



ON MY HONOR



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.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Do Your Best

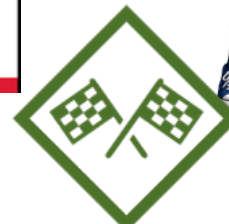
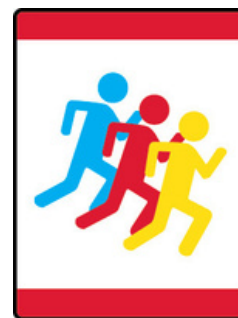


CUB SCOUTS PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE

Welcome to the Adventure of

Cub Scouting

*Where character counts
and
the adventure begins*



Your Child, Scouting, and You... An Aid to Parents

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them. For 115 years, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and physical fitness in their children.



Scouting teaches family values...We know that youth do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Youth join because it is fun.

Scouting is fun with a purpose!!

Cub Scout Program



Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys and girls in Kindergarten through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect their home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys and girls to learn new physical skills through sports, crafts and games; learn how to get along with others through group activities; reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating; and develop personal independence.

I. Lion and Tiger Cubs are one-on-one programs, for Kindergarten and first grade.

- Each youth/adult team is a member of a Cub Den with three to eight youth/adult teams.
- Meets 2-3 times each month.
- Meetings focus around topics known as "Big Ideas."
- Each den has a Den Leader to coordinate the Den Meetings.

II. Second through Fifth Graders are members of a den which:

- Has four to eight youth.
- Meets 2-4 times a month—scheduled at the leader's convenience.
- Is led by den leaders (usually a parent).
- Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies, and periodic field trips.



Parent Help Positions

The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work. Not all positions require you to be a registered Scouter.

Please complete and turn-in this form tonight.

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| ____ Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader | ____ Lion/Tiger Cub Den Leader |
| ____ Pack Parents' Committee | ____ Pack Trainer |
| ____ Pack Song Leader | ____ Pack Holiday Party Committee |
| ____ Awards Committee | ____ Pack Sports Program Committee |
| ____ Pinewood Derby Committee | ____ Special Events Committee |
| ____ Good Turn Committee | ____ 4th & 5th Den Leader/ Asst. Den Leader |
| ____ Blue and Gold Banquet | ____ 4th & 5th Gr Camp-out Committee |
| ____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster | ____ Communication Committee |
| ____ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator | ____ Pack Popcorn Kernal |

Hobbies _____

Sports Interests _____

Job _____ Work Shift _____

I have a: truck__ van__ trailer__ SUV__ I have a workshop__

Parent's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Scout's Name _____

Grade _____

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

Annual registration fees for Scouting America are collected every year. The registration fee covers liability and accident insurance. The registration and Scout Life magazine fees are forwarded to the National Scout Office.

Youth Registration Cost \$45. (Prorated fee covers to Feb 1)

Scout Life Cost \$15

Adult Registration Cost \$65

Pack Dues: Pack dues stay with the pack and cover the annual operating expenses of a successful Cub Scout program. The amount varies by pack. Many packs cover all fees with successful fundraisers and have no pack dues.

Uniform, Patches, Books: These will vary by program. Uniforms can be purchased at the Scout Shop. Uniforms can also be ordered and shipped from the Scout Shop. They can be purchased at local Scout Service Centers listed below.

Additional Activities: Cub Scout Adventure Day, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Pinewood Derby, and the Blue and Gold Banquet are just a few of the bigger activities.

Scout Office:

Rolley Service Center

1020 SE Monroe St. Topeka, KS 66612 Phone: 785.354.8541

Office Hours: 9:00 am-5:30 pm – Monday-Friday

Scout Shop:

Phone: 785.354.0291

9:00 am-3:00 pm – Monday – Friday

9:00 am-5:30 pm – Wednesday

www.jayhawkcouncil.org or www.facebook.com/jayhawkcouncil



Important Information

My pack number is _____ My den is _____

My council is the Jayhawk Area Council

Den Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Den meets on: _____ at _____

Cubmaster: _____ Phone: _____

Pack meets on: _____ at _____

(Be sure to get this information before you leave)

The Cub Scout Pack

- I. Your child is a member of a pack which:
 - a. Is made up of one or more dens.
 - b. Meets once a month at the pack meeting.
 - c. The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
 - d. Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges the Scouts earned that month.
- II. Our Pack is run by the Pack Committee.
 - a. Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, and all parents.
 - b. We meet once a month.
 - c. Led by a committee chairman.
 - d. Helps with planning and organizing activities.
- III. Our Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization.
 - a. Can be schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations.
 - b. Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor)



The Ideal Year Of Scouting

Youth + Dreams = Cub Scouts = FREE

Every child has their own dream of what it will be like to be a Cub Scout and it isn't sitting in a church basement or gym. Some want to go camping, some want to sleep at the museum, others want to race Pinewood Derby Cars. Rarely do they want to be a drain on their parents' wallets.

