



# CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE



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# SCOUTING IS AN ADVENTURE BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Youth join Cub Scouting because they want to have fun. For youth, fun means a lot more than just having a good time; it means meeting challenges, having friends, feeling good about themselves, and feeling they are important to other people. While youth are having fun and doing activities they like to do, they also learn new things, discover and master new skills, gain self-confidence, and develop strong friendships. Cub Scouting also focuses on family and develops memories.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My pack number is \_\_\_\_\_ My den number is \_\_\_\_\_ My Scouting district is \_\_\_\_\_

My Council is **THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNCIL**

My den leader's name is \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets on \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets at \_\_\_\_\_

My Cubmaster's name is \_\_\_\_\_

My Cubmaster's phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

My pack meets on \_\_\_\_\_

My pack meets at \_\_\_\_\_

My District Executive's name is \_\_\_\_\_ His/her phone number \_\_\_\_\_

If you require any further assistance or have questions, please contact our Council at 615-383-9724

or visit our website [www.mtcbsa.org](http://www.mtcbsa.org)



# YEAR-ROUND CUB SCOUTING

## FUN, CAMP, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### SHOOTING SPORTS DAYS

These events are for new Scouting families, and take place different locations throughout the council for your convenience. The focus is for every Scout to have a safe and fun day where they have the opportunity to participate in Archery & BB instruction, as well as other activities.

### CUB SCOUT DAYZ

Held at Boxwell Reservation's famous Cubworld! It is an organized day time activity with shooting ranges, crafts, games, and projects. Any event at Cubworld is an excellent opportunity to make new friends, spend time with family, and share in the fun and fellowship! Be sure to sign up early; this activity fills up fast.

### PINEWOOD DERBY

A parent and youth project in which you build a race car made from a block of wood. This is one of the most popular events of a Cub Scout's year. Most packs conduct the derby race annually.

### BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting, usually held during February. Most often it is a seated dinner, but sometimes it is covered-dish supper. A special program or entertainment is customary.

### DAY CAMP

Day Camp is a fun-filled week of adventure for Cub Scouts who will be rising 1st - 5th graders. The Middle Tennessee Council holds the Monday through Friday Day Camps in various geographical locations throughout the Council. The camps offer various types of activities which may include archery, arts and crafts, BBs, field sports, nature, Scout skills and many other themed activities.

### FAMILY SCOUTING AT CUBWORLD

Cub and Webelos Resident camps are now combined! Our new Resident Camp is a two night camp designed for 1st – 5th grade (and an accompanying adult) to experience the great outdoors activities and campout at Boxwell Reservation Cubworld.

What kinds of activities will you get to do while at camp? Swimming, archery, BB shooting sports, belt loop activities, campfire programs, and sports are just a few of the activities available throughout the camp. During your free time, you may hike around camp or explore Cubworld's Native American Village, Cub-A-Lot Castle, Cubworld Fort, and the brand new Pirate's Cove. Oh, and don't forget to bring your fishing pole. We are on Old Hickory Lake at Boxwell Reservation, located off Hwy. 109 in Lebanon. You will sleep under the stars on cots in a platform tent. All you need to provide are the linens. Restrooms are centrally located around camp, and you will enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in our air-conditioned dining hall.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Food drive held to benefit local food banks. Part of our program is to help the hungry.





# SCOUTING AT HOME

Scouting can take place anywhere – even in the comfort of your home!

Visit our website at [www.mtcbsa.org/scoutingfromhome](http://www.mtcbsa.org/scoutingfromhome) you will find a resource hub for parents and leaders to help support Scouting at home, with stay-at-home educational activities for any Scout rank, tips for continuing to work on advancements and kid-friendly content that connects Scouting with their daily lives. We will continue to add new content and resources to this hub regularly. Our goal is to make it easier to deliver the Scouting program by making plans more accessible to Leaders and those who can help Leaders like our parents.

The Council has developed a new program called **“Tricks and Treats at your Doorstep”** to be delivered in October 2020. We will send you a box full of fun activities for Scouts and their family to experience the Scouting program at home this fall. Along with videos that will walk your Scout through each activity in the box. For more information about this program, please visit our website at [www.mtcbsa.org/cubscoutopportunities/CubScoutatYourDoorstep](http://www.mtcbsa.org/cubscoutopportunities/CubScoutatYourDoorstep)

## LEADERS

### Youth Protection Reminder

It's critical that we all continue to keep youth protection at the forefront whether our Scouting activities are taking place in person or through a digital platform. Of note, remember that BSA prohibits any one-on-one interaction between an adult leader and a Scout – in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.

