

National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Cub Scout Parent's Orientation Guide



Where character counts and
the adventure begins...





PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING



Cub Scout packs serve boys who are in first through fifth grade (or 7 through 10 years of age). Boys, families, leaders, and chartered organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.

The ten purposes of Cub Scouting are:

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievements
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts



Your Son, Scouting, And You... An Aid To Parents

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical and mental fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values. We know that boys do not join Scouting to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun filled with adventure.

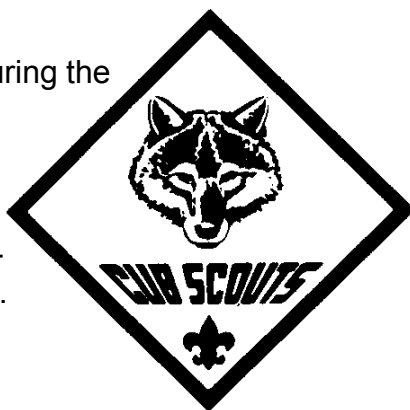
The Cub Scout Pack

The pack is a group made up of several dens -- Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout dens. Most packs have a den for each grade level.

The pack is led by a Cubmaster during the pack meeting.

The Cubmaster leads pack meetings with games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges which the boys earned that month.

The pack meets once a month.



Tiger Cub Dens - 1st Grade

Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share

Tiger Cubs is a fun program that introduces first-grade boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they "search, discover, and share" together.

The Tiger Cub Den

Tiger Cubs are organized into Tiger Cub dens, which usually consist of five to eight boys and their adult partners. Each week the Tiger Cub den comes together for an activity built around the "big idea" that has been selected by the den. Leadership of the den meetings is shared among the adult partners with guidance from the Tiger Cub den leader.

The Tiger Cub den also attends the monthly Cub Scout pack meeting. At the end of the school year, in May or June, Tiger Cubs graduate and become part of a Cub Scout den.



Scouting is fun with
a purpose!



Cub Scout Dens - 2nd and 3rd Grades

Cub Scouts are 8- or 9-year-old boys who are in the second or third grade. Cub Scout den meetings are run by an adult den leader with the help of an assistant den leader and a Boy Scout den chief. Meeting activities are planned around monthly themes and include playing games, making handicrafts, taking hikes and other outdoor activities, and taking part in simple ceremonies and songs. Sometimes work on advancement requirements is included.

When they complete the third grade (or reach age 10), the boys graduate to a Webelos Scout den.

Webelos Den - 4th and 5th Grade

Webelos, which stands for "WE'll BE LOyal Scouts", is a program for boys who are 10 years old and have completed the third grade. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop. As a Webelos Scout completes the requirements found in the *Webelos Scout Book*, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout joining requirements -- all leading to the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light Award.

