



All About Cub Scouts

Open to boys & girls grades K-5!



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WHY CUB SCOUTS?

Cub Scouts is a family program!

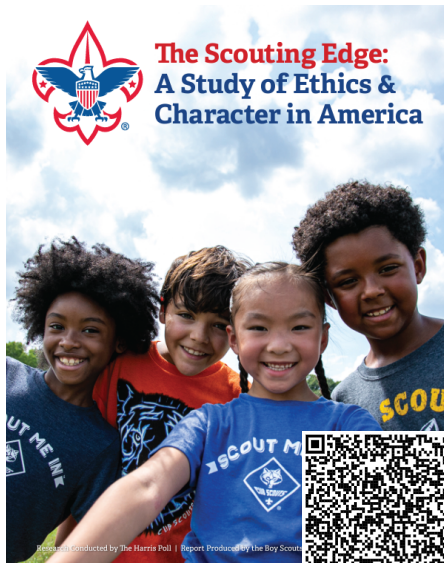
For Kindergarten and 1st graders, Cub Scouts is a “parent & me” program. You get to jump in with your child, going on adventures and playing together. As your child moves into 2nd through 5th grade, parents continue to be involved.

The Cub Scout Program:

- Helps build a child’s self esteem.
- Helps build their self-reliance as they discover that they are now old enough to assume certain responsibilities toward other people.
- Gives the child the positive recognition they need.
- Brings a child and their family closer through the advancement activities that family members enjoy together.
- Develops skills in a variety of pursuits including academics, recreation and hobbies.



The Scouting Edge:
A Study of Ethics &
Character in America



“Scouts and Scouting alumni are more likely to engage in positive behaviors, more likely to act in ways that are considered ethical and moral, and generally express a greater willingness to fight for their country, according to a study conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of Scouting America in 2024.”



Learn more about The Scouting Edge by following the QR code!

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It gives my son an opportunity to form peer to peer relationships in a non-school environment & it gives me the same type of opportunity. I get to meet a lot of other parents that are going through the same types of struggles & same type of joys that we’re going through.

Kevin J. - Cub Scout Parent & Leader - Weston, WI

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CUB SCOUT BASICS

Cub Scouts is designed to involve children in group activities. Participants earn recognition and awards while gaining a sense of personal achievement for each new skill they learn.

Cub Scouts are part of a Den

A Den is made up of children who are the same age/grade. Dens meet two or three times a month for about an hour to work on advancement activities*. Some Den meetings may be field trips. Den Leaders & parents help plan meetings.

Cub Scouts & Dens are part of a Pack

A Pack consists of one or more Dens and generally meets once a month*. The Cubmaster leads the Pack meeting and each Den participates in activities, awards and recognition. Some months, Pack meetings have special themes like a Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, or a guest speaker.

Packs are run by a Committee

The Pack committee is made up of parents that serve various roles. The committee typically meets monthly,* selects leaders, plans activities, keeps records, and manages finances.



Lion Den
Kindergarten



Tiger Den
First Grade



Wolf Den
Second Grade



Bear Den
Third Grade



Webelos Den
Fourth Grade



Arrow of Light Den
Fifth Grade

*The number of meetings and date/time/location varies from Pack to Pack so you can find the Pack that works best for your family's schedule!



CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT - LEARNING AS THEY GROW!

Advancement is the process by which a Cub Scout meets certain age-appropriate requirements by completing different adventures. These adventures are a blend of activities done at home or during Den meetings. As requirements are completed, Scouts are awarded recognition items to mark their progress. Scouts need not have earned the previous rank in order to earn the next, so your child can jump in at any time!

Cub Scout Adventures are based on the aims and focus areas of Scouting America:

- Character/Leadership
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Safety
- Outdoors
- Citizenship
- Family/Reverence

Adventures also focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), conservation, summer activities, cooking, inclusion, animals, and more!

Along with the required adventures Cub Scouts complete to earn each rank, Scouts also have the opportunity to choose from 72 elective adventures!

Cub Scout Motto: Do your best!





CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Cub Scouts is fun in the outdoors!

We get to go camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, biking, play games and sports, go on field trips, learn about nature and so much more!



