PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF CUB SCOUTING
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Lion

**Kindergarten**
The Lion program weaves traditional Scouting concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun for the youth and their parents.

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Tiger

**First Grade**
Oriented to youth and parents. Work on big ideas to search, discover, and share. Youth and parents work one-on-one with other families.

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Wolf and Bear

**Second and Third Grade**
A family-centered program. Youth meet regularly in small groups to work on projects. Learning is achieved through an advancement program. Uniforms, badges, games, sports, and fun!

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Weberlos

**Fourth and Fifth Grade**
Begin outdoor experiences. Youth meet regularly with adult leaders. Learning is achieved through a hobby and life skills program called activity badges.
Why Join Cub Scouting?

Your time is valuable. More than ever, today’s families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your child to do together.

Make memories with your child that will last a lifetime.

Your child needs to belong to a group of children their own age. Through this sense of belonging, they build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. The Boy Scouts of America has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.

Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities can bring added value to the time you already have with your child. They will learn to live by the code of “On my honor.”

We all know that children don’t join Cub Scouting just to get their character built.

Children join Scouting because it is FUN!
Scouting’s Classroom

The outdoors is the laboratory for teaching skills such as survival, climbing, water sports, ecology, and camp craft. It is also where kids develop independence, self-confidence, leadership, and teamwork. The Chester County Council owns two camps, which operate year round for camping and special events.

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”
How Can You Help?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to work with them on their Cub Scouting activities. Their handbook is full of age-appropriate activities that you will enjoy doing together at home. When they complete an activity or project, it is your responsibility to sign their book to verify that they have done their best. And then it is all-important that you attend the monthly pack meeting with them to celebrate their achievement.

Spending Time With Your Child: The Secret of Success!

The Den and Pack

The den and the pack also rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Consider volunteering as a member of the pack leadership team. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting’s principle of service to others. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your child the gift of your time. You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in the lives of your child and their friends.

Leadership Roles

**Den Leader** - Leads the den at weekly den and pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack committee 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 committee meeting.
Pack Committee and Training

The Pack Committee

The pack committee members perform the administrative functions of the pack. The committee meets monthly to discuss the membership, finance and leadership needs of the pack.

Training

The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for everyone – parents, leaders and youth members.

Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies, and provides parents and leaders with numerous online and print resources for the Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing programs. Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers.
You Are Not Alone!

- Your den is in a pack that belongs to an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Scouting unit. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of the BSA.

- Your pack is a member of a district, a geographic area of the BSA local council that helps support the pack in providing a successful and high-quality program. An employee of the local council, a unit-serving executive (district executive), is assigned to assist the packs in your district.

- Your district also has a volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are a “service team” that checks on the program “health” of your pack, and they are a communications link between your pack and the local council. A commissioner is assigned specifically to assist your unit.

- All leaders need training to be effective. Your district provides online or instructor-led training for adult volunteers in how to be a successful leader.

- Your district is one of several in the BSA local council. The professional staff at your council service center can help or will get you in touch with someone who can.

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