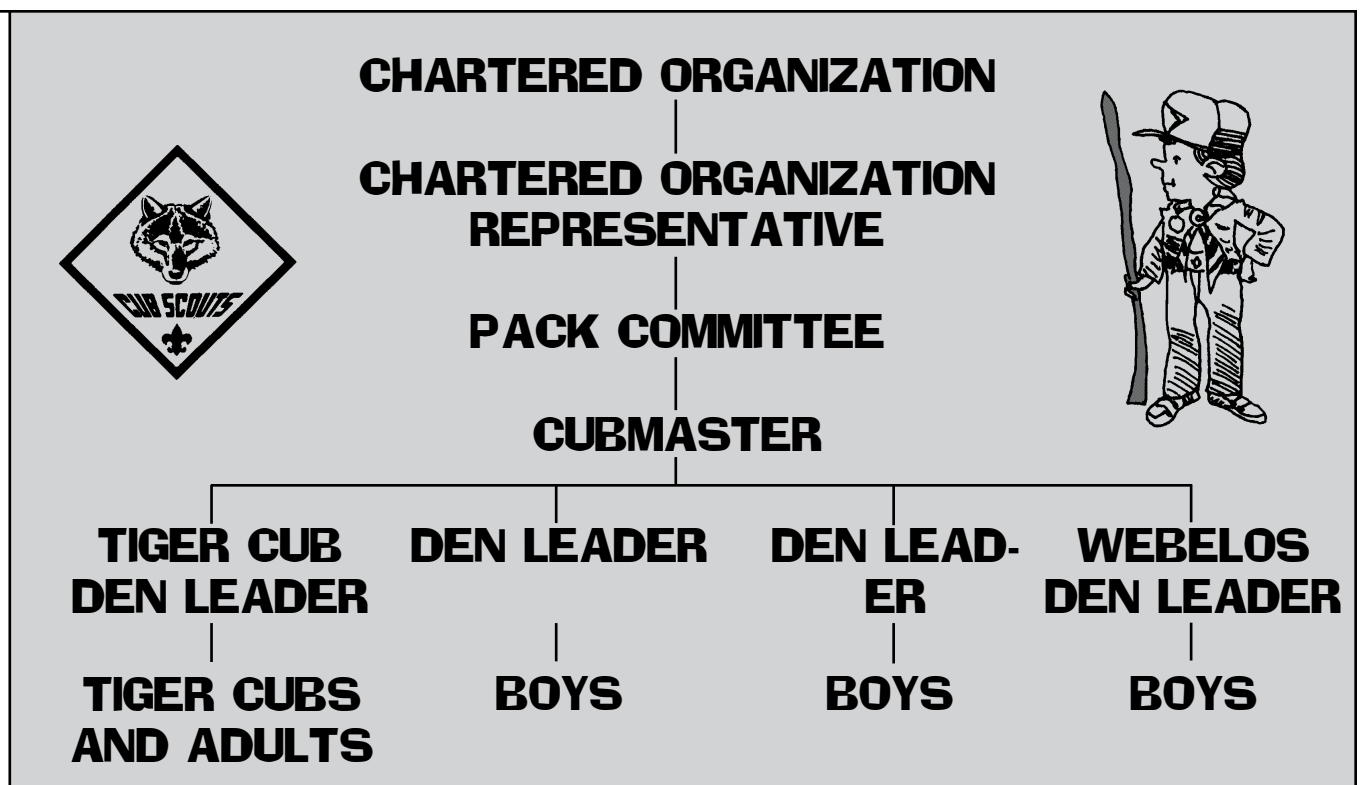
Webelos Scouts may wear the blue Cub Scout or khaki Boy Scout uniform. Webelos cap, neckerchief, and insignia placement is the same for either uniform. They can choose the blue belt with the Webelos Scout buckle or the olive belt with the Boy Scout buckle. Cub Scout belt loops are only for the Cub Scout web belt.



The pack is run by the Pack Committee which:

- Selects leadership
- Finds meeting places
- Performs record keeping
- Manages pack finances
- Orders badges
- Maintains pack equipment
- Helps train leaders
- Recognizes leaders

All of the leaders in the pack get together once a month to finalize details of each monthly program.



Packs are owned by Chartered Organizations which:

- A.** Include parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B.** Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the organization's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- C.** Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between the pack and its chartered organization).



What is Cub Scouting?

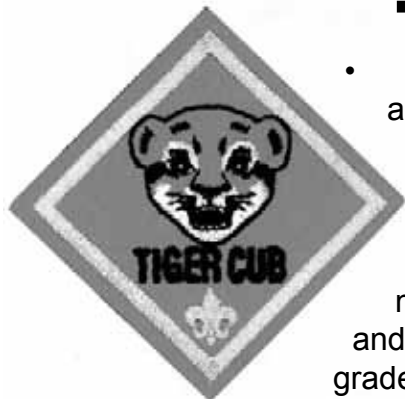
The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, as incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of moral strength and character, to develop fitness, and to train in the responsibilities of active citizenship.

