

DON'T MISS ANY OF THIS YEAR-ROUND FUN

FALL

- Columbus Blue Jackets FREE Preseason Games
- Columbus Crew Scout Night
- Popcorn Sale Kickoffs
- School Night Open Houses
- Shoot-O-Ree
- Apple Butter Festival
- Howlin' at the Moon
- Scary Camp
- Monster Mash

WINTER

- Columbus Blue Jackets Scout Night
- University of Scouting
- Mad River Mountain Ski Days
- Columbus Fishing Expo

SPRING

- Maple Syrup Festival

SUMMER

- Cub Scout Day Camps
- Webelos Resident Camps
- Columbus Clippers Camporee
- Ohio State Fair

YEAR ROUND

- OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks FREE skate nights
- COSI Camp-Ins
- Franklin Park Conservatory activities
- The Dawes Arboretum activities
- Marmon Valley Farm Scout activities



PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouts
Where Character Counts and the Adventure Begins!
For Boys and Girls in Grades 1-5

STAY CONNECTED TO US

The best way to stay informed about Scouting activities on the district and council levels is by visiting our website regularly. You can also follow us on our social media sites for up-to-the-minute information.

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FUNDRAISING IS SOURCE OF 'FUN' FOR SCOUTS

The Scouting community may ask your family to participate in two very important fundraisers during the year. These fundraisers are not only an integral part in supporting your local unit's programming, but are also extremely important to the maintenance of council activities and camp properties.

Popcorn sale

The annual Scout popcorn sale directly funds unit membership costs and activity costs for your unit. When effectively implemented, many units

are able to fund their full year of Scouting activities. The popcorn sale begins in September and is a great way to help fund your child's Scouting year. To learn more about the annual popcorn sale, visit www.skscouts.org/popcorn.

Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is the annual giving campaign that asks families and community members to make a

tax-deductible gift to Scouting. This campaign helps provide accident and general liability insurance for all Scouts and Scout leaders, helps maintain council camps, provides Scout Scholarships to Scouts in need of uniforms or camping fees, and subsidizes the cost of camping and activities for all Scouts in the Simon Kenton Council. A volunteer or council representative will be stopping by your unit to tell you more about Friends of Scouting. In the meantime, visit www.skscouts.org/FOS.



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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 Den and Pack. A Den may hold a special activity, 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 Blue and Gold banquet as an additional event, rather than a substitute for its monthly Pack meeting.

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.

Don't miss:

Your Blue and Gold Banquet: Cub Scouting's birthday party-for all Pack members and their families in February.

Camping: Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience. The Simon Kenton Council has many Cub Scout camping opportunities at our four camp properties.

Your Pinewood Derby: Build and race a model car with your Scout.

Service Projects: Packs are encouraged to participate in Simon Kenton Council's annual coordinated food drive **Scouting for Food**, which takes place each November.

Field Trips and Special Outings, of course, are great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.



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.

HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

National annual registration fee for youth and leaders: \$33 (The leader's fee includes a subscription to Scouting Magazine).

Boy's Life magazine: An option that costs another dollar or so each month (But trust us, it is worth it!).

Pack dues: The amount varies by Pack, depending on money-earning projects conducted by the Pack to decrease the amount needed to run the Pack program.

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

Books: Scout handbooks are the Tiger Cub Handbook, Wolf Handbook, Bear Handbook and Webelos Handbook. Adult leaders use the Den Leader guides, Cub Scout Leader book and other valuable training resources. See www.scoutstuff.org or your local Scout shop for prices and a wealth of other resources.

YOUTH SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY FOR LEADERS

All leaders are required to be trained in order to deliver a safe, quality Scouting program. Your district provides online training for adult volunteers on how to be a successful leader. All new leaders must take **Youth Protection Training** and a variety of other online trainings prior to leading the Scouts. Parents are encouraged to take the trainings as well. Trainings can be found at my.scouting.org



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.
- ☐ Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
- ☐ Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
- ☐ Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
- ☐ Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.
- ☐ Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.
- ☐ With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide**

Scout Oath (or Promise)

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, and
reverent.

Cub Scout Motto

DO YOUR BEST



Scout's Name: _____
Pack #: _____
Parent's Name: _____ Email: _____

Please complete the requirements and show this form to your Cubmaster or Den Leader.

* the pamphlet is found in the front of your Scouts handbook or online at: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/CubScout.aspx>