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740.772.6887
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How does Cub Scouting work?

Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program designed specifically to address the needs of younger boys and girls. Cub Scouts meet in their Dens once each week and a Pack meeting is held for all Cub Scouts and their families once a month. Beyond that, it depends on the Pack and Den. A Den may hold a special event such as a service project or visit a local museum in place of one of the weekly meetings or in addition to the weekly meetings. Likewise, a Pack may conduct a special event such as a Service Pack meeting led by the Cubmaster.

Cub Scout Den meetings are intended to be an activity for the Scouts. Parental involvement is encouraged and all meetings should be open to your participation.

If you would like to be present at a Den meeting, ask the Den leader in advance so that the leader can plan a way for you to participate.

Pack Meetings & Activities

The Cub Scout Pack is made up of all the Dens, which meet monthly at the Pack meeting led by the Cubmaster. This is the highlight of the monthly Den meetings and activities. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies and presentations of badges that Scouts earned during the month. This is where families – not just parents, but siblings, too – can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The Pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year.

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How much does Scouting cost?

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Uniform: The uniform and its cost vary by program for youth and may also be purchased at your local Scout Shop.


Youth safety is top priority for leaders

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Follow the Bobcat Trail

Your Scout will be thrilled to earn their Bobcat badge as they join! Your Bobcat will quickly master the following skills:

☐ Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.

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Glossary: Leaders of your pack

Den Leader

Leads the Den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings. Attends the monthly Pack Committee meeting and district roundtable meeting.

Cubmaster

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. Leads monthly Pack meeting and attends Pack Committee meeting and district roundtable monthly meeting.

Committee Chair

Presides at all Pack Committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also, attends Pack meetings.

Secretary

Keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack Committee meeting notes and prepares monthly Pack newsletter.

Treasurer

Keeps accurate financial records, manages bank account, and helps develop Pack budget. Attends Pack meetings and Pack Committee meetings.

Advancement Coordinator

Maintains advancement records for the Pack. Orders all badges and insignia. Attends Pack and Committee meetings.

New Member Coordinator

Engages youth and their families in the unit experiences so that they feel welcomed and want to stay.

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