Since 1930, younger boys have had the opportunity to be Cub Scouts in a year-round, home-centered program that helps to strengthen the family. Cub Scouting (which includes Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts) is the largest of the BSA's program phases.

The other phases are Boy Scouting (which includes Varsity Scouting) and Venturing (which includes Sea Scouts).

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are done at home with the family.



Tiger Cubs - 1st Grade

- The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.



Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second-grade (or is age 9), works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the Webelos rank.

As with the Wolf badge, for every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an *Arrow Point*.

A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can.



Bobcat

All boys, in 1st thru 5th-grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 12 achievements to earn the Wolf badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the Bear rank.



Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



Arrow Points

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Programs

Day Camp

Exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run five days in a local park.



Blue and Gold Banquet

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held during February.



Scouting for Food

Food drive held to benefit local food-banks. Part of our program is to help the hungry. Distribution is Saturday, November 3rd, food pick-up is Saturday, November 10, 2007.



Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults. *Boys' Life* has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The monthly magazine is \$12.00 per year.



Pinewood Derby

Parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Be there the night of the big race!



JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

COLOR US!



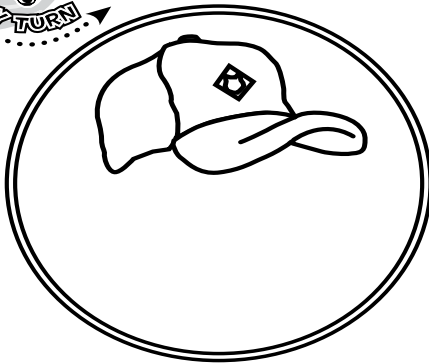
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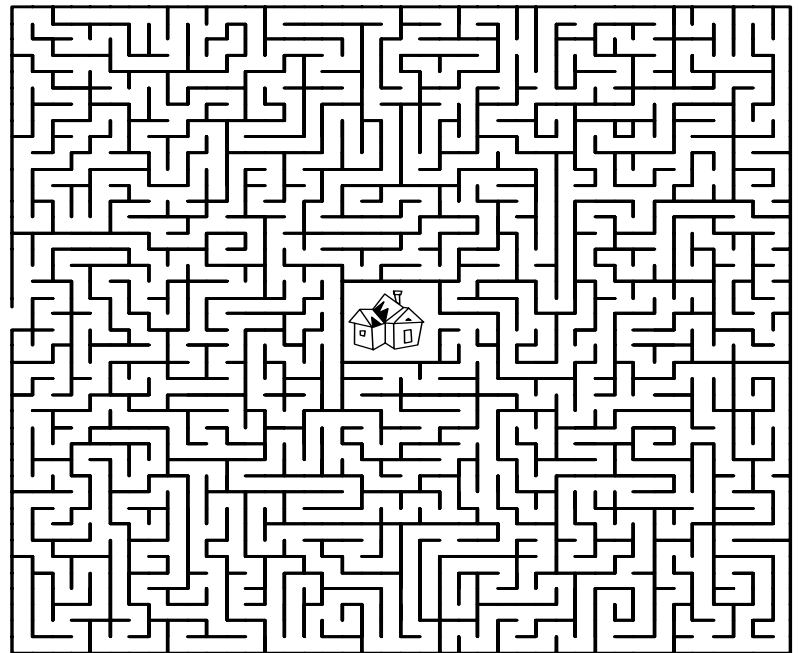
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YOUR PICTURE

FOLLOW THE TRAIL TO BALOO'S HOME!

START





Webelos Resident Camp

Camp Ross and Camp P.M.I. are Webelos Scout resident camps located beside 450-acre Lake Merriweather. These camps are approximately 3 and one half-hours from our Nation's Capital. Our camps meet all of the requirements for health and safety, as well as program quality, as required by the Boy Scouts of America and local and state officials.

