

CUB SCOUT PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



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SCOUTING'S IMPACT

Welcome to the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting... Where character counts & adventure is waiting

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. But does Cub Scouting really improve a kid's character? According to research conducted at Tufts University, the answer is YES!

The research studied 4,000 kids, some who are in Scouting and some who are not. The findings show that Scouting...

1. Includes sustained, positive adult-youth relations with caring and supportive adults
2. Promotes development of life skills through program activities
3. Provides leadership opportunities



SERVING TODAY'S YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The BSA's mission 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.

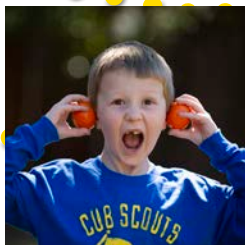
The Cub Scouting program is open to boys and girls. By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises.

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

THE BASICS

Youth Development
Program for youth in Kindergarten
through Fifth grade

- Builds Character
- Teaches Citizenship
- "Do Your Best"

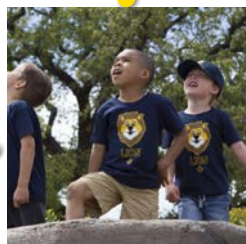


WHY CUB SCOUTING?

- Brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn to get along
- Build self-confidence
- Service projects to help others
- FUN!

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Hiking, fishing, biking
- Sporting events
- Cool field trips



THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Handbook
- Scout Life Magazine
- Patches

AND KEEPS GOING IN SCOUTING!

THE BIG PICTURE

Den Meetings

- Small groups by grade

Pack Meetings & Activities

- Family events with all dens

District & Council Events

- Community-wide activities



ADVANCEMENT

Age-based rank

- Assigned by grade

Awards and badges

Recognition

- Celebrating achievement and building self-confidence

TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Position specific training
- Printed resources



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Learn about your Pack
- Register tonight!

SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW

SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST
TO DO MY DUTY
TO GOD & MY COUNTRY
AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES
TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG
MENTALLY AWAKE & MORALLY STRAIGHT

SCOUT LAW

A SCOUT IS
TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
HELPFUL, FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS, KIND
OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL
THRIFTY, BRAVE
CLEAN & REVERENT

SCOUTING = RESULTS

What Parents want

Bring the family together

Help their children develop skills and leadership

Connect with others

Learn to get along

Build self-confidence

Be happy and have fun!

What Scouts Want

FUN!

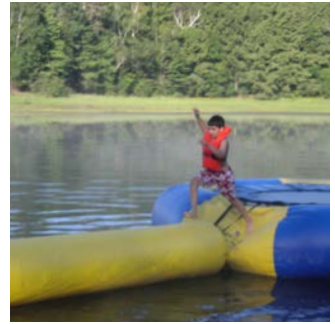
Make new friends

Master new skills

Go camping

Recognition & praise

FUN!



Does Scouting Work?

Current and former Scouts have always felt that Scouting has made a difference in their lives, and now a study by Tufts University has found that Scouting does, in fact, have a measurable, positive impact in the character development of young people. Scouting was put to the test over the course of three years to measure the character attributes of both Scouts and non-Scouts.

The Study Revealed...

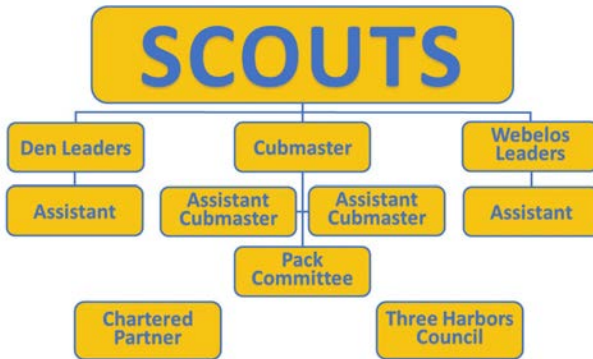
- Scouts are more likely to embrace positive social values than non-Scouts
- The more time kids spend in Scouting, the better the outcomes in character development
- Those who attend meetings regularly report higher outcomes virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance
- Scouts who are more engaged in program report higher outcomes in nearly every category

THE CUB SCOUT PACK



YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK WHICH

- Is made up of one or more gender and grade-specific dens; dens usually meet two to three times a month as a den



- Meets once a month at the pack meeting led by the Cubmaster - all Cub Scout families are expected to participate
- Some months the pack meetings may be a special activity, banquet or outdoor event... such as a family camp-out

YOUR PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE

- Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and parents
- The committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- Led by the Committee Chairman
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities



NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS

SCOUT LIFE RECOMMENDED

Scout Life Magazine has been around almost as long as there have been Scouts. It is the only magazine especially designed for the Scout.

