



RACE INTO
SCOUTING

PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL



PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

WELCOME LETTER



Dear Scouting Family,

Welcome and congratulations on starting your Scouting adventure!

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a great person; a self-reliant, responsible, and caring individual. We have the very same goals for them!

Cub Scouts 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, along with learning the importance of helping others.

While kids join Scouting to have fun with their friends and make new ones along the trail, Scouting also helps instill in them the ability to make good decisions and equips them with the tools they'll need to lead a happy, fulfilling life.

We've seen firsthand 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 the Scouting community.

We encourage you to visit PathwayToAdventure.org/CubScouts at your earliest convenience to access valuable resources, which will help you and your child get the most out of Scouting.

And since everything is more fun with friends, we included an extra flyer to Cub Scouts: The Experience in your Welcome Packet. You can give the flyer to any family you think may enjoy the adventures of Scouting. If the family joins Scouting, their new Scout will also receive a free backpack and balloon car, just like your new Scout!

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.

Welcome!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard D. Romani".

Richard Romani
VP of Membership (Volunteer)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Isaac".

Jeff Isaac
Scout Executive and CEO

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The Cub Scout program is designed to involve your son or daughter in a group of children their own age where he or she can earn status and recognition. Your Scout will also gain a sense of personal achievement from the new skills they learn.



Lion

Kindergarten or
6 Years Old



Wolf

2nd Grade or
8 Years Old



Tiger Cubs

1st Grade or
7 Years Old



Bear

3rd Grade or
9 Years Old



Webelos

4th & 5th Grade or
10 Years Old

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.

HOW DOES CUB SCOUTING WORK?



Your Scout is a Member of a Den...

- A den is made up of no more than 10 boys or 10 girls who are the same age and/or grade.
- The den meets two to three times a month. For Tigers only, 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

Lion Den

Lion Guides, who are experienced Cub Scouters, serve as liaisons between the Lions and the Pack. The child and his/her parent or guardian join the den and attend all meetings and activities together.

Tiger Cub Den

Similar to Lions, parents or guardians attend all meetings and activities. The den is made up of three to eight parent-child teams. Each den has a Tiger Cub den leader (one of the parents) who helps coordinate the meetings. The parent-child 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 or girls, a den leader and assistant den leader (parent of some of the children), 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

In Webelos dens, more emphasis is placed on the children taking leadership roles as they prepare for Scouts BSA. Webelos work on requirements for the Webelos Badge during the first year. In the second year, the Scout works on requirements for the Arrow of Light (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

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.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: THE PACK

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.

New Member Coordinator

Serves as welcoming ambassador for the unit. They will work with the unit committee to help implement their Unit Membership Plan.

HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

\$72 (+\$12 for insurance) – Fees are collected on a pro-rated basis of \$7/month per member

\$12 – Annual Subscription to Scout Life magazine (optional)
Fees are collected on a pro-rated basis of \$1/month per member

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, but typically ranges from \$40 to \$80 annually. There are multiple opportunities throughout the year for your child to earn the money needed to attend camp and participate in the other planned activities.

PACK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Cub Scouts: The Experience

Cub Scouts: The Experience is an action-packed day featuring, archery, field games, crafts, hiking, STEM, and much more! There are 4 different locations and dates for these events so that you can choose what's most convenient for your family.

Pinewood Derby

Scouts participate in the thrill of model car racing! The Pinewood Derby is a parent/child project in which they build a race car from a block of wood. Cub Scouts 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

Held in locations throughout the Chicago and Northwest Indiana area, day camp is a great opportunity for Cub Scout summer fun! Day Camps 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 the spring 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.