Parent/Son Weekends

The Parent/Son Camping program is designed to give a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout and his adult partner an opportunity to spend a fun-filled 24-hour period together in the outdoors. During this 24-hour period, they will learn more about each other by working and playing together within a planned program of activities. Visit us online for details at www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org



What Do You Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find 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, talent, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men 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 as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a world-wide 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 ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Camp Opportunities for NCAC Cub Scouts

Day Camp/Twilight Camp

- All ranks, including Tigers (with Tiger Partner)
- 5 days
- Typically between hours of 8:30 PM and 4 PM (Twilight camp operates in early evening)
- No Overnight
- Crafts, sports, nature, outdoor activities, shooting sports, games, FUN!
- Theme-based: 2008 will be "Wild, Wacky, Wonderful Wheels!"
- Council sponsored program run by local district volunteers

Goshen Scout Reservation

- 1st and 2nd year Webelos or Family Camping
- 6 days
- Resident camping at one of 2 camp areas: Camp Ross or Camp P.M.I.
- 2-Man tents
- Crafts, sports, nature, outdoor activities, shooting sports, hikes, swimming, boating, games, and a climbing wall -- FUN!
- Council sponsored program run by NCAC hired staff.
- Council owned property in SW Virginia mountains

Cub World

- All ranks
- 5 Camping Packages that include Day Camp, Family Camp and Multiple Overnight Resident Camping.
- Themed Program Areas (Fort, Ship, Space Port, Akela Village & Big Dig)
- 14 Camp Sites
- Air Conditioned Dining Hall
- Swimming Pool
- Crafts, Sports, Nature, Outdoor Activities, Shooting Sports, Hikes, Swimming, Boating, Games and FUN!
- Full Time Staff
- Over 350 Acres of Council Owned Property in Haymarket, VA

What This Means for your Cub Scouting Adventure:

- Progressive program to meet each Cub's readiness level: day time and nearby for younger Scouts or short-term, close-in residential camping for younger boys ready for more of a challenge, and ready to be away from home, or older boys who are not ready for a full week away. Long term resident camping for older boys, to help ready them for Boy Scout troop camping experiences.
- Three opportunities for the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting!
- Build self-esteem, confidence & fitness.

Pack Volunteer Leadership Committee Chair

Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program. Ensures that adequate support to run program is given to Cubmasters and den leaders by committee members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed. Fast Start and Basic Leader Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

Committee Members

Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities and membership. Fast Start and Basic Leader Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

Cubmaster

Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Fast Start and Basic Leader Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

Tiger Cub Den Leader

Coordinates shared leadership among the Tiger Cub adult partners. This ensures den meetings and outings are planned, prepared for, and conducted by all adult partners on a rotating basis and den activities provide advancement opportunities for the boys in the den. Serves as den host for family members at pack meetings. Attends monthly pack leaders' meetings and monthly roundtable meetings. Fast Start and Basic Leader Training are offered for this position to help the new leader succeed.

Cub Scout Den Leader

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight boys. Den meeting is held in den leader's home, a church, or other suitable place. The den leader determines time, day, and location of den meeting that is most convenient for him or her. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Both Fast Start and Basic Leader Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

Webelos Den Leader

Same as Cub Scout den leader except works with older Webelos Scouts. Encourages periodic parent/son overnight campouts. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting. Fast Start and Basic Leader Training are offered for this position to help new leaders succeed.

Pack Trainer

Conducts orientation for new families and pack leaders. Trains new leaders for their specific leadership positions or encourages participation in district training. Encourages pack leaders to attend ongoing training, such as roundtables and youth protection training. Conducts other training as designated. Keeps track of pack training records. Pack trainers should be trained in a district or council Trainer Development Conference. They should, of course, have completed a training session before they teach it.

Parent Helpers

Assist pack and/or den with specific projects as needed by the leaders. All parents help their sons with advancement. Review chapter 18, "Advancement," of the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, No. 33221A, and the individual boy books for Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cub, Bear Cub, and Webelos Scouts.

