



CUB SCOUT PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



Middle Tennessee Council Scouting America

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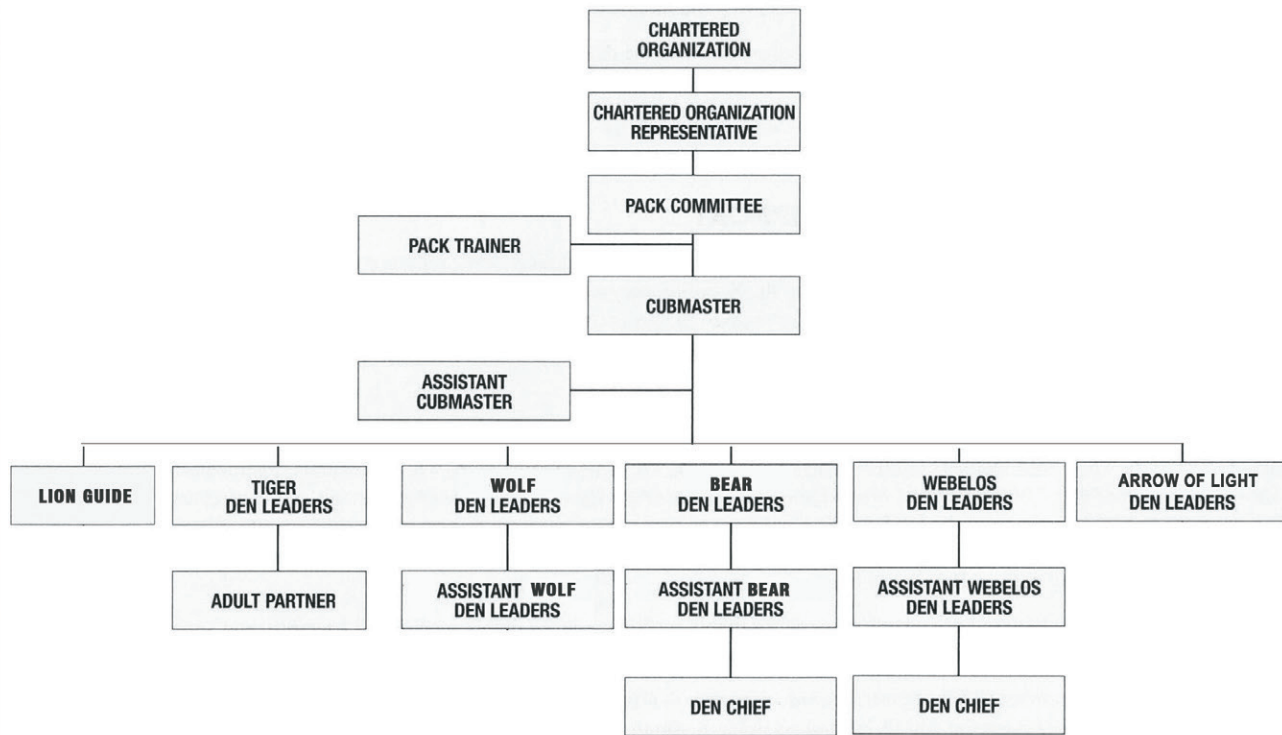
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How is Cub Scouting Organized?

Pack Organization Chart



The Den

The Cub Scout pack is divided into several smaller groups called dens. Typically, a den has six to eight youth and meets two or three times a month. Den meeting activities vary based on the age of youth. Members of a den usually progress through Scouting together.

The Cub Scout ranks are organized by grade or age, so your child's den will be part of the rank specific to their grade. A pack may have more than one den for a rank. For example, if your pack has 16 first graders, there will be at least two Tiger dens. Here are the ranks:

- ◆ Lions - Kindergarten. Lions must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them.
- ◆ Tigers - First grade. Tigers must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them.
- ◆ Wolves - Second grade.
- ◆ Bears - Third grade.
- ◆ Webelos - Fourth grade.
- ◆ Arrow of Light - Fifth grade.

The Bobcat rank will be what each grade works on first, then they work to complete seven fun "adventures" to earn their rank badge. Adventure activities are done at den meetings, at home and on field trips and outings. At the end of the school year, Cub Scouts graduate and move up to the next rank.

While den meetings include games, skits and other activities that are fun for the kids, program delivery is the main goal. Youth participate in activities and work on projects that are related to an adventure and that help them learn the skills they need to progress in rank. Youth also prepare to do their part in the monthly pack meeting.

