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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
QUIVIRA COUNCIL

Parents Guide

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scouting.org/about/faq



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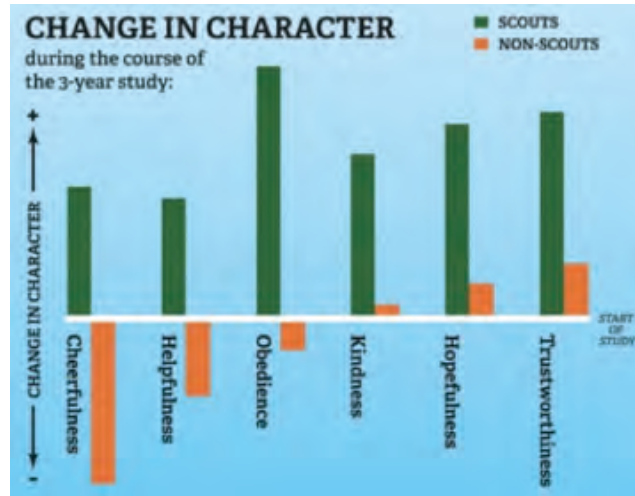
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A Year Like No Other

Children's social and emotional skills are vital, yet our kids have missed out on a number of group activities last year. As a parent, you want to make sure that the activities you choose can not only fill that emotional gap but also help your child to grow up to be a self-- reliant, dependable and caring individual. But does Scouting really improve a kid's character? According to research conducted at Tufts University, the answer is YES!



The research studied 4,000 kids, some who are in Scouting and some who are not. The findings show that Scouting enables kids to make solid growth in a number of key areas while also fostering positive relationships, promoting the development of life skills, and offering opportunities for leadership.

KEY FINDINGS

The **more time** kids spend in Scouting, the better the outcomes in character development.

Those who **attend meetings regularly** report higher outcomes virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance.

Scouts who are **more engaged** in the program report higher outcomes in nearly every category.

WHY SCOUTS?

Families join Scouts to:

- Expand Leadership Skills
- Develop Character
- Build Self Confidence

Kids join Scouts to:

- Make New Friends
- Participate in Outdoor Activities
- Have Fun!

These are skills and opportunities that we need now more than ever.

Scout Oath & Law

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
Reverent

The Journey Begins Here

WHY CUB SCOUTS?

- It brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Build self-confidence
- Service projects to help others
- FUN!

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Hiking, fishing, swimming, biking
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Exploration
- Cool field trips

THE BIG PICTURE

- Den Meetings
- Small groups organized by grade
- Pack meetings and activities
- Family events combining all dens
- District and Council events
- Community-- wide activities

TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Position-specific training
- Printed resources



RANK ADVANCEMENT THROUGH ADVENTURES

- For each rank, complete seven den-based adventures
- Adventures = interdisciplinary, theme-based experiences
- Immediate recognition after each adventure
- Elective adventures available



Life in the Pack

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A PACK THAT

- Is made up of one or more dens that meet either weekly or bi-weekly
- Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Cub Scout families are expected to participate:
 - ◊ The Cubmaster leads the Pack meeting
 - ◊ The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meetings and activities
 - ◊ Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that has games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges and belt loops that Scouts earned that month



YOUR PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE

- It is 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 Chairman.
- 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.

Cub Scout Levels



Kindergarten

- Lion's Honor
- Animal Kingdom
- Mountain Lion
- King of the Jungle
- Fun on the Run

- Meets 2-- 3 times each month in their den
- Completes adventures toward earning ranks
- Led by a den leader



1st Grade

- Games Tigers Play
- My Tiger Jungle
- Team Tiger
- Tiger Bites
- Tiger Circles: Duty to God
- Tigers in the Wild
- Elective



2nd Grade

- Call of the Wild
- Council Fire
- Duty to God Footsteps
- Howling at the Moon
- Paws on the Path
- Running with the Pack
- Elective



3rd Grade

- Baloo The Builder
- Bear Claws
- Bear Necessities
- Fellowship and Duty to God
- Fur, Feathers, and Ferns
- Paws for Action
- Elective



Webelos 4th grade and continues until the Scout joins a Troop

- Cast Iron Chef
- Duty to God and You
- First Responder
- Stronger, Faster, Higher
- Webelos Walkabout
- Elective
- Building a Better World
- Duty to God in Action
- Outdoor Adventurer
- Scouting Adventure
- Elective

Scout Basic Needs



SCOUT LIFE RECOMMENDED

Scout Life Magazine is specially designed for Scouts!

With features such as camping around the world and hiking, hobbies such as model cars and boat building, bicycling, fishing and nature, and articles on current Scouting, sporting, news and 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 ensure your child will receive a full year of great Scouting.

HOW TO GET STARTED...

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 Book. These books contain the basics they will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that rank. .



Uniforms



The uniform is an important part of the program. Our uniforms are very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years, so be sure to buy one large enough for them to grow in.

Our Council Scout Shop is the official distributor of BSA uniforms/ equipment.

*Be sure to check with some packs as many have used uniforms available.

Shirts

Lion T-Shirt	\$12.99
Cub Scout Shirt	\$29.99
Webelos/Scout Shirt	\$37.99

Belt & Buckle

Cub Scout	\$10.99
Webelos	\$13.99

Switchback Pants

Cub Scout	\$29.99
Webelos/Scout	\$48.99

Neckerchiefs

All	\$10.99
Neckerchief Slides	\$6.99

Insignia

Council Patch	\$3.49
Webelos Colors	\$5.99
Unit #'s	\$1.99 each



Store Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
 Sunday: Closed

Lunch: 1:30 - 2:00

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.

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 committee 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 committee meetings.



Training



The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. For an adult to remain a registered leader, Youth Protection Training is required every two years. This training covers the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. This training is available online and in person throughout the year.



Position-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 online, go to my.scouting.org and create an account.

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 have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. Being a helper doesn't have to mean having a title. There are lots of ways for every adult to help!

- Take Youth Protection Training
- Fill out an Adult Application
- Attend unit committee meetings
- Assist with popcorn sales

WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that 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 the 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



You Are Not Alone!

Thank you for your commitment to becoming a leader in the Boy Scouts of 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 Quivira Council Scout Service Center can help you, or they will get you in touch with someone who can.
- Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- Many packs have a pack library that contains resources you need.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee, which develops quality district-wide programs.
- 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.

DISTRICT	AREA
Kanza	Barton, Rush, Pawnee, Stafford, Edwards, Pratt, Kiowa, Comanche and Barber Counties
Osage Nation	Greenwood, Elk, Chautauqua, Woodson, Wilson, Montgomery, Allen, Neosho, and Labette Counties
Pawnee	Kingman, Reno, Rice, McPherson, Marion, Chase, and Harvey Counties
South Winds	Cowley, Harper, Sedgwick, Sumner, Butler Counties
White Buffalo	Greater Sedgwick County, Butler County

Helpful Links

Scoutbook is your go-to tool to ensure no moment is missed – tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/scoutbook/>

Scout Life magazine has challenging online games, funny jokes, amazing projects and find lots of fun at its online home.

<https://scoutlife.org/>

QNews is the weekly email newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on all the council events and news.

<http://eepurl.com/gkR4ln>

