WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS

PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE

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Welcome to Scouting

New Family Registration Discount

Thank you for your interest in Scouting and exploring all that our life-changing programs have to offer. As a new Scouting family, we invite you to join at our special discounted rate. Available for all new Scouts and parents from **August 1 - October 31,** this is the perfect way to try Scouting!

Use promo code **KCSCOUT26** to activate your discount when registering online.

Are you part of a **military family**? Youth in active-duty, Reserve, or National Guard families can join for free. Learn more at your school's joining night or visit www.BeAScout.org.

Additional financial assistance is also available for qualifying families. Ask your pack on how to apply.

Serving Today's Families through Scouting

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.

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NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY

Scouting's Influence in the Classroom

Scouting is a Path to Success

Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to earn a bachelor's degree

(75.6% of Scouting alumni compared to 36.0% national average)

Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to earn an advanced degree

(29.0% of Scouting alumni compared to 13.4% national average)

Scouts are more likely to have higher credit scores

(55.7% of Scouting alumni compared to 39.7% national average)

Scouts are more likely to earn almost **DOUBLE** as an adult

($62.5k median income compared to $33.7k national median)

Scouts are more likely to advance and improve their socio-economic status

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*SOURCE | STUDY DATA

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SCOUT´S MOTTO

“BE PREPARED”

THE VALUE OF SCOUTING

Discovery is at the heart of Scouting. Whether it’s a campout, derby car race, or hike on the trail, we believe every adventure helps us uncover a little more about ourselves. We build the foundations for humility and compassion—strengthening character through actions—to prepare youth for a lifetime of leadership.

Safety

In Scouting, 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.

Our Mission

The mission of Scouting 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.

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.”

Become Your Best Self

Through fun yet challenging physical and mental activities, Scouting encourages personal growth by teaching youth how to set goals and achieve them with determination.

Diversity

Scouting America promotes a culture where youth, volunteers, and employees feel a sense of belonging—where every person feels respected and valued. We welcome families of all backgrounds to help prepare young people to serve as successful members and leaders of our nation’s diverse communities.

Fun for the Whole Family

Scouting is something the whole family can experience together. We designed our program so that anyone—brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers—can have fun and make an impact!

CUB SCOUT A

Discover the fun of Cub Scouts—where the thrill of the outdoors lead

LION
Kindergarten

- **Bobcat** — Character & Leadership
- **Mountain Lion** — Outdoors
- **Fun on the Run** — Personal Fitness
- **King of the Jungle** — Citizenship
- **Lion's Roar** — Personal Safety
- **Lion's Pride** — Family & Reverence

TIGER
First Grade

- **Bobcat** — Character & Leadership
- **Tigers in the Wild** — Outdoors
- **Tiger Bites** — Personal Fitness
- **Team Tiger** — Citizenship
- **Tiger's Roar** — Personal Safety
- **Tiger Circles** — Family & Reverence

WOLF
Second Grade

EARN SIX REQUI

- **Bobcat** — Character & Leadership
- **Paws on the Path** — Outdoors
- **Running with the Pack** — Personal Fitness
- **Council Fire** — Citizenship
- **Safety in Numbers** — Personal Safety
- **Footsteps** — Family & Reverence

ADVENTURES

ds you on a journey to self-discovery and realizing your full potential!

BEAR
Third Grade

WEBELOS
Fourth Grade

ARROW OF LIGHT
Fifth Grade

RED ADVENTURES

- **Bobcat** — Character & Leadership
- **Bear Habitat** — Outdoors
- **Bear Strong** — Personal Fitness
- **Paws for Action** — Citizenship
- **Standing Tall** — Personal Safety
- **Fellowship** — Family & Reverence

WEBELOS ADVENTURES

- **Bobcat** — Character & Leadership
- **Webelos Walkabout** — Outdoors
- **Stronger, Faster, Higher** — Personal Fitness
- **My Community** — Citizenship
- **My Safety** — Personal Safety
- **My Family** — Family & Reverence

ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURES

- **Bobcat** — Character & Leadership
- **Outdoor Adventurer** — Outdoors
- **Personal Fitness** — Personal Fitness
- **Citizenship** — Citizenship
- **First Aid** — Personal Safety
- **Duty to God** — Family & Reverence

The Cub Scout Pack

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK WHICH

- Is made up of one or more dens organized by grade
- 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 highlight of the month's den meetings and activities
  - Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that Scouts earned that month

YOUR PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE

- Made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and parents
- The committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- Led by the Committee Chair
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities

Special Programs

SUMMER CAMP

Tiger Camp: A day camping experience for first graders at Camp Naish. Activities include archery, swimming and hiking.

Wolf Camp: An overnight camping experience for second graders and a parent at Camp Naish. Activities include archery, swimming and campfires

Bear Camp: A two-day overnight camping experience for third graders and a parent at Camp Naish. Activities include sports, archery, swimming, crafts and campfires.

Webelos/AOL Camp: A three-day camping experience for fourth and fifth graders at Camp Naish. Activities include swimming, climbing, sports, and more.

Learn more at www.scoutcamping.org.

ACTIVITIES

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/Scout project to build a racecar made from a block of wood. Scouts 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.

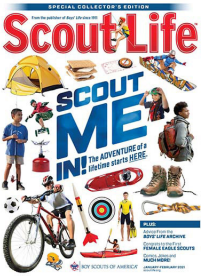
FAMILY CAMPOUTS

Campouts held for the whole family with fun activities.