Blue & Gold Banquet

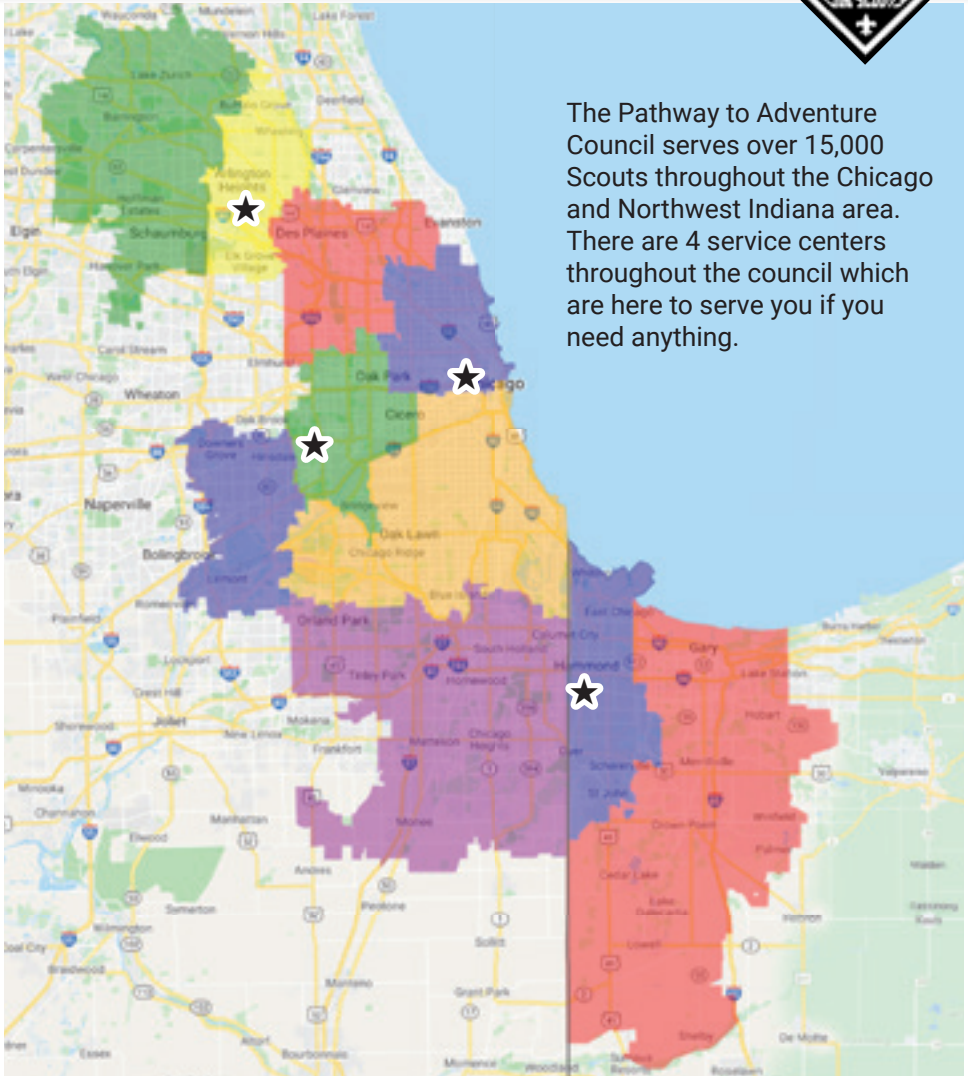
A birthday party for Scouting held at your Pack meeting in February. Most often a meal along with special programs or entertainment is included. This is also where Pack leaders and volunteers are recognized.

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 Scouts BSA

KEY LOCATIONS



The Pathway to Adventure Council serves over 15,000 Scouts throughout the Chicago and Northwest Indiana area. There are 4 service centers throughout the council which are here to serve you if you need anything.

Steve Fossett Center for Scouting

1218 W. Adams Street | Chicago, IL 60607

Arlington Heights Center for Scouting & Arlington Heights Scout Shop

617 E. Golf Road Suite 101 | Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting & Calumet Scout Shop

8751 Calumet Avenue | Munster, IN 46321

La Grange Center for Scouting & La Grange Scout Shop

811 W. Hillgrove Avenue | La Grange, IL 60525



Scouting Uniform Checklist

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

Name _____ Den Number _____

Council _____ Pack Number _____

Lion

Tiger

Wolf

Bear

Webelos



Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts

- Shirt
- Trousers or shorts
- Skort or Capris (girls)
- 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

- Lion Adventure Book
- 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

Handbooks

- Webelos Handbook

Accessories

- Webelos Colors

Insignia

- Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals
 - (See your den leader)
- Den Numeral Strip or Patrol Emblem**
 - (See your den leader)
- World Crest Emblem

**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.

Visit your local Scout Shop today!

Arlington Heights Scout Shop
617 E. Golf Rd. Suite 101
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Phone: (847) 640-4430

Calumet Scout Shop
8751 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
Phone: (219) 200-5462

La Grange Scout Shop
811 W. Hillgrove Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525
Phone: (708) 352-3144