The Pack

All of the dens together make up the pack. Typically, packs meet monthly. These pack meetings bring together youth from every den, their leaders, and their families for a large-scale event that showcases all that the kids have learned and done in their individual den meetings. Such a gathering gives the kids a larger experience beyond their own den. It also helps them see how their individual activities fit into the bigger Cub Scout program.

Shooting Sports Day

Jump-start your family's year of Scouting by attending Shooting Sports Day!

This fun and exciting event gives your Scout the chance to experience one of the most popular aspects of Scouting - shooting sports. While the activities are enjoyable, safety is our top priority. Each range is supervised by trained Range Safety Officers to ensure a secure environment for all participants. This event is open to all Scouts.

For more information about Shooting Sports Day including the date, time, location, and activities please visit the Council's website at:
www.mtcscouting.org/CubScoutOpportunities



Cub & Family Weekend Campout

Don't miss being a part of the Middle Tennessee Council Cub Scout Family Campout every weekend during the month of October!

Come out and enjoy the fun! Saturday activities include Aquatics activities, Archery, BB Gun Range, crafts, and more! In addition, there will be a special nature hike available for your enjoyment.

Step through time as you visit the Cub-A-Lot Castle, Pirate's Cove, the Native American Village, the Fort Area and especially Pfeffer CubWorld Aquatics Center at the Middle Tennessee Council's Boxwell Scout Reservation!

Visit our website at
www.mtcscouting.org/CubScoutOpportunities/Cub-and-Family
for more information on dates, times and registration.



ADDITIONAL YEAR-ROUND FUN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CUB SCOUTS



PINEWOOD DERBY

A parent and youth project in which you build a race car made from a block of wood. This is one of the most popular events of a Cub Scout's year. Most packs conduct the derby race annually.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting, usually held during February. Most often it is a seated dinner, but sometimes it is covered-dish supper. A special program or entertainment is customary.

ADVENTURE CAMP

Day Camp is a fun-filled week of adventure for Cub Scouts who will be rising 1st - 5th graders. The Middle Tennessee Council holds the Monday through Friday Day Camps in various geographical locations throughout the Council. The camps offer various types of activities which may include archery, arts and crafts, BBs, field sports, nature, Scout skills and many other themed activities.

FAMILY SCOUTING AT CUBWORLD

Our Family Scouting Camp is a two night camp designed for rising 1st – 5th grade (and an accompanying adult) to experience the great outdoors activities and campout at Boxwell Reservation Cubworld.

What kinds of activities will you get to do while at camp? Swimming, archery, BB shooting sports, belt loop activities, campfire programs, and sports are just a few of the activities available throughout the camp. During your free time, you may hike around camp or explore Cubworld's Native American Village, Cub-A-Lot Castle, Cubworld Fort, and the brand new Pirate's Cove. Oh, and don't forget to bring your fishing pole. We are on Old Hickory Lake at Boxwell Reservation, located off Hwy. 109 in Lebanon.

You will sleep under the stars on cots in a platform tent. All you need to provide are the linens. Restrooms are centrally located around camp, and you will enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in our air-conditioned dining hall.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Food drive held to benefit local food banks. Part of our program is to participate in community service projects.



THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

Advancement is the process in which Cub Scouts earn badges and awards, learn new skills and expand their horizons as they go. The Cub Scout advancement program is based on adventures, which are themed collections of activities. Many of these activities will be done as a group, with the den or with the whole pack. Other activities are meant to be done at home as a family.

The activities built into the adventures include sports, games, field trips, service projects, crafts, and leadership challenges. All of these are designed to achieve Scouting's aims: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. As a youth progresses through the Cub Scout ranks, the activities become more challenging to match their increasing skills and abilities.



LION
Kindergarten



TIGER
First Grade



WOLF
Second Grade



BEAR
Third Grade



WEBELOS
Fourth Grade



ARROW OF LIGHT
Fifth Grade

REQUIRED ADVENTURES

- Bobcat**
Character/Leadership
- Mountain Lion**
Outdoors
- Fun on the Run**
Personal Fitness
- King of the Jungle**
Citizenship
- Lion Roar**
Personal Safety
- Lion's Pride**
Family/Reverence

- Bobcat**
Character/Leadership
- Tigers in the Wild**
Outdoors
- Tiger Bites**
Personal Fitness
- Team Tiger**
Citizenship
- Tiger Roar**
Personal Safety
- Tiger Circles**
Family/Reverence