New Scout Basic Needs

SCOUT LIFE RECOMMENDED

Scout Life Magazine is especially designed for Scouts!



With features like camping around the world and hiking, plus articles on current Scouting, sporting and new events, **Scout Life** has just about everything to offer your child.

Make sure on your application you mark the Scout Life square and put your correct mailing address. In approximately 2 to 3 months, your Scout will receive their first issue. This is one step you can take to make sure your child will receive a full year of great Scouting and a monthly reminder of the fun of Scouting.

HOW TO GET STARTED... BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your Scout may tell you, the first thing they will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to their age. Kindergartners will need a Lion Book, a 1st grader will need a Tiger Book, a 2nd grader will need a Wolf Book, a 3rd grader needs a Bear Book, and 4th and 5th graders will need a Webelos/AOL Book. These books contain the basics they will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that rank.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents an investment on your part. Our 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.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and our Council Scout Shop is the official distributor of Scouting America uniforms and equipment.

Kansas City Scout Shop

10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131

9:00am - 6:00pm (M-F) | 9:00am - 4:00pm (SAT) | Closed Sunday

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The Cost of Scouting

HOW MUCH IS SCOUTING?

Registration Fee:..... $65.00 per year

Special New Member Rate for 1st Year

Scout Life Magazine ..... $15.00 a year

Book Lion $12.99

Tiger..... $12.99

Wolf..... $23.99

Bear..... $23.99

Webelos & Arrow of Light $23.99

Pack Dues ..... $_____

Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange program. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New Member Checklist

Cub Scouts:

◯ Lion ◯ Tiger ◯ Wolf ◯ Bear

◯ Webelos ◯ Arrow of Light

Pack #_____ Den #_____

UNIFORMS

Lion T-Shirt $14.99

Cub Scout Uniform Shirt $32.99

Scouts BSA Uniform Shirt $54.99

Cub Scout Belt & Buckle $14.99

Scouts BSA Belt & Buckle $22.99

Cub Scout
Switchback Pants $32.99

Scouts BSA
Switchback Pants $59.99

Neckerchiefs:
- Lion $12.99
- Tiger $12.99
- Wolf $12.99
- Bear $12.99
- Webelos $12.99

Neckerchief Slides: $7.99

Insignia:
- Council Patch $4.99
- World Crest & World Crest Ring $4.98
- Webelos Colors $8.99
- Unit #'s $2.19/each

For online purchases, visit scoutshop.org

*Prices subject to change.

How Can I Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your child and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents, and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the Scout's accomplishments
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- A chance to help Scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men and women who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys and girls as they grow strong in mind and body
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both youth and adults

Pack Leadership

DEN LEADER(s)
Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack meeting.

CUBMASTER
Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting.

THE PACK COMMITTEE
Pack committee members perform administrative functions.

COMMITTEE CHAIR
Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack meetings.

SECRETARY/TREASURER
Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meeting and pack meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR
Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER
Ensures that all leaders of the pack are trained. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

Leader Training

Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for your Scouts.

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. Safeguarding Youth Training covers Scouting's youth protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It does so by taking you through situations that require choices and produce consequences. This training is available online. In order for an adult to remain a registered leader in Scouting America, Safeguarding Youth Training is required every two years.

JOB SPECIFIC TRAINING

Job Specific Training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. This course is presented several times a year in your district, at the council level and online.

To complete training courses and Safeguarding Youth Training online go to my.scouting.org and create an account.

Resources

Thank you for your commitment to becoming a leader in Scouting America. We assure you that you are not alone. Please take advantage of the number of resources available to ensure your success as a leader.

- The staff at the Heart of America Council Service Center can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can.

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- Attend Roundtable - a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district.
- New Den Leader quick start resources are available at hoac-bsa.org/new-den-leader.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which Scouts can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the Commissioner staff. They are your "service team." They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A Commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.

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FUN
YEAR-ROUND

SCAN NOW
FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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HOURS

Monday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Sunday: Closed

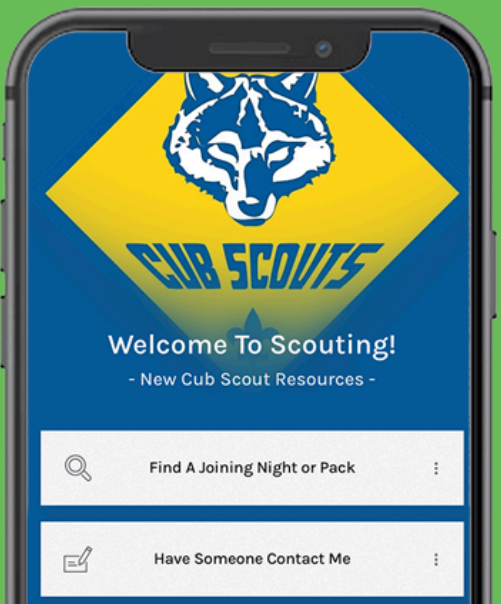
KANSAS CITY SCOUT SHOP

SCAN FOR DEALS

Linktree

Welcome to **Scouting**

We're glad you're here and we can't wait for you to experience all that Scouting has to offer your family!

Scan the code below to access our Welcome to Scouting **Linktree**...one convenient location for all resources.

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