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Parents Guide

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Have Questions?

Point your camera at this QR code to view the video or go to <https://qrco.de/bd8EaT>



or read the FAQs
<https://www.scouting.org/about/faq>



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!

Scouts learn and do. They are not afraid to put in the work to create something of value.

80% of Scouts see the correlation between hard work and success, 20% more than Non-Scouts.



Scouts are 10% more likely to 'make the right choice' when face with an opportunity to do wrong.

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.



<https://youtu.be/4j4bxb9FwJU?si=dto-WIDVMQ-Y1RVd>

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 eight 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.

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

2024-2025 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 ST Grade	 WOLF 2 ND Grade	 BEAR 3 RD Grade	 WEBELOS 4 TH Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 TH Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures	 2 Elective Adventures

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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, 1st graders will need a Tiger Book, 2nd graders need a Wolf Book, 3rd graders need a Bear Book, 4th graders need a Webelos Book and 5th graders need an Arrow of Light 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.

<https://quivira.org/scoutshop/>

Cub Scout Books

Lion/Tiger Handbook	\$12.99
Cub Scout Handbook	\$23.99

Shirts

Lion T-Shirt	\$14.99
Cub Scout Navy Shirt	\$32.99
Arrow of Light Khaki Shirt	\$39.99

Belt & Buckle

Cub Scout Belt & Buckle	\$14.99
Webelos Buckle	\$6.99
Arrow of Light Scouts BSA Belt & Buckle	\$19.99

Neckerchiefs

All Neckerchief Slides	\$12.99
	\$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

<https://youtu.be/gJuACBAXq0s?si=jQQGmvgCvD69FRfG>

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

<https://youtu.be/adnggWAmbas?si=NGz2kGmgExpYoms0>

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
Santa Fe Trail	Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Hodgeman, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Gray, Ford, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade, Clark 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/>



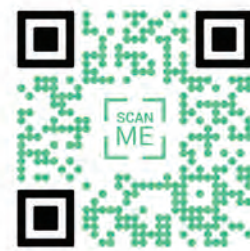
Scout Life magazine has challenging online games, funny jokes, and amazing projects. Find lots of fun at its online home.

<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 85.00

Possible Additional Costs

Cub Scout Handbook	12.99 to 23.99
Pack T-Shirt (est)	12.00
Scout Shirt	14.99 to 39.99
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	85.00
Council Program Fee	80.00
Total One Year Renewal/Registration	\$165.00

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

Adult Members

BSA Registration, 12 Months \$65.00

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

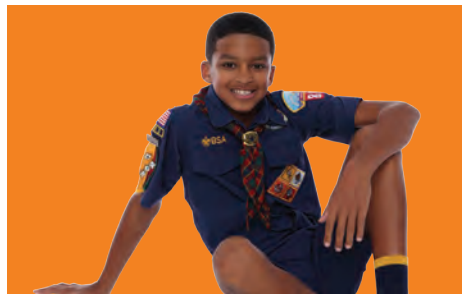
Scouting is year round and outdoors!



**Cub Scout
Day of
Awesomeness!**

<https://youtu.be/IFLeeXhTMoM?si=YGhmqzBD0cil-ace>

UNIFORMS



Wichita Scout Shop: 3247 N Oliver St, Wichita, KS 67220 | 316.491.2220

Garden City Scout Shop: 402 E Fulton St ste 4, Garden City, KS 67846 | 620.275.5162

Wichita 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

Garden City Hours

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Saturday: Closed
 Sunday: Closed

SAVE 20%*
 On Matching Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Uniform Top

*Selection and quantities may vary online and in-store. Offer valid online and in participating Scout Shops on select merchandise and while supplies last. Offer valid from 07/29/24-11/03/2024 at 11:59 pm EST. Not valid on previous purchases or wholesale orders. May not be combined with any other offer and cannot be redeemed as cash. Check with your local Scout Shop for more information. Uniform top and bottom must be from the same program and purchased together.

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!