

Family Scouting **something for everyone!**

PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



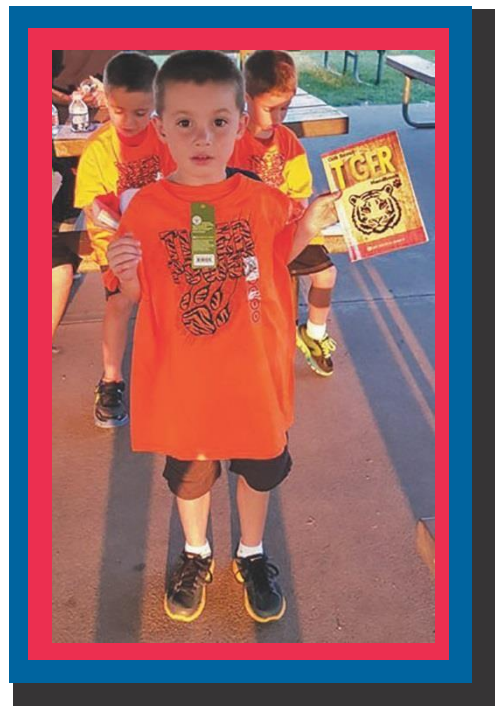


As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them.

Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth. Scouting teaches family values... However, we know that children do not join Scouting to build their character. They join because it is fun.

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YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

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

- Cubmobile
- Camping
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Hiking, Fishing, Biking
- Get Active!
- Cool outings

RANK ADVANCEMENT THRU ADVENTURES

- For each rank, complete seven den-based adventures
- Adventures = interdisciplinary, theme-based experiences, 3 den meetings
- Immediate recognition after each adventure (TBD)
- Elective adventures available

THE BIG PICTURE

Den Meetings

- Small groups organized by Grade
- Pack Meetings & Activities
- Family Events combining all dens
- District & Council Events
- Community-wide activities

TRAINING

- [Youth protection](#)
- Position specific training (ex. Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, etc.)
- Printed Resources



THE CUB SCOUT PROGRAM



LION – Kindergarten

Lions and their adult partners work the program together.

- Meets 2-3 times each month in den meetings
- Completes adventures toward earning ranks
- Is led by a Den Leader and is assisted by the adult partners



TIGER - 1st GRADE

Tigers and their adult partners work the program together.

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WOLF - 2nd Grade

- Meets 2-3 times each month in den meetings
- Completes adventures toward earning ranks
- Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent), who is assisted by assistant Den Leaders



BEAR - 3rd Grade

- Meets 2-3 times each month in den meetings
- Completes adventures toward earning ranks
- Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent), who is assisted by assistant Den Leaders



WEBELOS and ARROW OF LIGHT - 4th & 5 Grade

Camping and outdoor program are an important part of the Webelos and Arrow of Light program. After the Arrow of Light program or at the end of the 5th grade year the Cub Scout graduates to the new adventure of ScoutsBSA. Every boy and girl deserve an opportunity to be a ScoutsBSA member.



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YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK WHICH:

- Is made up of the above age groups
- Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Cub Scout families are expected to participate
- The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
- The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities
- Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of adventure loops that youth earned that month

YOUR PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE

- Led by the Committee Chairman
- Made up of den leaders, Committee Chairs, Sub-Committee Chairs, and **parents**
- The committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack finances, orders advancements, maintains Pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CAMPING WITH SANTA FE TRAIL COUNCIL

Cub Scout Day Camps:

These are two or three-day time camps that offer a range of exciting advancement and exploration activities that follow a common theme. Day Camps are generally managed by volunteer parents and leaders from the local district. They include crafts, games, nature, sports songs, and skits! No overnight camping – but tons of fun in the sunshine! For Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light youth.

Cub Scout Resident Camp:

Mandan Scout Ranch is our location base for Cub Scout Resident Camping. Akela camp is a 2 night, 3 day camp for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts and their families!

Family High Adventure Camp:

Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch hosts the Family Camping Program. Family camping means the entire family is invited to camp in the beautiful mountains of Colorado.

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent / Child project to build a race car made from a block of wood. They 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.

ANNUAL POPCORN SALE

The leaders in your units try hard to keep the cost of Scouting as low as possible. Each year the Santa Fe Trail Council conducts the Popcorn Sale, where each Scout can sell popcorn to help fund their own way through scouting as well as learn valuable life lessons.

NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS

BOYS' LIFE RECOMMENDED

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

HOW TO GET STARTED...BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your child may tell you, the first thing he or she will need to get started is not a uniform but a handbook. These books contain the basics he or she will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that particular advancement award.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

The dress uniform is an important part of the program, and it represents an investment on your part. Our dress 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. A uniform can be purchased at the Council Scout Shop, which is the official distributor of BSA uniforms and equipment. It is located at the West Scout Center.

In Scouts, your child will need to acquire personal camping gear for many outings. The youth are encouraged to wear their uniforms or Scout T-Shirt to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. The Cub Scouts especially enjoy this.