Detailed youth protection information is available at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>. To ensure you are following safety standards for all Scouting activities, please reference the Guide to Safe Scouting at

[www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a).

The BSA's Social Media Guidelines serve as a complement to our youth protection policies.

We also recommend that all Scouts complete their cyber chip before participating in Scouting at Home with their unit.

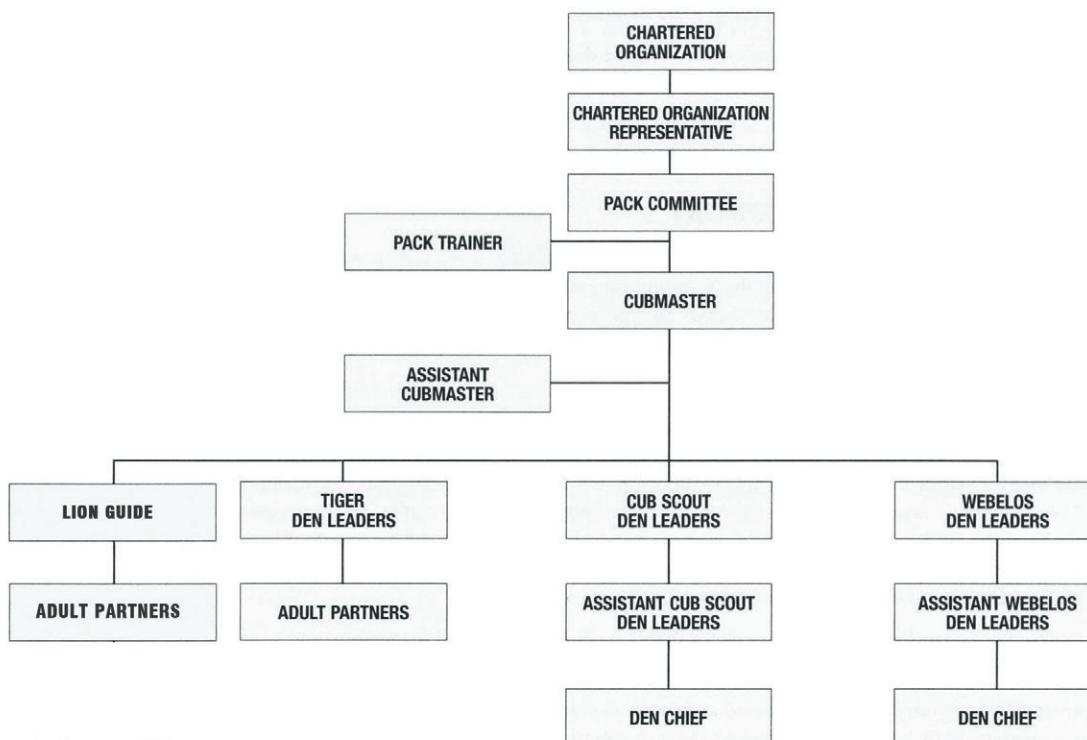






# How is Cub Scouting Organized?

**Pack Organization Chart**



## The Den

The Cub Scout pack is divided into several smaller groups called dens. Typically, a den has six to eight youth and meets two or three times a month. Den meeting activities vary based on the age of youth. Members of a den usually progress through Scouting together.

The Cub Scout ranks are organized by grade or age, so your children's den will be part of the rank specific to their grade. A pack may have more than one den for a rank. For example, if your pack has 16 first graders, there will be at least two Tiger dens. Here are the ranks:

- ◆ Lion Cubs - Kindergarten. Lions must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them.
- ◆ Tigers - First grade. Tigers must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them.
- ◆ Wolves - Second grade.
- ◆ Bears - Third grade.
- ◆ Webelos - Fourth and fifth grades.

Available in select packs, Lion Cubs is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for kindergarten-aged youth. It is a family-oriented program in which a youth and their adult partner participate. The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures.

When youth first join Cub Scouts, they earn the Bobcat rank (except kindergarten). Then they work to complete seven fun "adventures" to earn their rank badge. Adventure activities are done at den meetings, at home and on field trips and outings. At the end of the school year, Cub Scouts graduate and move up to the next rank. Here is the progression:

- ◆ Lion become Tigers.
- ◆ Tigers become Wolves.
- ◆ Wolves become Bears.
- ◆ Bears become Webelos.
- ◆ Webelos "cross over" to join a Scouts BSA troop at the end of their two year program.