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

Registration	\$10.00/Year	_____
Boys' Life Magazine	\$12.00/Year	_____
Accident & Sickness Insurance	\$1.00	_____
Pack Dues	\$ _____	_____

Tiger Cub

Shirt short sleeve (blue)	\$22.99	_____
Tiger Cub cap	11.99	_____
Tiger Cub belt	6.49	_____
Tiger Cub Handbook	4.49	_____

Cub Scout

Shirt short sleeve (blue)	\$22.99	_____
Trousers	31.99	_____
Shorts	24.99	_____
Cub Scout belt	6.49	_____
Cub Scout cap	11.99	_____
Wolf or Bear Neckerchief	4.99	_____
Neckerchief slide	2.49	_____
Wolf or Bear Handbook	6.99	_____

A price list for new uniform costs is included. Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends. Uniforms can often be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

(Some packs do money earning projects to decrease the amount of pack dues required.)

Note - uniforms and Boys' Life are not required (but recommended) to join Scouting.

Webelos

Shirt short sleeve (blue)	\$22.99	_____
Shirt short sleeve (tan)	24.99	_____
Trousers (blue)	31.99	_____
Trousers (green)	37.99	_____
Boy Scout Belt	6.49	_____
Webelos Handbook	6.99	_____
Webelos Neckerchief	5.99	_____
Webelos Neckerchief slide	2.49	_____
Webelos Cap	11.99	_____

Insignia

Den numeral	\$ 1.40	_____
Unit numeral	.90	_____
Council shoulder strip/patch	2.05	_____
Total		\$ _____

Prices on list were taken from the 2007 Boy Scouts of America catalog. Prices are subject to change - Visit www.scoutstuff.org for additional items and information.

You Are Not Alone

Our staff at the Marriott Scout Service Center can help you or get you in touch with someone who can provide assistance.

NCAC – 301-530-9360 (voice phone)
NCAC Website – www.boyscouts-ncac.org

- ✓ Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- ✓ "Program Helps" booklet contains meeting plans for den and pack meetings and shows you how to do crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders.
- ✓ Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- ✓ All registered adults receive *Scouting Magazine* and *The Scouter Digest*.
- ✓ Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "service team." They check on the health on your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- ✓ Your district has fast start training videos and leader basic training available. All leaders need training!

- ✓ We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.



Leader Training Ongoing opportunities

Each of our 28 districts runs a Cub Scout leader training during the Fall for all of the new leaders. Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader. Check with your pack leadership or visit our Website at www.boyscouts-ncac.org to find the dates and location of the next training course.

CUB SCOUT LEADER POW WOWs



When: November 17, 2007


What: A Learning Extravaganza for Cub Scout Leaders! It's an annual get-together, a hands-on workshop, an idea conference, and a convention. It's a day to increase knowledge, improve your skills, and to add to your already enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting.

Who: Anyone who wants to know more about Cub Scouting! New Leaders experienced leaders, potential leaders...ANY ADULT...wanting to have fun while they learn!

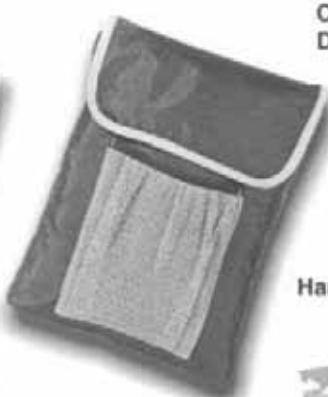
Classes: Dozens and dozens of various "classes" are available from A to Z. Each leader chooses exactly what they need to make their volunteer time more satisfying.

Let's Get Back to Cub Scouting!








Tiger, Wolf,
or Bear
T-Shirt



Cub Scout
Book Bag



Cub Scout
Dog Tag



Handbooks

Cub
Scout
Uniform

Now in
two
locations!

