

# CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE



# ROCKET INTO SCOUTING

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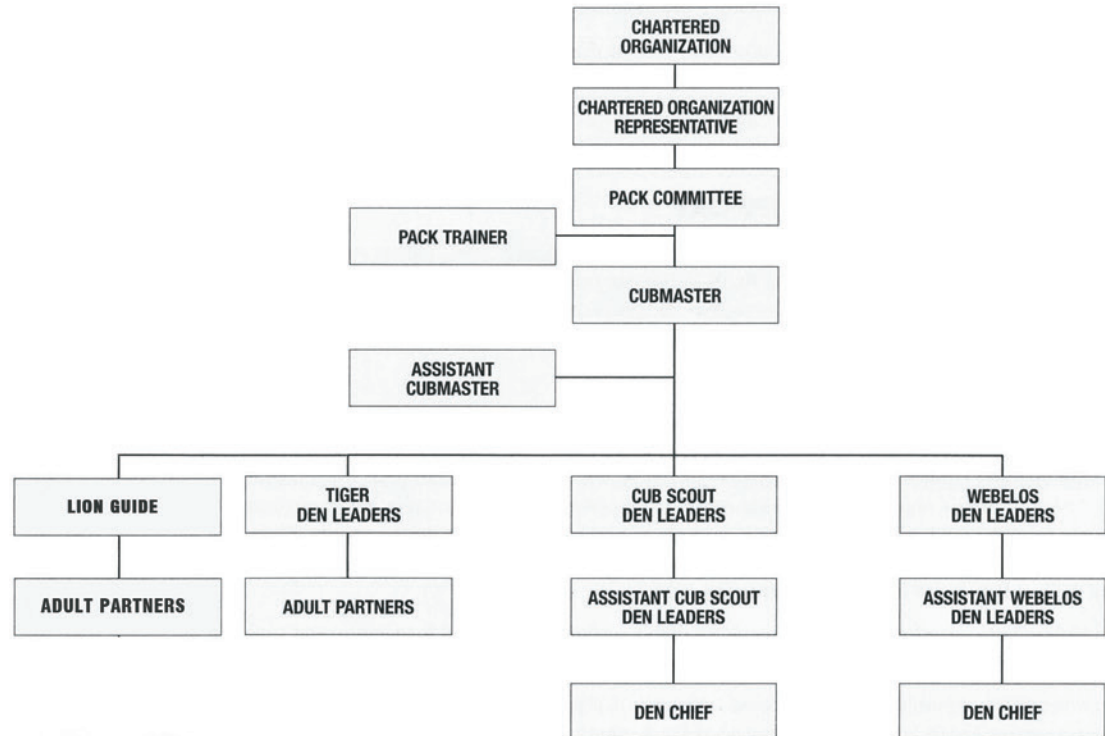


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# How is Cub Scouting Organized?

**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:

- ◆ Lions 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.



# SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Jump start your family's year of Scouting by attending your district Shooting Sports Day! This is a quick fun and way for your Scout to experience one of the best areas of Scouting shooting sports. While fun, it is also safe. We have trained range safety officers who control each range. This event is open to all Scouts.

For more information about your District's Bobcat Day, including date, time, location, and activities, please contact your District Executive or visit Council's web page at

[www.mtcbsa.org/CubScoutOpportunities](http://www.mtcbsa.org/CubScoutOpportunities)

## WEBELOS SURVIVAL WEEKEND

**FOR WEBELOS ONLY.** Scouts will be able to learn skills at fun and exciting Boxwell Reservation. They will also get to meet Scouts from troops in the area to learn about the future program.

For more information visit the Council Website at  
[www.mtcbsa.org/CubScoutOpportunities](http://www.mtcbsa.org/CubScoutOpportunities)

## CUB AND FAMILY WEEKEND CAMPOUT

Don't miss being a part of the Middle Tennessee Council Cub Scout Family Campout every weekend during the month of October! Come out and enjoy the fun! Saturday activities include Aquatics activities, Archery, BB Gun Range, crafts, and more! In addition, there will be a special nature hike available for your enjoyment. Don't miss out on this opportunity to forge new memories with your family and friends making S'mores around the campfire.

Step through time as you visit the Cub-A-Lot Castle, Pirate's Cove, the Native American Village, the Fort Area and especially Pfeffer CubWorld Aquatics Center at the Middle Tennessee Council's Boxwell Scout Reservation!





## **The mission of the Middle Tennessee Council, 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 lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

# **ADDITIONAL YEAR-ROUND FUN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CUB SCOUT**

## **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**

Our Family Scouting 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 participate in community service projects.



# 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!





# 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.





# 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 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 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 - 5:00 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 - 5:00 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.