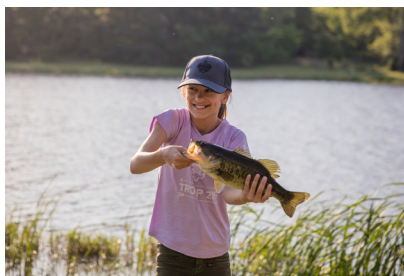
Pinewood Derby

With a little help from an adult, Cub Scouts build a race car from a block of wood and race with their friends. The Pinewood Derby is a classic Cub Scout event and fun for the whole family!



Popcorn Sale

Scouts learn valuable skills as they earn money for summer camp and other amazing adventures by participating in the annual popcorn sale. This is also the easiest way to finance all of your Scouting Adventures.



Scouting for Food

Scouts serve others as they collect food items for local food banks.



Polar Cub Camp

Camping isn't just a summer activity! Polar Cubs is one of the largest Cub Scout Day Camp programs with activities like sledding, ice fishing, and more!

Akela's World - Cub Scout Summer Camp

The highlight of the year for Cub Scouts is 3 days of jam packed fun at Akela's World, one of the region's premier summer camps in Rhinelander, WI.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

Cub Scouts provides countless opportunities for parents to spend quality time with their child. Successful Dens and Packs rely on active parent volunteers to help guide the Scouting adventure for their child and others in the unit.

Parents can get involved by becoming leaders in various positions in a Pack or by bringing snacks, leading a service project, picking up awards, and more. Your willingness to help when you can will make all the difference in your child's Cub Scout experience.

No Cub Scout experience? No problem! Training courses for all volunteer positions are available online at My.Scouting.org and can be completed at your own pace!

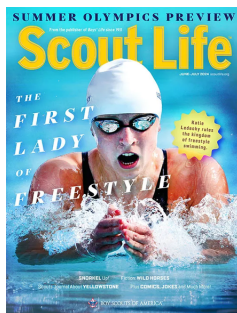
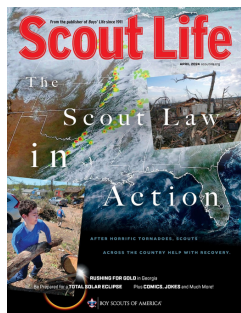
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Why do I like being a leader? There are many reasons, but I think the top reason is having the opportunity to get to know the kids in my Pack and help them advance to the next level each year.

Tonia S. - Cub Scout Parent & Leader - Park Falls, WI

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**Want to learn more about what Cub Scouts has to offer?
Scout Life magazine is a great place to start!**



Visit www.scoutlife.org or follow the QR code to see even more of the fun things your child can explore, learn about, and try in Cub Scouts! This monthly magazine is full of fun projects, real life stories, jokes, contests and more!



Did you know Scouts from Samoset Council have been featured in Scout Life?



Scouting is Safer than Ever Before

EFFECTIVE
BARRIERS
TO ABUSE

MILLIONS OF PARENTS TRUST
THE BSA TO PROVIDE
**MEANINGFUL
PROGRAMMING**
IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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Barriers to Abuse

Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe



We will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants.

Learn more at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

WHAT DOES CUB SCOUTS COST?

BSA Membership Fee:

Samoset Council Fee:

Scout Life Magazine:
(optional)

Handbook:

Pack Dues: \$ varies by Pack

Uniform: \$ varies

Financial Assistance

Samoset Council never wants the cost to join Cub Scouts to prevent your child from participating! Financial assistance funds are available, based on family need, to cover the basic Cub Scout costs listed above. Requests for financial assistance can be submitted on the council website, www.samoset.org/aid.

So, what do you think? We would love for your family to check out Cub Scouts and learn more about Scouting!

Here are a few ways to do it:

- 1. Visit www.BeAScout.org or scan the QR code below to find a Cub Scout Pack near you!
- 2. You can also visit www.Scouting.org to learn more about Scouting America and all the programs we offer!
- 3. Or, give us a call at (715) 355-1450. We would be happy to answer your questions and help you find the Cub Scout Pack that is the best fit for your family.

