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QUIVIRA COUNCIL

Parents Guide

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Point your camera at this QR code to view the video



or read the FAQs



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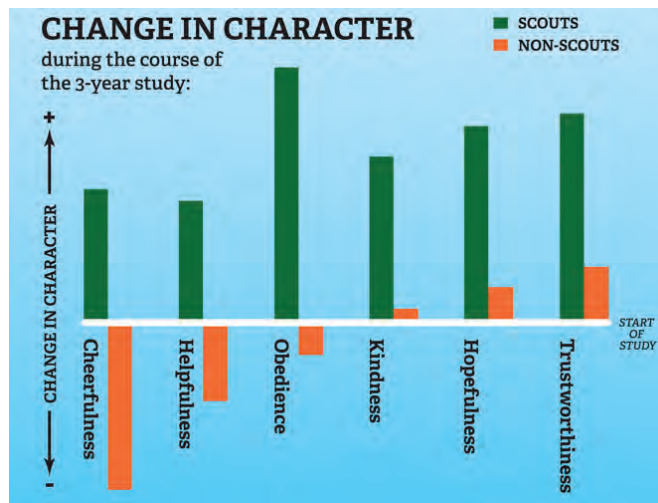
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Youth of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow

Character is what we grow in Scouting! Using the Scout Oath and Scout Law, engaging boys and girls in weekly, fun-with-a-purpose meetings, and taking to the outdoors, youth in Scouting develop their mental and moral qualities while having fun with friends!

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 in 2015, 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.

WHY SCOUTS?

Families join Scouts to:

- Expand Leadership Skills
- Develop Character
- Build Self Confidence
- Unplug from Electronics

Kids join Scouts to:

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



Watch highlights of **Dr. Larry Mitnaul**, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, sharing about the “rootedness” the Scout program provides to youth.



Scout Oath & Law

These are the foundations of Scouting, from kindergarten to high school graduation, and as adult volunteers!

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
- Focused time spent with kids
- 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 Scout Oath and Scout Law are put into practice in Den and Pack meetings.

THE BIG PICTURE

- Den Meetings
 - ◊ Small groups organized by grade
- Pack meetings and activities
 - ◊ Family events combining all dens
- District and Council events
 - ◊ Sporting events, Museums, Zoo, etc.

TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Position-specific training
- Online - short modules that you can go through at your own pace



RANK ADVANCEMENT THROUGH ADVENTURES

- For each rank, complete five to seven den-based adventures
- Adventures = interdisciplinary, theme-based experiences
- Immediate recognition after each adventure
- Elective adventures for more fun with a variety of choices



Cub Scout Dens

Putting the Scout Oath & Law into action toward earning Cub Scout Ranks.



Kindergarten

Lion's Honor

Animal Kingdom

Mountain Lion

King of the
Jungle

Fun on the Run

- Boys and Girls in the same grade make a Den
- Dens meet 2-3 times each month
- Dens complete adventures in their Cub Scout Book
- Adventures lead to earning rank badges
- Led by adult volunteers called Den Leaders



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



4th Grade
Webelos

Cast Iron Chef

Duty to God and
You

First Responder

Stronger, Faster,
Higher

Webelos
Walkabout

Elective



5th Grade
Arrow of Light

Building a Better
World

Duty to God in
Action

Outdoor
Adventurer

Scouting
Adventure

Elective

Scout Basic Needs

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 and the Scout Shop can sew on insignias and patches.

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

Cub Scout Books

Lion Handbook	\$14.99
Cub Scout Handbook	\$23.99

Shirts

Lion T-Shirt	\$14.99
Cub Scout Shirt	\$32.99
Webelos/Scout Shirt	\$39.99

Belt & Buckle

Cub Scout	\$14.99
Webelos/Scouts BSA	\$19.99

Neckerchiefs

All	\$12.99
Neckerchief Slides	\$7.99

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 encouraged 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 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.



What Cub Scouts Do

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 the 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 insignias. Attends Pack meetings and committee meetings.

PACK TRAINER

Ensures that all leaders of the Pack are trained. Attends Pack meetings and committee meetings.

