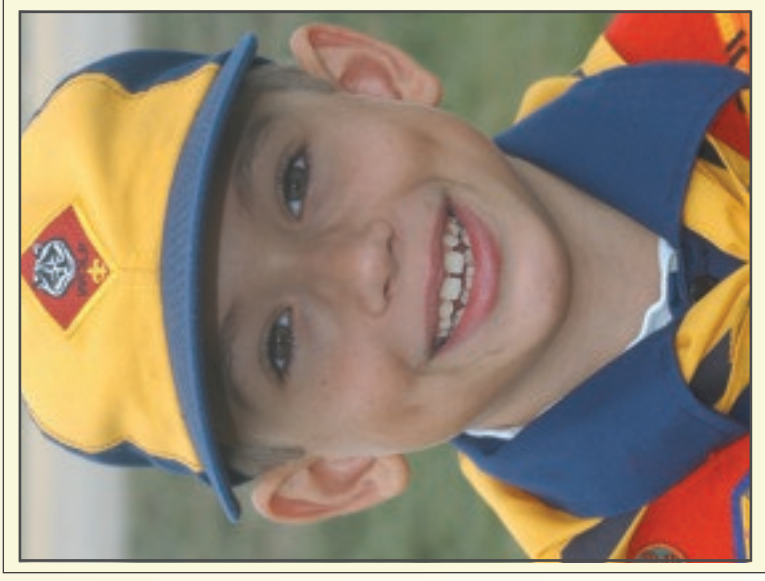


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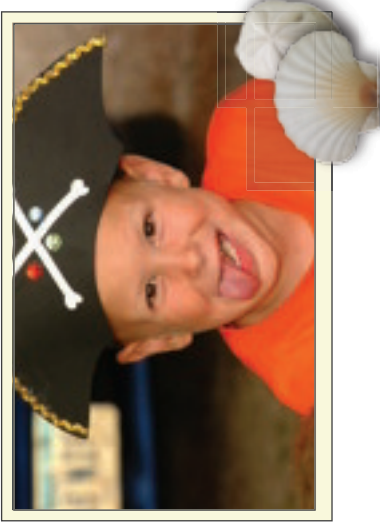
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WHAT IS CUB SCOUTING?

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 Scouts, 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



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.

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.



My Important contacts are:

Cubmaster _____

Phone # _____

Den Leader _____

Phone # _____

Our Pack Number is: _____

Our Den Number is: _____



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