While den meetings include games, skits and other activities that are fun for the kids, program delivery is the main goal. Youth participate in activities and work on projects that are related to an adventure and that help them learn the skills they need to progress in rank. Youth also prepare to do their part in the monthly pack meeting.

## The Pack

All of the dens together make up the pack. Typically, packs meet monthly. These pack meetings bring together youth from every den, their leaders, and their families for a large-scale event that showcases all that the kids have learned and done in their individual den meetings. Such a gathering gives the kids a larger experience beyond their own den. It also helps them see how their individual activities fit into the bigger Cub Scout program.



# PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

The Cub Scout program relies on a variety of dedicated volunteers. These are the people that keep your pack running smoothly and having fun.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR** - Conducts monthly pack leaders' meetings to help plan the program. Ensures that adequate support to run the program is given to the Cubmaster and Den Leaders by committee members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities and membership.

**TREASURER** - Ensures the pack's finances are sound by establishing a budget, collecting dues, guiding fundraising projects, overseeing expenditures, and communicating financial reports.

**SECRETARY** - Makes sure proper records are kept. Keeps notes at leaders' meetings. Handles pack correspondence. Maintains records of membership and pack properly.

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIR** - Maintains records of requirements completed and badges earned. Promotes the completion of rank badges by the Scouts. Purchases badges and awards and provides them to the Cubmaster for presentation. Helps coordinate the progression of Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CHAIR** - With outdoor adventures being a critical part of the Cub Scout program, this person plans outdoor activities and pack overnight trips for the entire pack. Camping in Cub Scouting is generally family-style car camping. Hiking and fishing are other outdoor activities that the children enjoy in Cub Scouting.

**PACK TRAINER** - Facilitates the training of new leaders. Encourages the use of online training tools. Leads live training courses. Promotes training opportunities provided by the district and Council. Maintains pack training records.

**CUBMASTER** - Conducts the monthly pack meeting with fun activities, impressive ceremonies, skits, and songs. Aids the Den Leaders by coordinating the monthly program for all leaders.

**DEN LEADERS** - Meet weekly for about one hour with dens of six to eight youth of the same age/rank. The Den Leader sets the day/time of the meeting and plans the program to ensure that the youth in the den advance in a timely manner, learn Scouting values, and have fun.

**LION GUIDES** (in select packs participating in this program) - Facilitates the den meetings, with the assistance from the Lion Cub adult partners, while focusing on the fun and excitement of Scouting. Enables each adult partner to share in leading the den meetings.

## NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

There are plenty of resources to help you succeed as an adult volunteer. Every registered adult takes Youth Protection Training. Other training courses available are: Before the 1st Meeting, 1st Thirty Days Training, Position Specific Training, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), and Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills (OWLS). Participation in District or Council events, such as the University of Scouting, will provide more resources to help new (and old) leaders succeed. And be sure not to miss the monthly District Roundtable Meetings, where you can learn about what is going on and share ideas and experiences with fellow leaders.

Contact Middle Tennessee Council office at 615-383-9724 or visit our website at [www.mtcbsa.org](http://www.mtcbsa.org) for more information.

## The Most Important Rule of CUB SCOUTING

### KISMIF: KEEP IT SIMPLE; MAKE IT FUN

**KEEP IT SIMPLE.** Cub Scouting does not need to be elaborate or complex.

**MAKE IT FUN.** Cub Scouting is all about fun.



# THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

Advancement is the process in which Cub Scouts earn badges and awards, learn new skills and expand their horizons as they go. The Cub Scout advancement program is based on adventures, which are themed collections of activities. Many of these activities will be done as a group, with the den or with the whole pack. Other activities are meant to be done at home as a family.

The activities built into the adventures include sports, games, field trips, service projects, crafts, and leadership challenges. All of these are designed to achieve Scouting's aims: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. As a youth progresses through the Cub Scout ranks, the activities become more challenging to match their increasing skills and abilities.



The Bobcat badge is the first badge earned by any new Cub Scout (except kindergarten). As you can see on page 9, the requirements are designed to introduce them to the basic principles of Cub Scouting.

Once your child earns the Bobcat badge, they will begin working on a rank-specific badge, as you can see here. Each of these badges require that the youth earn the Cyber Chip award (internet safety) and complete the youth protection safety pamphlet activities with their parent.

## LION CUBS



The Lion Cub program is for a kindergartener and their adult partner, who participate as a team. A Lion Cub must complete five adventures to earn the Lion Cub badge. At the end of the year, they will transition to Tiger, earn their Bobcat badge, and continue through Cub Scouting.

