

The Methods of Cub Scouting

- Living the ideals
- Belonging to a den
- Using advancement
- Involving family and home
- Participating in activities
- Serving home and neighborhood
- Wearing the uniform
- Making Character Connections



The Importance of Outdoor Activities and Camping

Camping takes you on exciting adventures into the natural world. You will learn to live with others in the out-of-doors. You will learn to be a good citizen of the out-doors.

Camping is fun, and it is good for your mind, body and spirit. It helps you learn to rely on yourself—on your own skills and knowledge. When you go camping, you get skills you will use throughout your life.

No better way to bond with your Cub Scout and build their confidence than Cub Scout Camping!



KISMIF: Priority one for a Cub leader: Keep it Simple, Make it Fun. If the Cubs are having fun they will keep coming back. Songs and skits are great for this.

<https://www.scoutermom.com/songs/>



Training: Getting started as a Cub leader is like drinking from a firehose, but first you need to turn on the water.

<https://my.scouting.org/>



Know your role: Understand what your job is in the Pack and focus on the relevant tasks. Teamwork is essential to Pack success.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/how-cub-scouting-is-organized/>



Plan early, plan plenty: Build your Pack calendar as early as possible to save dates and secure reservations. Choose activities that are fun and relevant to your Cubs' interests.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-meeting-resources/pack-meeting-plans/>



Teamwork: Many hands make light work, and a more successful Pack. Whether a uniformed leader or an event coordinator, there is a role for every available adult.

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2011/10/how-to-recruit-cub-scout-leaders/>



Find your replacement: It may sound crazy, but start looking for your successor now. You will leave your Pack role at some point, and a smooth transition will keep the Pack strong.

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/01/06/next-up-why-succession-planning-is-a-must-in-every-scouting-unit/>



Keep 'em busy: Never let a Cub Scout get bored. Games at gathering time, games during meetings, games any-time. Tire them out for a few minutes and you might actually get their attention.

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2000/11/ideas-for-pack-meeting-games/>



Keep the Outing in Scouting: Some of the best memories are made around a campfire. Make sure at least two adult leaders in your Pack are BALOO trained, and take your Pack camping as often as you can!

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/03/28/what-is-baloo-a-quick-look-at-this-crucial-outdoor-training-for-cub-scout-leaders/>



The New Cub Scout Leader Cheatsheet



The Mission and Vision of the Boy Scouts of America

Mission Statement

“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.”

Vision Statement

“The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.”



SCOUT ME IN™

THE 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.



THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is
trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.



Advancement – The progression that moves the Cub Scouts from rank to rank.

Adventure – Adventures are “collections of themed, multidisciplinary activities representing approximately three den meetings’ worth of engaging content.” Tigers, Wolves, and Bears complete seven adventures to earn their rank badge (five for Lions). Webelos complete six adventures for their rank, and Arrows of Light complete five.

Akela – Anyone who is a leader to the Cub Scout. Akela can be a parent, teacher, den leader, Cubmaster, or any other adult who helps guide the Cub Scout

Arrow of Light – The highest rank a Cub Scout can achieve. The Arrow of Light (AOL) badge is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. Packs must have a minimum of two BALOO Trained Leaders

Blue and Gold Banquet – Because February is the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America, many packs celebrate with a Blue and Gold banquet. The banquets are special events that can include games and entertainment. Cub Scouts often bring their whole families including grandparents. Some packs may choose to hold their Blue and Gold Banquet in another month.

Buddy System – The buddy system is used to help Cub Scouts look out for each other. At Cub Scout events, especially outdoor activities, Cubs should find a partner. The buddies go everywhere together and know where each other is, always. This helps ensure that the scouts always have a partner to help them if they are lost or hurt.

Chartered Organization – Community or faith-based organizations that own and operate Cub Scout packs. They work under a “charter” from the Boy Scouts of America.

Class A Uniform – The official term is “Field Uniform”. Cub Scouts wear a blue shirt, while Webelos can either continue wearing the blue shirt or switch to the khaki Boy Scout shirt. “Class A uniform” is not a BSA official term, but it is widely used by packs.

Class B Uniform – Typically T-Shirts made for/by the pack. Officially called “Activity Uniform” They can be pack t-shirts, day camp t-shirts or any other Scouting t-shirt. They are officially called special purpose or activity uniforms.