With features such as camping around the world and hiking, hobbies such as model cars and boat building, bicycling, fishing and nature, and articles on current Scouting, sporting and new events, Scout Life has just about everything to offer your child.

Make sure on your application you mark the Scout Life square and put your correct mailing address. In approximately 2 to 3 months, your Scout will receive their first issue delivered directly to their home. This is one step you can take to make sure your child will receive a full year of great Scouting.



HOW TO GET STARTED... BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your Scout may tell you, the first thing they will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to their age:

- Kindergartner will need a Lion Book
- 1st grader will need a Tiger Book
- 2nd grader will need a Wolf Book
- 3rd grader needs a Bear Book
- 4th and 5th graders will need a Webelos Book



These books contain the basics they will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that rank.

THE CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

Don't get the idea that uniforms aren't important, they are. After going through your Scout's book with them you'll probably have a good idea how serious a Cub Scout they will be. The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents an investment on your part. Our uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for them to grow into.

If you can find an 'experienced' uniform in good shape, be sure to get it. Many of these 'experienced' uniforms will be just like new and will be all Scouts need at a very low cost. Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and the Council Scout Shops are the official distributors of BSA uniforms and equipment.

Cub Scouts don't require much more than this, but in Scouts BSA they will need to acquire personal camping gear for their many outings. The Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. The Cub Scouts especially enjoy this, and the uniform serves as school clothing one day a week.

Milwaukee Scout Shop

330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214
Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Phone: (414) 453-9777
Fax: (414) 453-9779

Kenosha Scout Shop

7500 Green Bay Road (Suite LL101)
Kenosha, WI 53142
(Lower Level of the Johnson Bank Building)
Monday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Phone: (262) 632-1655
Fax: (262) 632-3596

Visit our website for current hours



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SUMMERTIME CAMPING

We offer a summer full of day camp and overnight camp programs!

Camping is integral to the Scouting program. All of our activities are aimed at getting kids outdoors and having fun. Camping is available at almost any time, with many programs available for you to enjoy the outdoors with your family!



Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta

Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta sits on more than 180 acres of rolling hills and woodlands on the shores of Dyer Lake, just south of the town of Burlington. With a beautiful beach front, campsites and a historic Old West fort, Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta is the perfect place to enjoy a fun adventure with your family.

PINWOOD DERBY

Parent/Scout project to build a race car made from a block of wood. Scouts will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby.



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held at the February pack meeting.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Our annual council-wide service project to collect food for local food banks throughout Kenosha, Milwaukee and Racine Counties.



POPCORN & WREATH SALE

Our annual popcorn sale teaches Scouts a valuable life lesson of earning their own way and helps pay for Scouting expenses. Please refer to the Popcorn or Wreath Sale forms provided in tonight's packet for more information. Your pack may use different vendors, so be sure to talk to your pack leadership before using these sales forms.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Scouting operates 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.



WHAT DO I GET 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 accomplishment
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- A chance to help Scouts 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 youth 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 ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America



PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP



DEN LEADER(s)

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack leaders' meeting.



PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members perform administrative functions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack meetings.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meeting and pack leaders' meetings



ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER

Ensures that all leaders of the pack are trained. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.



NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Welcome new youth and families, lead development of unit membership plans, and collaborate with district membership committee to strengthen and grow youth and adult participation in the unit.

VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING



My.Scouting.org

By creating a my.scouting account, you will be able to manage your participation in Scouting. Complete Youth Protection Training and other training for your Scouting role. Anyone can create an account at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

Position-Specific Training

Parents and adults who volunteer to help make a Scout unit function have access to online training courses to help them understand their Scouting position. Located at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org), all training for several volunteer roles in Scouting can be completed online. These courses can also be offered as face-to-face trainings.



Cub Cast

Join us weekly on Youtube and Facebook Live for useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack. Search every episode of #CubChatLive at: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive>

Supplemental Training

Beyond your Position-Specific Training, the Boy Scouts of America offer supplemental training course that range across outdoor skills, event safety, program planning, and leadership development. There are many training courses available to help you become a better prepared parent, employee and neighbor, in addition to becoming a better prepared Scout leader.



UNIFORM PRICING



Lion T-Shirt.....	\$14.99
Cub Scout Shirt	\$32.99
Webelos/Scout Shirt.....	\$39.99-\$49.99
Cub Scout Belt & Buckle.....	\$14.99
Webelos & Tiger Buckle.....	\$6.99
Cub Scout	
Switchback Pants.....	\$32.99
Webelos/Scout	
Switchback Pants.....	\$54.99-\$59.99
Neckerchiefs:	
Lion	\$12.99
Tiger	\$12.99
Wolf	\$12.99
Bear	\$12.99
Webelos.....	\$12.99
Neckerchief Slides:	\$7.99
Insignia:	
Council Patch	\$4.99-\$5.99
World Crest & World Crest Ring.....	\$4.48
Webelos Colors	\$7.99
Unit #'s	\$1.99/each
Den #'s	\$1.99/each

(above prices subject to change)

For online purchases, visit ScoutShop.org

FUNDING CUB SCOUTS

Registration Fees Every member of the BSA pays an annual registration fee that is passed on fully to the national organization to support program standards and governing direction for basic consistency in rules and regulations.