## TIGER



Tigers are youth in first grade who participate with an adult partner. The orange Tiger neckerchief stands for curiosity and courage, and represents the beginning flame of Scouting. An orange flame is not yet hot, but has just started and has huge potential.

Tigers who complete adventures earn metal adventure loops to wear on their belts. Your youth must complete six required adventures plus at least one elective adventure to earn the Tiger badge. A few of the required adventures are Games Tigers Play (games), Tiger Bites (nutrition), and Backyard Jungle (hiking).



## WOLF

Wolves have completed first grade. The red Wolf neckerchief stands for warm sunlight, happiness and good cheer, and shows that the flame of Scouting is burning bright as your youth learns more Scout skills. Wolves also earn adventure loops for completed adventures. To earn the Wolf badge, six required and at least one elective adventure must be completed. Some of the required adventures are Council Fire (citizenship), Call of the Wild (camping), and Howling at the Moon (performing).



## BEAR

Bears have completed second grade. The blue Bear neckerchief stands for truth, loyalty, and obedience. Just as a blue flame is very hot, the Scouting spirit burns hotly in these growing youth. Bears also earn adventure loops for completed adventures. A youth must finish six required and at least one elective adventure to earn the Bear badge. Some of the required adventures are Bear Claws (pocketknife safety), Baloo the Builder (wood working), and Fur, Feathers, and Ferns (ecology).



## WEBELOS

Webelos have completed third grade. The plaid in the Webelos neckerchief mixes four colors: the blue & gold of Cub Scouts and the red & green of Scouts BSA. It is more like fireworks than a flame. These youth are exploding with skills, spirit, and energy. Webelos earn adventure pins for completed adventures. These are worn on colorful ribbons on the uniform sleeve. A youth must complete five required and at least one elective adventure to earn the Webelos badge. Some of the required adventures include Cast Iron Chef (cooking), First Responder (first aid), and Stronger, Faster, Higher (physical fitness).



## ARROW OF LIGHT

In the second year of the Webelos program, youth earn Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. For this badge, four required and at least one elective adventure must be completed. Some of the required adventures include Outdoorsman (camping), Duty to God in Action (reverence), and Scouting Adventure (preparing for Scouts BSA).





# THE Bobcat TRAIL

No matter what age or grade youth join Cub Scouting, they must earn their Bobcat badge before they can advance to the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos. Youth must complete the Bobcat requirements, which include:

## THE SCOUT OATH (Learn and say, with help if needed)

On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE SCOUT LAW (Learn and say, with help if needed)

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## CUB SCOUT SIGN

Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

The two fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela.

## CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE

Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

The Cub Scout Handshake means that you are brothers/sisters in Cub Scouting and that both of you will obey the Scout Oath and Law.

## CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Say the Cub Scout motto. "DO YOUR BEST"

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## CUB SCOUT SALUTE

Give the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

The Cub Scout salute means you respect our country's flag. Salute with your right hand to your eye brow if you are in uniform, and with your hand over your heart if you are not in uniform.

## YOUTH PROTECTION

With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises "How to Protect Your Children from child abuse" (In Handbook).

PARENT APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

# Your First Badge!



## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and  
to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.



## SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal,  
helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,  
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave,  
clean, and reverent.



Saying “**ON MY HONOR...**” is like saying “I promise.” It means that you will do your best to do what the Scout Oath says.

“**TO DO MY DUTY ...**” A duty is something you are expected to do. At home, you might be expected to make up your bed or take out the trash. You also have duties to God and to your country. You do your duty to God by following the teachings of your family and religious leaders. You do your duty to your country by being a good citizen and obeying the law. You also promise to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law.

“**TO HELP OTHER...**” Many people need help. A friendly smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By helping other people, you are doing a Good Turn and making our world a better place.

“**TO KEEP MYSELF...**” The last part of the Scout Oath is about taking care of yourself. You stay physically strong when you eat the right foods and get plenty of exercise. You stay mentally awake when you work hard in school, learn all you can, and ask questions. You stay morally straight when you do the right thing and live your life with honesty.

A Scout is **TRUSTWORTHY**.

Scouts tell the truth. They are honest, and they keep their promises. People can depend on them.

A Scout is **LOYAL**.

Scouts are loyal to those to whom loyalty is due.

A Scout is **HELPFUL**.

Scouts care about other people. They help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is **FRIENDLY**.

