

School Night for Scouting



NATURAL STATE COUNCIL SCOUTING AMERICA

PRESENTATION SCRIPT

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SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING AGENDA

By SNFS	Write next meeting and training information on each <i>Welcome to our Pack Information Sheet</i> .
One hour before	Arrive at school to set up.
30 minutes before	Complete set up of room.
	See that Scouts are in place to open doors and direct the parents to the meeting room.
As Families Arrive	Greet them.
	Ask them to sign the attendance sheet.
	Distribute Parent's Guides, 100 Point Volunteer Form, Applications and pencils/pens.
Program Begins	Introduce yourself and other leaders and welcome everyone.
	Follow script.
	Have parents complete applications and fees and submit to the designated leader.
After Program	Clean Up
	Take applications, fees, and attendance sheets to the Unit-Serving Executive.

Welcome

Tonight, you and your child begin an adventure – 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 youth in grades kindergarten through five. It teaches values and life skills in an environment of fun and adventure.

Welcome to the adventure of Cub Scouting!

Why Join Cub Scouting?

If you could give only one gift to the young people who are most important in your life, what would it be? No matter what your family situation is, it is within your power to help these children grow into people with a good feeling about themselves and a genuine concern for others. Cub Scouting can assist you in providing this greatest gift of all.

Cub Scout-age children benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. Through this sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others.

As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Youth join because it is fun. Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

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.

How Does Cub Scouting Work?

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with adventures that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on adventures, they will earn badges and other recognition that they wear on their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. A den typically meets twice a month, although some may meet more often. All dens, from kindergarten through fifth grade, make up a pack. Once a month, the dens, with their families, come together at the pack meeting and Cub Scouts are recognized for the adventures and badges they have earned.

Dens

The Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (First Grade) Dens

Cub Scouts who join in kindergarten or first grade join with an adult partner, usually the parent or guardian. A Lion or Tiger den should be no more than eight Cub Scouts and their adult partners. An adult is selected to serve as the den leader (usually one of the parents) and coordinates the meetings. Each adult partner takes a turn assisting or hosting meetings or activities with the den leader. This shared leadership model is a great way to ensure the den leader has the help needed to deliver a quality program. Lion dens (kindergarten) meet once a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to. Tiger dens (first grade) typically meet twice a month or more often if the den leader and families choose to. At den meetings, Lions and Tigers work on adventures that are found in their handbooks.

The Wolf (Second Grade) and Bear (Third Grade) Dens

Children this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs. A Wolf (second grade) or Bear (third grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts of the same gender, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and often a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader). They typically meet twice a month at a regularly scheduled time and place, and they also attend the pack meeting with their families.

The Webelos Scout Den (Fourth and Fifth Grades)

The Webelos den is much like the Wolf and Bear dens, but there is more emphasis on learning to take leadership roles and preparing to join a Scout Troop.

Pack Meetings

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, which meet monthly at the pack meeting, led by the Cubmaster. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of achievements and badges that Cub Scouts earned during that month. This is where families can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

Pinewood Derby—You can build and race a model car with your child.

Blue and Gold Banquet—Cub Scouting's birthday party—for all pack members and their families— takes place in February.

Camping—Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.

Service projects—Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.

Field trips and special outings—Den outings are a great way to learn more about the people and places in your community.

How Can You Help?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to work with them on their Cub Scouting adventures as they work toward their badge of rank.

The Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities; some of them you do together at home. Den meetings are designed for Cub Scouts to complete adventures that are required for them to earn their badge of rank. When you have completed a requirement at home, make sure your den leader is informed so that they can properly record it and your child can be recognized for their achievements. Your role as a parent is the secret to a successful Cub Scouting program!

The den and the pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your child and family the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in their life and in the lives of their friends.

Here are some of the ways you could volunteer:

Den leader or Assistant Den Leader. Uses the Den Leader Guide and den meeting plans to lead the den at den meetings. Attends the monthly pack committee meeting.

Cubmaster. Helps plan and conduct the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack committee meeting.

Pack Committee. Every Cub Scout parent or guardian is invited to become a member of the pack committee. Pack committee members perform administrative functions of the pack. The committee meets monthly and includes the responsibilities below.

Training

Scouting America offers convenient training for parents who volunteer. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and how quality Scouting programs are built.

Youth Protection

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, Scouting America continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting. Scouting America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, Scouting America has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs.

All leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training and all parents are encouraged to take the training. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

How Much Does Scouting Cost?

Annual Registration fee	\$85
Annual Council Program fee	\$40
Scout Life magazine (optional; strongly recommended for all members)	\$15
<i>Total annual registration cost, including Scout Life</i>	<i>\$140</i>

Books: Youth handbooks are the Lion Handbook, Tiger Handbook, Wolf Handbook, Bear Handbook, and Webelos Handbook. Adult leaders use Scoutbook,

the online tool found at www.scoutbook.scouting.org. Parents have a free app, “Scouting” for Apple and Android, which allows you to connect with your child’s activities.

Pack dues: The amount varies by pack, depending on money-earning projects conducted by the pack to decrease the amount needed to run the pack program.

Uniform: The uniform and its cost vary by program for both youth and adults. Uniforms may also be purchased at your local Scout shop. See www.scoutshop.org.

Meetings and New Parent Orientation

Our pack and dens meet ***night of the week, time, and location***. We will hold a New Parent Orientation Meeting ***date, time, and location*** to discuss in more detail some of the items we touched on tonight. We will also be assigning dens. It is important that everyone attends.

Fill Out and Turn In Applications

Parents, it is now time to fill out the forms. First, let’s take some time to complete the 100 Point Volunteer Form.

We are asking you to fill this out so we can find the best volunteer job for you to help the pack with. The strength of the Cub Scout program is by having parent involvement. By having each parent do a little bit, none of us get overwhelmed by having to do too much. Also, we have found that children have a great Cub Scout experience when their parents are involved with them. Don’t be afraid, we know that most of you don’t know much about Cub Scouting. That’s ok. The talent survey you are completing will help us find the right job for you in our pack.

Now, fill out the application form for your child.

Make sure to fill out the application completely. At the top of the application, it asks for the pack number. Our pack number is _____.

Please fill out the Parent/Legal Guardian information and don't forget to sign the application on the left-hand side where it says "Signature of parent/legal guardian."

The yearly fees for Scouting are \$125.00 for registration and fees, and \$15.00 for Scout Life Magazine, for a total of \$140.

The Scout Life magazine will be mailed to your house each month. The articles will be fun for your child to read – or for you to read to them – and will be about things they can do in Scouting.

If you are paying by check, you can make the check out to BSA or Boy Scouts of America. You may also pay with cash, or credit or debit card, or Cash App.

After you have filled out your child's application take it along with your completed 100 Point Volunteer Form and payment and turn them in to Mr./Mrs.

_____.

REMEMBER TO ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING ON

_____, AT _____.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT _____.

As soon as you have turned in your paperwork you are free to leave.

Thank you for coming tonight and we look forward to seeing you next week.

SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING MATERIAL NEEDS LIST

1. [Attendance Roster](#)
2. [Grade Signs](#)
3. [Youth Applications](#)
4. [Adult Applications](#)
5. [Welcome to Our Pack Information Sheet](#)
6. [100 Point Volunteer Form](#)
7. [Parent's Guide to Cub Scouting](#)
8. [Little Rock Scout Shop Flyer](#)
9. [Springdale Scout Shop Flyer](#)
10. [Unit Serving Executive's Contact Information](#)
11. Report Envelope Cover Sheet
12. Pens
13. Calculator
14. Coins and Currency (to make change)