Tullahoma, 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





# FUNDING FUN, ADVENTURE AND FUTURES

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

[www.mtcbsa.org](http://www.mtcbsa.org)

## SELL POPCORN

**"Fun, Adventure & Rewards"**

[www.mtcbsa.org/popcorn](http://www.mtcbsa.org/popcorn)



### 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.

## SELL SCOUT CARDS

The Scout 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 Scout 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  
SCOUT CARD

[www.mtcbsa.org/scoutcards](http://www.mtcbsa.org/scoutcards)





# 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?

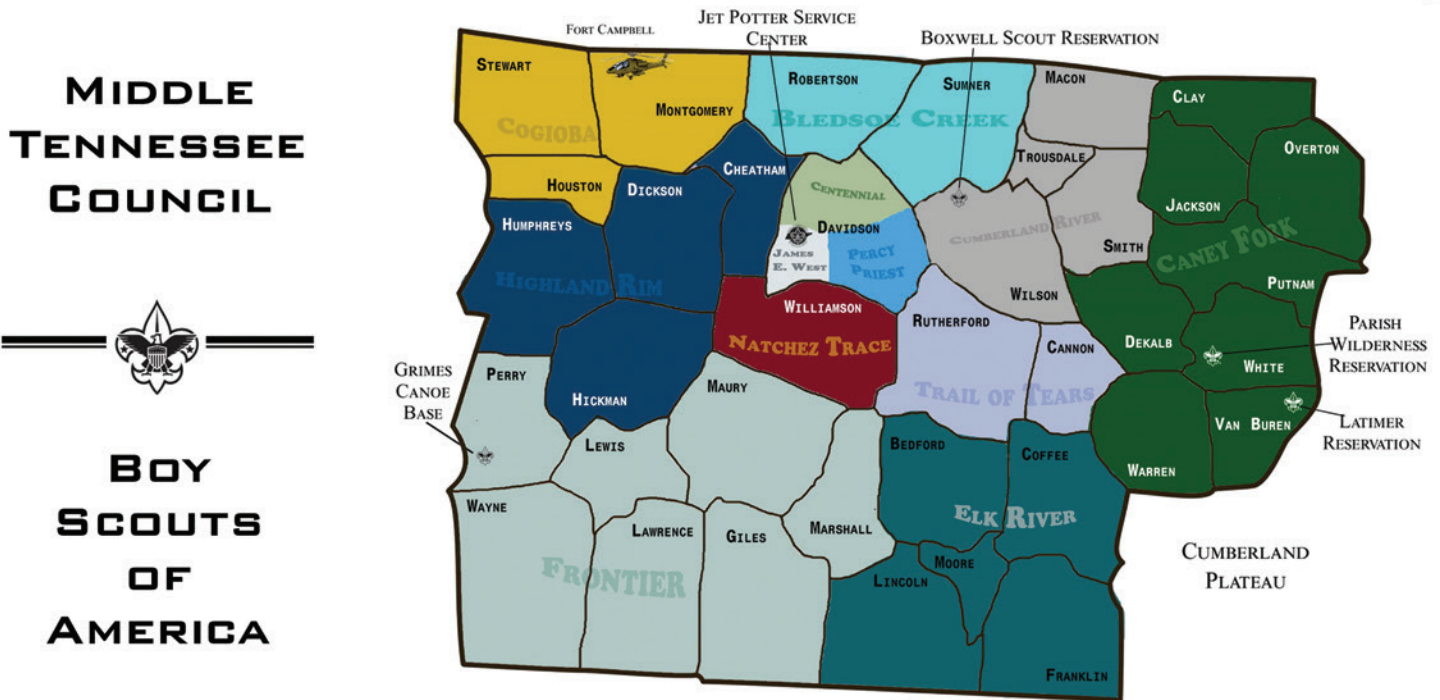
Focus on the events that interest you and your Cub. In Scouting, we want to provide a balance of activities that can work with your schedule. The more you participate, the more fun and achievements your Scout will earn, but Scouting does not require you to attend all activities.

## 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 9 of this booklet for a list of shop locations and new member checklist.



### WESTERN SERVICE AREA

**Centennial** - serving North, Northeast Davidson County and Downtown Nashville

**Cogioba** - serving Houston, Montgomery and Stewart Counties and Fort Campbell, KY

**Highland Rim** - serving Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman and Humphreys Counties

**James E. West** - serving Southwest Davidson County

**Natchez Trace** - serving Williamson County

**Percy Priest** - serving East and Southeast Davidson County

### EASTERN SERVICE AREA

**Bledsoe Creek** - serving Robertson and Sumner Counties

**Caney Fork** - serving Clay, DeKalb, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, Van Buren, Warren and White Counties

**Cumberland River** - serving Macon, Smith, Trousdale, Wilson Counties

**Elk River** - serving Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln and Moore Counties

**Frontier** - serving Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Perry and Wayne Counties

**Trail of Tears** - serving Cannon and Rutherford Counties



# **A SCOUT IS**

**Trustworthy**

**Loyal**

**Helpful**

**Friendly**

**Courteous**

**Kind**

**Obedient**

**Cheerful**

**Thrifty**

**Brave**

**Clean**

**Reverent**