Scouts are friends to all. They are brothers to other Scouts. They offer their friendship to people of all races, religions, and nations.

A Scout is **COURTEOUS**.

Scouts are polite to everyone and always use good manners.

A Scout is **KIND**.

Scouts treat others as they want to be treated. They never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

A Scout is **OBEDIENT**.

Scouts follow the rules of their family, school, and pack. They obey the laws of their community and country.

A Scout is **CHEERFUL**.

Scouts look for the bright side of life. They cheerfully do tasks that come their way and try their best to make others happy.

A Scout is **THRIFTY**.

Scouts work to pay their way. They use time, property, and natural resources wisely.

A Scout is **BRAVE**.

Scouts can face danger even if they are afraid. They stand for what is right even if others laugh at them.

A Scout is **CLEAN**.

Scouts keep their body and mind fit. They help keep their home and community clean.

A Scout is **REVERENT**.

Scouts are reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties. They respect the beliefs of others.



## Mission of the Boy Scouts of America

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

## THE METHODS OF SCOUTING

To accomplish its purpose and achieve the overall goals of building character, learning citizenship, and developing personal fitness, Cub Scouting uses seven methods:

- ◆ Living the Ideals
- ◆ Belonging to a Den
- ◆ Using Advancement
- ◆ Involving Family and Home
- ◆ Participating in Activities
- ◆ Serving Home and Neighborhood
- ◆ Wearing the Uniform

The methods bring Cub Scouting to life for youth and their families.

### Living the Ideals.

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath and Law, the Cub Scout Motto, and the Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, and Salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in youth and leaders who guide them.

### Belonging to a Den.

The den – a group of six to eight youth who are about the same age – is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, they practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and they learn to do their best, not just for themselves, but for the den as well.

### Using Advancement.

Recognition is important to youth. The advancement plan provides fun for the youth, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with the youth on advancement projects.

### Involving Family and Home.

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting, and help ensure that youth have a good experience in the program.

### Participating in Activities.

Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

### Serving Home and Neighborhood.

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps youth strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn support the youth growth and development.

### Wearing the Uniform.

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating membership in the group (everyone is dressed alike) and individual achievement (Scouts wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.

## THE CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Do Your Best.



## BLUE AND GOLD

Blue and Gold are the colors of Cub Scouting, and they have special meaning.

Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above.

Gold stands for good cheer, happiness, and warm sunlight.



# FUNDING FUN, ADVENTURE AND FUTURES

Most of your child's Scouting costs can be financed by participating in the annual popcorn and camp card sales.

## SELL POPCORN

“Fun, Adventure & Rewards”



## SELL CAMP CARDS

The Camp Card is an initiative designed to help Scouts earn their way to a summer camping program, as well as provide funding for other Scout needs. Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) on each \$5.00 Camp Card they sell!

This spring event is perfect timing as youth prepare for the summer camping season!

Be on the lookout for the  
next year's  
CAMP CARD

### SUPPORT THE ENTIRE SCOUTING PROGRAM. SELL POPCORN!!

- ◆ Youth learn teamwork, goal-setting, and confidence building.
- ◆ Your pack adventures will multiply.
- ◆ Scouts will be able to do more.

### IT SUPPORTS ALL THREE LEVELS OF OUR SCOUTING PROGRAM:

- ◆ Money for packs to carry out their activities.
- ◆ Savings to Scout families.
- ◆ Income to the Council to serve our packs.





# WHERE CAN I GET MY UNIFORM AND HANDBOOK?

## Middle Tennessee Council Scout Shops

Your complete one-stop Scout Shops for Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts/  
Scouts BSA, Adult Leader Uniforms, Insignia & Badges, Flags &  
Accessories, Literature, Trophies & Awards, Banquet Supplies, Crafts,  
Camping Equipment, Gift Items & Much More.

### NASHVILLE SCOUT SHOP (First Floor of Scout Service Center)

3414 Hillsboro Pike, NASHVILLE, Tennessee 37215

Phone: 615-383-0753 Fax 615-385-1646

1-800-899-6622 email: [boyscout@mtcbsa.org](mailto:boyscout@mtcbsa.org)

#### Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM \*

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\*SEPTEMBER ONLY - Tuesday nights we will remain open until 6:00 PM

#### Mail Orders

P. O. BOX 150409, NASHVILLE, TN 37215 - ATTN: SCOUT SHOP

### MURFREESBORO SCOUT SHOP (Inside Haynes Hardware Store)

1807 Memorial Blvd, MURFREESBORO, Tennessee 37129

Phone: 615-867-4690 Fax: 615-867-4689

#### Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### CLARKSVILLE SCOUT SHOP (Inside Clarksville Office Now)