National Capital Scout Shop
9190 Rockville Pike • Bethesda, MD 20814
301-564-1091 • Fax: 301-564-6028
Hours: Mon. - Wed. & Fri.: 9 AM - 5:30 PM
Thurs.: 9 AM - 8 PM • Sat: 10 AM - 3 PM

Northern Virginia Scout Shop
5234 Port Royal Rd. • Springfield, VA 22151
703-321-4836 • Fax: 703-321-4838
Hours: Mon. - Wed.: 10 AM - 7 PM • Thu: 10 AM - 8 PM
Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM • Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

(Hold On to this)

My pack number is _____ My den number is _____

My Scouting district is the _____

My council is the National Capital Area Council.

My den leader's name is _____

My den leader's phone number is _____ E-mail _____

My den meets on _____

My den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____ E-mail _____

My pack meets on _____

My pack meets at _____

My unit commissioner's name is _____ E-mail _____

www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org



Parent Help Positions

- _____ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader
- _____ Pack Committee
- _____ Pack Song Leader
- _____ Awards Committee
- _____ Pinewood Derby Committee
- _____ Scouting For Food Committee
- _____ Blue and Gold Banquet
- _____ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster
- _____ Cub Day Camp Coordinator
- _____ Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator
- _____ Tiger Cub Den Leader
- _____ Pack Holiday Party Committee

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.

Please complete and turn-in this form tonight.

- _____ Pack Sports Program Committee
- _____ Special Events Committee
- _____ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader
- _____ Webelos Camp-out Committee
- _____ Telephone Committee
- _____ Pack Popcorn Sale Committee
- _____ _____

Hobbies _____

Sports Interests _____

Job _____ Workshift _____

I have a Truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station Wagon _____ I have a workshop _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____

Who Pays for Scouting?

Youth Members...

Assisted by their parents or guardians, boys in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Varsity Scouting and young men and women in Venturing pay their share from personal savings and participation in money-earning projects.

Members buy their own uniforms, handbooks, and personal equipment and pay their own camp fees.

and Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews & Ships...

Weekly or monthly dues and funds from approved money-earning projects meet expenses for supplies and activities in the Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, and Venture crew. These monies help pay for camping equipment, registration fees, *Boys' Life* magazine, uniform insignia, special activities, and program materials.

and Community Organizations...

Each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place and adult volunteer leadership for its BSA unit(s). The chartered organization and local council must approve unit money-earning projects before the launch of the project.



and the

National Capital Area Council...

Each year the National Capital Area Council establishes a budget to provide unit service, administration, training, outdoor and camping facilities, and quality program activities in the continuing effort to serve more boys. Just as your pack, troop, or crew raises funds for unit operation through dues and money-earning projects, the council raises funds for council operation through the United Way/CFC and other methods.

Our council conducts an annual Friends of Scouting campaign to provide opportunities for the parents, Scouters, and friends of Scouting to financially support the growth of the Scouting program.

and the National Organization.

Funds to support the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America come from registration fees, local council service fees, investment income, *Scouting* and *Boys' Life* magazines, sale of uniforms and equipment, contributions from individuals, and foundation grants. These monies help to deliver the program of the BSA (through four regional service centers and more than 300 local councils) to chartered organizations that use the Scouting program to meet the needs of their youth.

Quotes About Scouting

"In the 30 years that I've been doing this for a living, I've never had a parent say to me, 'I regretted the time I spent with my son or child in Scouting.'"

-Roy L. Williams, Former Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America

"The generation now being shaped by Scouting will be strengthened by deserved self-confidence and molded with its own history of kindness, bravery, honesty, and its all-out pursuit of excellence."

-Earl G. Graves, Vice President, Boy Scouts of America and Publisher, Black Enterprise Magazine

"Not only does Scouting create in young people the qualities that employers want to see, but it also develops the character and principles of our youth today."

-George Herrera, President & Chief Executive Officer, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



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