Dues / Uniform Each Scouting unit provides a program specific to their members and will charge dues to help provide the program. Many units offer product sales, like popcorn, to help families raise funds as a means to avoid paying those fees directly. The uniform and handbook helps a Cub Scout feel like part of the program and can be purchased at the local Scout Shop.

Product Sales Many units participate in the council-operated popcorn and wreath sale to help families and the unit raise money to participate in Scouting. Participating in these sales help keep costs low for unit and council operations.



Friends of Scouting As a 501c3 organization, Three Harbors Council solicits tax-deductible financial contributions from its members and local businesses. Voluntary donations from all our families and local businesses help the council provide a quality program at a much lower cost to you than if the council did not receive these donations.

United Way Three Harbors Council is proud to receive funding from the United Way to help provide programming to all the youth in our programs. Contributions to the United Way makes a positive impact in Scouting, above and beyond any financial contributions you make directly to Three Harbors Council. You may be asked to provide feedback about your Scouting experience to support the council's United Way funding.

WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MONEY?

- Best youth program in the world
- Shared experiences with your child
- Making a difference for your son or daughter and others with moral and ethical decision making skills
- Opportunity to develop life skills for your child
- New experiences with fun den and pack activities
- Most importantly, having fun!

SCOUTING RESOURCES

Thank you for your commitment to becoming a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. We assure you that you are not alone. Please take advantage of the number of resources available to ensure your success as a leader.

COUNCIL STAFF: Three Harbors Council's Scout Service Center can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can. **414.774.1776** or visit **www.ThreeHarborsScouting.org**

ROUNDTABLES: leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. 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

PACK LIBRARY: many packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need

DISTRICT COMMITTEE: your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which Scouts can participate

COMMISSIONER STAFF: your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are your "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



SCOUTING'S BARRIERS TO ABUSE

For more information on Scouting's commitment to protecting youth, please visit [Scouting.org/YouthProtection](https://www.scouting.org/YouthProtection)

If you see or suspect child abuse or maltreatment, please report it immediately to local law enforcement. After a report is made to the local authorities, please contact the Scout Executive at 414-774-1776 or call the 24-hour Scouts First Helpline at 844-SCOUTS1



SCOUT SHOP

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UNIFORMS



Milwaukee Scout Shop

HOURS:

Monday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Kenosha Scout Shop

HOURS:

Monday: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:30am - 5:00pm

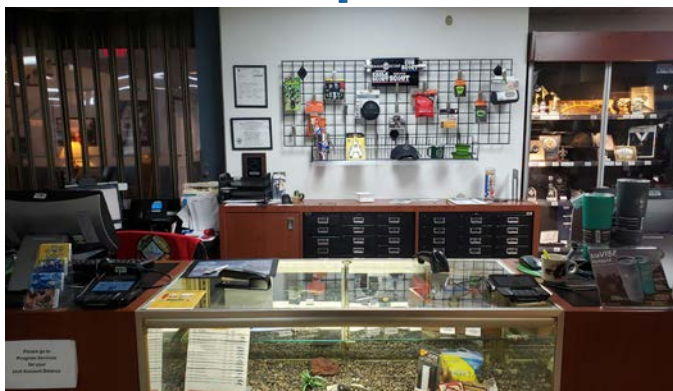
Wednesday: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Thursday: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Friday: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday: CLOSED

Sunday: CLOSED



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PACK INFORMATION

Chartered Organization _____

Pack # _____ Den # _____

My child is a

- Lion (K5) Wolf (2nd grade) Webelos (4th grade)
 Tiger (1st grade) Bear (3rd grade) Arrow of Light (5th grade)

My first **pack meeting** is _____, 20____ at _____:
at (location): _____

My first **den meeting** is _____, 20____ at _____:
at (location): _____

I need to get a handbook and uniform shirt / pants / neckerchief / belt
by _____ (date)

Pack dues are \$_____ and due by _____ (date)

To offset costs, we can participate in popcorn sales, wreath sales,
and _____ (pack fundraiser)

Cubmaster phone/email: _____

Committee Chair phone/email: _____

Den leader phone/email: _____

Pack website/social media: _____

JOIN SCOUTING NOW!



TO JOIN NOW, SCAN HERE