1860 Wilma Rudolph Boulevard, CLARKSVILLE, Tennessee 37040

Phone: 931-230-0930

#### Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## AREA DISTRIBUTORS

#### Ted's Sporting Goods

Columbia, Tennessee

931-388-6387

#### Cumberland Mountain Outdoor Sports

Cookeville, Tennessee

931-526-6239

#### Taylor's Archery and Outdoors

100 East Lauderdale St.

Tulahoma, TN 37388

## New Member Checklist

Cub Scout Den # \_\_\_\_\_

Pack # \_\_\_\_\_

### LION - KINDERGARTEN

- ☐ Lion Cub T-shirt
- ☐ Cap – Lion (optional)
- ☐ Adventure Book - Lion

### TIGER, WOLF, BEAR

- ☐ Blue Cub Scout Short-Sleeve
- ☐ Cub Scout belt (will hold earned adventure loops)
- ☐ Neckerchief – Tiger, Wolf or Bear
- ☐ Neckerchief Slide – Tiger, Wolf or Bear
- ☐ Handbook – Tiger, Wolf or Bear
- ☐ Middle Tennessee Council Patch
- ☐ Red Pack Numbers
- ☐ Den Numbers
- ☐ World Crest (round purple patch)

### WEBELOS

- ☐ Khaki Webelos short sleeve shirt
- ☐ Neckerchief & Slide - Webelos
- ☐ Handbook - Webelos
- ☐ Middle Tennessee Council Patch
- ☐ Red Pack Numbers
- ☐ Den Numbers or Patrol emblem
- ☐ World Crest (round purple patch)
- ☐ Webelos Colors (will hold adventure pins)
- ☐ Blue Shoulder Loops







# NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS

## Yearly Registration Fee and Other Costs:

- ♦ **Boy Scouts of America** - A yearly membership fee is collected by the National Council.
- ♦ **Pack Dues** - The amount varies by pack. Some packs charge annual dues that include BSA yearly registration fee. Each pack has its own process for handling advancement and activity costs. Some include the costs in their annual dues, some raise the funds by product sales, and some have families that cover the cost of the specific activities in which they participate. Check with your Cubmaster to get a breakdown of the annual fees.

## Handbooks:

Every Scout needs a handbook. They are specific to their Den and grade level. Check with your local Scout shop for prices.



## Uniform:

The uniform and its' cost vary by program for both youth and adult. Every pack has a standard for uniforms. Please consult with your unit leader for more information.

(Go to page 13 in this book for the general uniform check list)

Congratulations and welcome to the Pack! Now that you've joined the Pack, you are likely asking "what do I need to do to get started?" Scouting is a very inexpensive activity for your family to be involved in. On the left are items you will want to consider as you begin. We hope you have a wonderful time with your kids throughout their time in Scouting!

Check with your Cubmaster to find out how your pack handles the items on the left.





# CUB SCOUTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the first thing I need to do with my new Cub?

Start working on the Bobcat rank requirements on page 9 in this booklet as well as your Cub Scout handbook. This advancement includes Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout Motto, Cub Scout Sign, Cub Scout Handshake, and Cub Scout Salute.

## What do I do if my Cub leader doesn't call me about the time and location of the Den meetings?

Call the Cubmaster to find out where and when each Den holds their meetings. The Middle Tennessee Council does not track Cub pack activities, as they're planned on a local level.

## What if I can't attend all the events that the Cub Pack has scheduled?

Focus on the events that interest you and your Cub. In Scouting, we want to provide a balance of activities that can work with your schedule. The more you participate, the more fun and achievements your Scout will earn, but Scouting does not require you to attend all activities.

## What are the parent's responsibilities?

Each kid in kindergarten(Lion) or first grade(Tiger) is required to have an adult partner present with them at all pack and den events. All of the youth will have projects that must be completed at home. Parents of all the youth should plan to attend pack meetings and witness their kid's advancement progress and awards. Cub Scout camping is "family style", and a parent is required to attend.

## Where do I purchase my books and uniforms?

The Council operates several Scout Shops across the Council. Their staff will be glad to assist you with all the necessary material for your Scouting experience. See page 13 of this booklet for a list of shop locations and new member checklist.





## SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT,  
CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, and REVERENT

## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God  
and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help  
other people at all times; to keep myself physically  
strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

