

New Parent Guide

For The New Adventure of Cub
Scouting



Welcome To Cub Scouts

We Are Glad That You Are Here!

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Activities and Events

Community Service

Serving our community is one of the ways we teach good citizenship. Many packs participate in food drives, school yard clean ups, or conservation projects in a local park.



Pinewood Derby

Parents and Scouts work together to build a gravity powered miniature race car from special kit. Most packs conduct the derby race annually.



Cub Scout Day Camp

Day Camp is an exciting summer activity that includes archery, BB Guns, Craft, games, sports, songs, and skits. This 5-day program, conducted under certified leadership, is held on an approved site during daylight or twilight hours.



Pack Campouts

Your Cub Scout will have family campouts planned for the fall. These are fun activities where the whole family is invited to join in a camping experience!



Blue and Gold Banquet

This is the birthday celebration for your Cub Scout Pack. Usually held in April. A special program including awards is customary.

Awards & Advancements

Cub Scouts provides a place for youth to have fun and learn how to work as team to have goals realized. Throughout the year each scout will work on a "rank". Requirements for this rank can be found in their grade specific handbook. In addition, they also have an opportunity to earn awards for participating in activities and games.

Kinder



Lion

1st



Tiger

2nd



Wolf

3rd



Bear

4th



Webelos

5th



Arrow of Light

Safeguarding Youth

Scouting America's Commitment to Youth Safety

What youth protection policies should we expect our youth's Cub Scout Pack to follow?

Scouting America has adopted the following policies to provide safety for all of our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members which is our top priority, but they also protect our adult leadership from false accusations of abuse.

Registration requirements:

The chartered organization representative, or in their absence the executive officer of the chartered organization, must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders.

Registration includes:

- Completion of application including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection training
- Volunteer Screening Database check

Current Youth Protection training is required for leaders when renewing their registration or at unit charter renewal.

Adult Supervision:

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.

- In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
- Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.

Discipline must be constructive.

- Discipline must reflect Scouting's values.
- Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

Responsibility

Leaders must ensure that all participating in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.




Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies.

- Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.
- Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.

All leaders are required to adhere to the Scouter Code of Conduct.

What does a year of Scouting Cost?

Scouting is an inexpensive activity for your family to be involved in. Here are the costs and fees for the program.

| Annual Registration | Other Costs | Handbooks | Uniforms |
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| <p>The annual registration is \$85 plus \$6 for insurance. The fee you pay tonight is your registration from now until the same time next year</p>  | <p>There are other minimal costs for participation in activities at the Pack, District, and Council levels. You only pay these fees if you choose to participate. Some packs have annual dues to assist with these costs</p> | <p>Every Scout needs a handbook.</p> <p>They are specific to their grade level and den.</p>  |  <p>Each Pack has a standard uniform. Please consult with your unit leader for more information or contact the West Tennessee Scout Shop at 731-668-3787</p> |

| Scout Life Magazine | Adult Leader Registration |
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| <p>This magazine are for Scouts and has interesting features on Scouting, Sports, Hobbies, Magic, jokes, comics, and short stories. It also encourages scouts to be good readers. The investment is \$15 annually</p> | <p>This fee covers liability insurance and volunteer database screening. Some Cub Scout Packs or Chartered Organizations have the resources to pay for the leader fees. The yearly fee to register as an adult volunteer is \$65 plus \$6.</p> |

Scouts Can Earn Their Way Sell Popcorn

