



WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING

Congratulations! Welcome to the challenges and opportunities, joys and satisfactions that will be yours as a Cub Scout leader, guiding and influencing the lives of boys. By making the commitment to serve as a leader, you have joined the ranks of more than 600,000 adult leaders in 53,000 packs around the country who are giving time, ability, enthusiasm, and energy to build a better future for our nation. As you give leadership in Cub Scouting you help enrich the lives of boys and make a difference in the kind of men they will become. An exciting and rewarding experience lies ahead of you.

This packet is designed to help you get started as a successful leader. A multitude of resources are available for your use. There are many people who are interested in helping you be successful in your job, and training opportunities are provided so that you may continue to grow in effective leadership. So good luck, and welcome to the wonderful world of Cub Scouting!

WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING?

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, as incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of moral strength and character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

Since 1930, younger boys have had the opportunity to be Cub Scouts in a year-round, home-centered program that helps to strengthen the family. Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three divisions (the others are Boy Scouting, which includes Varsity Scouting, and Venturing, which includes Sea Exploring).

PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting is for boys who are in first through fifth grade. Families, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the following:

- Character development
- Spiritual growth
- Good citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family understanding
- Respectful relationships
- Personal achievement
- Friendly service
- Fun and adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

THE CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Like other phases of the Scouting program, Cub Scouting is made available to groups having similar interests and goals. "Sponsors" include professional organizations, government bodies, and religious, educational, civic, business, labor, and citizens groups. These "sponsors" are called chartered organizations, since they are chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to use the Scouting program. Some chartered organizations use the whole Scouting family (Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, and Venturing crew). Each organization appoints one of its members as a chartered organization representative, to be the liaison between the organization and the Scouting units and between the organization and the local council. Your chartered organization, through your pack committee, is responsible for leadership, a pack meeting place, and related materials for pack activities.

Any boy who is in first through fifth grade may join a Cub Scout pack. He is assigned to a den, which is usually made up of Cub Scouts in the neighborhood. Den meetings are held each week under the supervision of an adult volunteer den leader, a den chief (an older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer), and a denner (a boy leader elected by members of the den). Parents or guardians are expected to assist with den activities when called upon to help. At den meetings the boys enjoy games, crafts, stunts, songs, and ceremonies. Dens also enjoy service projects, fitness activities, and field trips. Tiger Cub and Cub Scout dens work on projects related to a monthly theme such as "circus" or "outer space". Webelos dens work on one of the 20 activity badges each month and other projects which help prepare them for Boy Scouts.

Once each month, all den families gather for a pack meeting under the direction of the Cubmaster and pack committee. The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. It gets family members involved in activities with their sons. It is an opportunity to provide recognition for boys, families, and leaders. And it gives the boys a chance to "show off" before their families and the other boys, things they have learned during the month. Pack meeting activities are planned around the monthly theme and Webelos activity badge for the month. Pack meetings are fun for the entire family. (See *Cub Scout Leader Book* for more information on the pack meeting.)

Cub Scouting includes a plan of advancement in which a boy learns by doing. The boy works on requirements based

on his grade. Sometimes advancement requirements are started in the den meeting, then completed at home with the family's help. Family involvement is a vital part of the advancement plan. (See *Cub Scout Leader Book* for more information on advancement.)

CUB SCOUTING LITERATURE RESOURCES

- 33221 *Cub Scout Leader Book*
- 33832 *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*
- 33222 *Cub Scout Songbook*
- 33122 *Group Meeting Sparklers*
- 33212 *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs*
- 33211 *Den Chief Handbook*
- 34304 *Cub Scout Program Helps*
- 33853 *Webelos Leader Guide*
- 33012 *Cub Scouting's BSA Family Activity Book*
- 33188 *Your Flag*
- 34399 *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide*

- 34713 *Tiger Cub Handbook*
- 33450 *Wolf Handbook*
- 33451 *Bear Handbook*
- 33853 *Webelos Handbook*
- Guide to Safe Scouting*
- 34282 *Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet*
- 34281 *Female Leader Uniform Inspection Sheet*
- 34284 *Male Leader Uniform Inspection Sheet*
- 34426 *Local Tour Permit Application*
- 34427 *Unit Money Earning Application*
- 33748 *National Summertime Pack Award Guide*
- 33819 *Pack Record Book with Finance Section*

NOTE: Your pack will have copies of literature that you can use until you purchase your own.

For uniforms and literature information contact:

Houston Scout Shop
2225 North Loop West, Suite A
Houston, TX 77008
(713) 865-5190

Ask your pack trainer, Cubmaster, or chartered organization representative to help you fill in the following information:

I am Den Leader for Den Number _____.

Our Pack Number is _____.

Our chartered organization is _____.

Our Pack is part of _____ District.

Our district is part of _____ Sam Houston Area Council.

Pack meetings are held at _____
 on the _____ of every month.

Pack leaders' planning meetings are held at _____
 on the _____ of every month.

Cub Scout leaders' roundtable meets at _____
 on the _____ of every month.

Assistant den leader _____

Phone _____

Den Chief _____

Phone _____

Pack Trainer _____

Phone _____

Cubmaster _____

Phone _____

Pack Committee Chairman _____

Phone _____

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner _____

Phone _____

District Cub Scout Training Chairman _____

Phone _____

Unit Commissioner _____

Phone _____

Upcoming Opportunities for Cub Scout Leader Basic Training		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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