

CUB SCOUTS

PARENT'S GUIDE

AN INTRODUCTION
TO CUB SCOUTING

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HOW DOES CUB SCOUTING WORK?



THE PACK

A pack is a Scouting unit for youth ages 5-11. A pack is organized into dens by grade level. Each pack meets once a month, and is led by a Cubmaster. The monthly meetings are attended by all Cub Scouts and their family members, and it is an opportunity for Cub Scouts to be recognized for their achievements.

THE DEN

A den is a group of Cub Scouts of the same grade level. Each den meets once a week and is lead by a Den Leader. Den meetings usually consist of games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies, and other activities. Each den may also go on outdoor adventures, like hiking or camping, in their den or with the whole pack.



CUB SCOUT DENS



LIONS
Kindergarteners will join the Lion Den.

TIGERS
First graders will join the Tiger Den.



WOLVES
Second graders will join the Wolf Den.

BEARS
Third graders will join the Bear Den.



WEBELOS
Fourth graders will join the Webelos Den.

AOL
Fifth graders will join the AOL Den.



CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES



PINEWOOD DERBY

Cub Scouts can design, build, and race their very own pinewood derby car in their den, pack, and possibly against the whole district and council.

BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

The pack and their families gather to celebrate and reward the Cub Scouts for their work throughout the year. A Blue & Gold Banquet is also a celebration of Scouting's birthday, and is usually held in February when Scouting America was founded.



SPECIAL OUTINGS

Packs will often plan day or evening trips to local parks, police or fire stations, museums, and more. Packs will also plan overnight camping trips that Cub Scouts and their families can attend.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Cub Scout packs participate in food drives, like the annual Scouting for Food drive, conservation projects, park or local area clean ups, collections for organizations and charity events, and many other community activities and projects.





HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?



HELPING

Being helpful is part of the Scout Law, a value Scouting America seeks to instill in everyone. The best way to help is not to wait until someone asks, but by providing assistance when you know someone needs it. When offering to help, consider the following:

- What things are you good at?
- What do you enjoy doing?
- What hobbies or skills do you have?

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is another way parents can get involved. Being a volunteer means adhering to the Scouter's Code of Conduct and registering as an adult with Scouting America and going through the approval process. To become a volunteer, one must:

1. Go to my.scouting.org to create a My.Scouting account
2. Complete the online Youth Protection Training course
3. Complete the online or paper adult application



LEADING

Being a leader means that you are a registered volunteer that takes on a personal commitment to ensure that a safe and meaningful program is delivered to your pack.

Leaders take training for their specific positions and courses like Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) or Wood Badge. Being a leader means you care enough about Scouting to lead the charge in creating and delivering the Scouting program.

FUN FACTS ABOUT SCOUTING

The Scouting movement spans 216 countries, with over 38 million Scouting members!



There are currently 136 merit badges that Scouts can earn.



Baylor University found that Eagle Scouts have higher levels of planning, leadership, and life skills than those who were not in Scouting.



20 of the 24 men who flew to the Moon had been Scouts, including 11 of the 12 men who walked on its surface.



In 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt called on the Boy Scouts to collect 1.8 million items of clothing and foodstuffs for victims of the Great Depression.



Walmart founder Sam Walton became an Eagle Scout at age 13, and at the time was the state's youngest Eagle Scout.

To become a Cub Scout, a parent and/or guardian must register their child with Scouting America.

There are several components to funding Cub Scouts, one of which is the Scouting America National registration fee.



The \$85 membership fee is an annual fee that serves as a premium for insurance provided for members during authorized activities.

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The \$40 program fee is an annual fee that is a premium for insurance provided by the Natural State Council to registered members.

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The \$125 fee is the total price that children will pay for a full year of Scouting.

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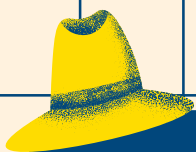
CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

- Short-sleeve shirt
- Pants and/or shorts
- Belt
- Neckerchief and slide
- Pack numbers
- Handbook



All items can be purchased from the Little Rock or Springdale Scout Shops, or at scoutshop.org



LITTLE ROCK SCOUT SHOP

3220 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR, 72202

Phone: 501-663-7157

Hours: M-F 10-5, SA 10-2, closed Sundays

SPRINGDALE SCOUT SHOP

3409 Elm Springs Rd, Springdale, AR

Phone: 479-750-3033

Hours: M-F 10-5, SA 10-2, closed Sundays



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