Council – A council is a service center, chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, that is responsible for Scouting within its geographical area.

Crossover or Bridging – A Special ceremony where a Webelos Cub Scout “crosses over” or “bridges” from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA. It symbolizes the scouts’ induction into their Scouts BSA troop.

Cubmaster – A Cubmaster is the “face” of the pack. Cubmasters help plan and carry out the Cub Scout program in their pack. They support and motivate den leaders and parents. The Cubmaster serves as the emcee for pack meetings and other events. Cubmasters and pack committees work together to develop fun program ideas and activities.

Den – A den is a group of scouts who are in the same grade or who are the same age. They work together to advance to the next level of Cub Scouts.

Denner – A scout who has been selected (by vote or appointment) to serve in a leadership role in their den. They have specific duties such as taking attendance, leading a [flag ceremony](#), assisting with den activities and conducting a closing ceremony. Serving as a denner helps develop the Cub Scout’s leadership skills.

Den Chief – An older member of Scouts BSA who has been selected to work with a Cub Scout den. They assist with den activities and serve as a role model (and often a friend) to the Cubs in the den. The den chief position is considered a leadership role by the Scouts BSA troop.

District – The geographic territory within a council is divided into districts. Districts vary in size. Some may span multiple counties, while others are one county.

District Executive – The District Executive (DE) is a paid employee of the local council. Their role is to support Scouting in the district.

Pack – A Cub Scout pack is a collection of dens of all ranks.

Pinewood Derby – Cub Scout racing event. With help from their parents, scouts design and build a race car using a kit that contains a block of wood, plastic wheels, and axles made from nails.

Power Training – Council Run in-person training which emphasizes networking through classes such as Amazing Den Meetings, and Pack Meeting Magic.

Rank – Cub Scouts are grouped by grade or age into specific ranks.

Roundtable—Monthly meeting on a district basis, units come together for supplemental training and fellowship.

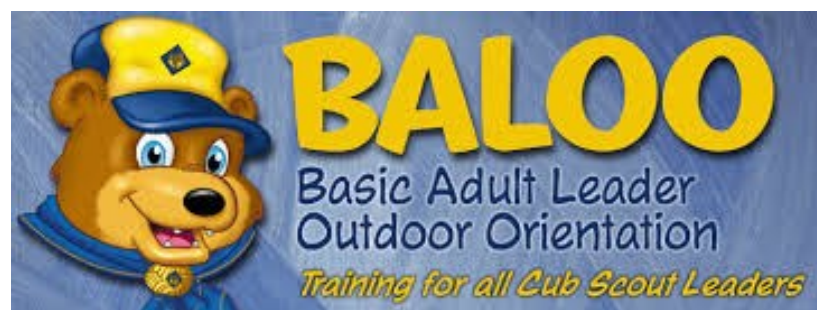
University of Scouting-- Additional Council Run training with degrees. This is beyond basic knowledge training.

Webelos – This rank’s name has special meaning. It stands for WE’ll BE LOyal Scouts. Always use the S even when referring to one Webelos. So, one Webelos, not one Webelo.



A large graphic for "CUB SCOUT LEADER" with a QR code and the text "Position-Specific Training".

REQUIRED ADVENTURES FOR CUB SCOUT BADGES OF RANK					
LION	TIGER	WOLF	BEAR	Webelos 4 th grade and continues until the Scout joins a Troop	
Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade		
Lion's Honor	Games Tigers Play	Call of the Wild	Baloo The Builder	Cast Iron Chef	Building a Better World
Animal Kingdom	My Tiger Jungle	Council Fire	Bear Claws	Duty to God and You	Duty to God in Action
Mountain Lion	Team Tiger	Duty to God Footsteps	Bear Necessities	First Responder	Outdoor Adventurer
King of the Jungle	Tiger Bites	Howling at the Moon	Fellowship and Duty to God	Stronger, Faster, Higher	Scouting Adventure
Fun on the Run	Tiger Circles: Duty to God	Paws on the Path	Fur, Feathers, and Ferns	Webelos Walkabout	Elective
	Tigers in the Wild	Running with the Pack	Paws for Action	Elective	
	Elective	Elective	Elective		



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