The Ideal Year of Scouting helps Scouts brainstorm for activities and teaches them how to fund these activities by selling popcorn. This makes the Scouts less dependent on their parents for financial help.

Packs will have a variety of ways to raise money, but the Fall Popcorn Drive is the largest. Many units that sell popcorn find that the Scouts fees can be covered through their sales. Talk to your pack leadership about popcorn and other fundraising to make Scouting as affordable as possible for you and your family.

Jayhawk Area Council offers many other ways to help Scouts afford Scouting. Through our partnership with KanCare, uniform assistance, our Bridging the GAP program, and other means we will help in any way we can to make Scouting happen for you and your family! These opportunities are largely available due to our Friends of Scouting program.

Friends of Scouting and You!

Friends of Scouting, our yearly fundraising program is one of the ways that Jayhawk Area Council works to help as many youth in our area as possible.

It allows us to offer scouting scholarships for summer camp and membership dues. Programs like Bridging the GAP are all made possible from generous donations from around the community and from parents like you.

Packs will see a Friends of Scouting presenter at some point and if they are able we would encourage that you give to help future Scouts in need, but it is not in any way required.

If you would like to help with Friends of Scouting Please visit the Council Webpage.



You Are Not Alone!

Our staff at the Jayhawk Area Council, Rolley Scout Service Center can help or get you in touch with someone who can.

Phone Number: (785) 354-8541
Website: www.jayhawkcouncil.org

Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your area. You can get ideas to plan all your den meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share best practices. These meetings are usually the first Thursday and will have a wealth of information.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/leader-resources/>

Den and Pack meeting Resource Guide along with your child's book provides everything you need to run a great den meeting. You can literally plan your entire year using these two resources.

Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need. A variety of program resources are from the Scout Shop located at the Council Service Center or are also available online.

Your area has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which Scouts can participate.

Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "Service Team." They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.

Basic training is available online. Your district also provides supplemental training. Visit www.jayhawkcouncil.org/training/

We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations. Safeguarding Youth Training is required before becoming a leader



What Do You Receive In Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents and enthusiasm to Scouting:



- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the Scout's accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys and girls learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men and women who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys and girls as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both kids and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization - wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideas and objectives of Scouting America.

Chartered Organization

Chartered Organization Representative

Pack Committee

Cubmaster

Lion/Tiger

Wolf

Bear

Webelos/AOL

Den Leader

Den Leader

Den Leader

Den Leader

Youth

Youth

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Youth

Den & Den Meetings

A den is made up of six to eight Scout/Adult Partner teams. Each den has a Den Leader (usually a parent) who coordinates the meetings. Adult partners take turns running the activities and planning meetings with the Den Leader. Each scout needs a parent or adult partner with them with the exception of parents who have two or more children in the den.



The Advancement Plan

The Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (Grade 1) Dens

At the Lion and Tiger level a scout and an Adult Partner (their parent or guardian) join the den together and attend all meetings and activities together.

The Wolf Scout (Grade 2) and Bear Scout (Grade 3) Dens

Parents continue to be vital to the Cub Scout dens by helping the Den Leader, but Wolves and Bears are beginning to be more independent, and not every child needs a parent at every meeting. The den consists of four to eight scouts, a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader (usually parents in the den).

The Webelos Scout (Grade 4) and Arrow of Light (Grade 5) Dens

The Webelos den is much like the wolf and bear dens with more emphasis on boys and girls learning to take leadership roles and preparing to become Scouts BSA. The den consists of four to eight scouts and a Den and Assistant Den Leader.



Cub Scout, Motto

Do Your Best



In society, where your child is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches them to "Do Your Best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.

Special Programs

Summertime Camping



Cub Resident Camp: Starting at a three day and two night experience for first through fifth graders and their adult family members. Activities include BB's, archery, nature, climbing, bouldering, sports, and much, much more.

Fun Days: One-Day activities that are theme based and held within local communities.

Details available at the Council website

Pinewood Derby



A Parent/child project building a race car made from a block of wood. Scouts will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there the night of the big race, which will be in February!



Blue and Gold Banquet
Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February.

Scout Life Magazine

A magazine for Scouts and adults. Scout Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and United States history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The magazine costs \$15/year.



How Can You Help?



Scouting is operated through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your child and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Scout Parents

This is a great way to help with "one shot" program jobs coordinating pack participation in sales events, blue and gold banquet, pinewood derby, camp, etc. Does not need to be registered but is encouraged. These jobs are short in duration.