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

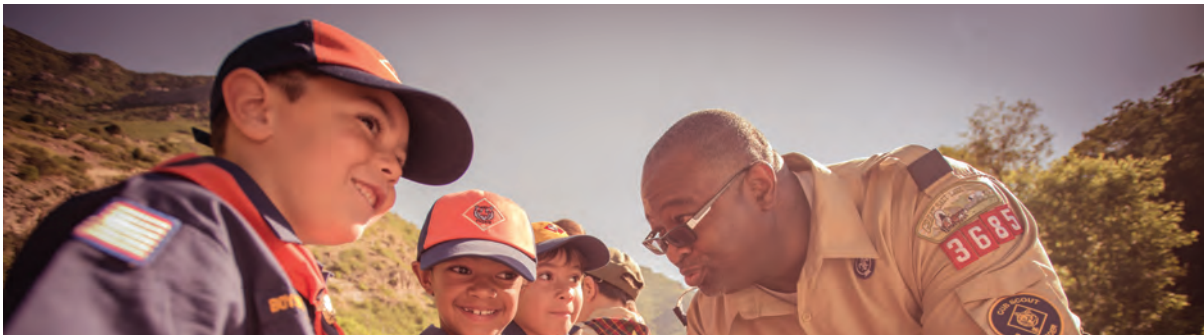


Adults in Scouting

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



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.

You Are Not Alone!

Thank you for your interest in 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, share ideas, and network with Scouters.
- 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.
- Talk to the Council Commissioner at Quivira.Commissioner@gmail.com



Roundtable

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

Helpful Links

Scoutbook is your go-to tool that ensures not a moment is missed – tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.

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



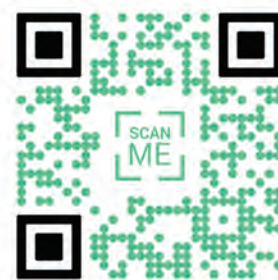
Scout Life magazine has challenging online games, funny jokes, and amazing projects. Find lots of fun at its online home.

<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>



The Cost of Scouting

Youth Member

BSA Registration, 12 Months	80.00
New Member Joiner Fee (one time only)	25.00
Total One Year Membership	\$105.00

Youth who registered with BSA in the past will not pay the Joiner Fee

Possible Additional Costs

Cub Scout Handbook	23.99
Pack T-Shirt (est)	12.00
Scout Shirt	32.99
Scout Life Magazine (monthly), 12 months	15.00
Unit Specific Dues (belt loops, badges, etc.)	varies

Depending on the youth and parent interests, the participation in additional Scouting activities comes with a cost to cover liability insurance, activity supplies, meals, and other costs. The event price is kept to a minimum, but is not covered by youth registration.

Options to Help Pay for Scouting

Fundraising – Pecatonic Popcorn, Camp Cards, unit specific fundraisers

Financial Aid – KanCare, Council Financial Aid, various county Trusts to support Scouting

Annual Renewal Costs

BSA Registration	80.00
Council Program Fee	80.00
Total One Year Renewal/Recharter	\$160.00

• This amount is due on the 12th month of membership

Adult Members

BSA Registration, 12 Months	\$60.00
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The Value of Scouting



Below are the ways your child will develop and thrive through the Scouting experience.

In 3 months...

- Six Den meetings, earning at least three Adventure belt loops
- Three pack meetings, with achievements recognized in front of the Pack youth, leaders, and parents.
- Field trips and new experiences – Day of Awesomeness

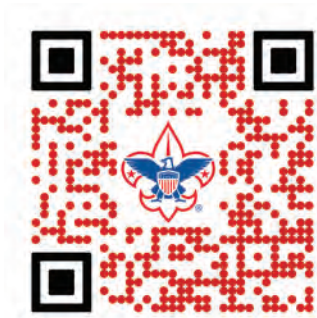
In 3 years...

- Pinewood Derby car building and racing
- Service projects in the community
- Family campouts with the Pack
- Day camps and summer overnight camps

In 12 years...

- Patrol leader, leadership role in the Troop
- Plan and execute an Eagle project, earning the Eagle Award
- Respect for peers, adults, our country, the natural world
- Belief system with an open mind toward all beliefs

Scouting is year round and outdoors!



**Cub Scout
Day of
Awesomeness!**

Uniforms



Wichita Scout Shop

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Hours

Monday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday: Closed
Closed for lunch 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
August 28-October 28, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Welcome to Scouting! We can't wait to help you get started on your new adventure!

Uniforms, Family Camping Gear, Pinewood Derby, Sewing Services, and more! We've got you covered!

See you soon!
The Wichita Scout Shop Team

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