bear  ☐ Webelos

Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts

☐ Shirt
☐ Trousers or shorts
☐ Web Belt and Buckle - Tiger Cub or Cub Scout
☐ Scout Socks - Tiger Cub or Cub
☐ Neckerchief - Tiger, Wolf or Bear
☐ Neckerchief Slide - Tiger, Wolf or Bear
☐ Cub Scout Cap - Tiger, Wolf or Bear

Insignia
☐ Council Shoulder Patch
☐ Unit Numerals (see your den leader)
☐ Den Numeral Strip (see your den leader)
☐ World Crest Emblem

Handbooks
☐ Tiger Cub Handbook
☐ Wolf Cub Scout Book
☐ Bear Cub Scout Book

Webelos Scouts

☐ Webelos Belt Buckle (fits Cub Scout belt)
☐ Webelos Neckerchief
☐ Webelos Neckerchief Slide
☐ Webelos Cap
☐ Shoulder Loops-Blue

Insignia
☐ Council Shoulder Patch
☐ Unit Numerals (see your den leader)
☐ Den Numeral Strip or Patrol Emblem** (see your den leader.)
☐ World Crest Emblem

Handbooks
☐ Webelos Handbook

Accessories
☐ Webelos Colors

**NOTE: Webelos Scouts may wear either the Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform. Each Webelos den decides whether a den numeral strip or a patrol emblem is worn.

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