- Bobcat**
Character/Leadership
- Paws on the Path**
Outdoors
- Running with the Pack**
Personal Fitness
- Council Fire**
Citizenship
- Safety in Numbers**
Personal Safety
- Footsteps**
Family/Reverence

- Bobcat**
Character/Leadership
- Bear Habitat**
Outdoors
- Bear Strong**
Personal Fitness
- Paws for Action**
Citizenship
- Standing Tall**
Personal Safety
- Fellowship**
Family/Reverence

- Bobcat**
Character/Leadership
- Webelos Walkabout**
Outdoors
- Stronger, Faster, Higher**
Personal Fitness
- My Community**
Citizenship
- My Safety**
Personal Safety
- My Family**
Family/Reverence

- Bobcat**
Character/Leadership
- Outdoor Adventurer**
Outdoors
- Personal Fitness**
Personal Fitness
- Citizenship**
Citizenship
- First Aid**
Personal Safety
- Duty to God**
Family/Reverence

ELECTIVE ADVENTURES

- + Ready, Set, Grow
- + Everyday Tech
- + Gizmos and Gadgets
- + Count On Me
- + Race Time
- + Go Fish
- + On a Roll
- + Time to Swim
- + Champions For Nature
- + Let's Camp
- + Build It Up, Knock It Down
- + I'll Do It Myself
- + On Your Mark
- + Pick My Path
- + Archery
- + Slingshot

- + Sky is the Limit
- + Tech All Around
- + Designed by Tiger
- + Stories in Shapes
- + Race Time
- + Fish On
- + Rolling Tigers
- + Tigers in the Water
- + Champions For Nature
- + Let's Camp
- + Curiosity, etc.
- + Floats and Boats
- + Good Knights
- + Safe and Smart
- + Tiger Tag
- + Tiger-iffic
- + Summertime Fun
- + Archery
- + BB
- + Slingshot

- + Digging in the Past
- + Computing Wolves
- + Air of the Wolf
- + Code of the Wolf
- + Race Time
- + A Wolf Goes Fishing
- + Pedal with the Pack
- + Spirit of the Water
- + Champions For Nature
- + Let's Camp
- + Adventures in Coins
- + Cubs Who Care
- + Finding Your Way
- + Germs Alive!
- + Paws of Skill
- + Paws for Water
- + Summertime Fun
- + Archery
- + BB
- + Slingshot

- + Forensics
- + Chef Tech
- + Baloo the Builder
- + Balancing Bears
- + Race Time
- + A Bear Goes Fishing
- + Bears on Bikes
- + Salmon Run
- + Champions For Nature
- + Let's Camp
- + Critter Care
- + Marble Madness
- + Roaring Laughter
- + Super Science
- + Bears Afloat
- + Summertime Fun
- + Whittling
- + Archery
- + BB
- + Slingshot

- + Earth Rocks!
- + Tech on the Trail
- + Modular Design
- + Math on the Trail
- + Race Time
- + Catch the Big One
- + Pedal Away
- + Aquanaut
- + Champions For Nature
- + Let's Camp
- + Art Explosion
- + Aware and Care
- + Build It
- + Paddle Onward
- + Chef's Knife
- + Summertime Fun
- + Yo-Yo
- + Archery
- + BB
- + Slingshot

- + Into the Woods
- + High Tech Outdoors
- + Engineer
- + Estimations
- + Race Time
- + Fishing
- + Cycling
- + Swimming
- + Champions For Nature
- + Into the Wild
- + Knife Safety
- + Paddle Craft
- + Summertime Fun
- + Archery
- + BB
- + Slingshot



THE Bobcat ADVENTURE

Bobcat will become a required Adventure for each rank with a focus on character & leadership. It is designed to be the first required Adventure to be completed each year. The requirements for the Bobcat for each rank are different and designed to be age-appropriate. Below are some of the basic requirements for Bobcat adventure that all Scout must know.

THE SCOUT OATH (Learn and say, with help if needed)

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.

PARENT APPROVAL: _____

THE SCOUT LAW (Learn and say, with help if needed)

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

PARENT APPROVAL: _____

CUB SCOUT SIGN

Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.

PARENT APPROVAL: _____

The two fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela.

CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE

Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

PARENT APPROVAL: _____

The Cub Scout Handshake means that you are brothers/sisters in Cub Scouting and that both of you will obey the Scout Oath and Law.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Say the Cub Scout motto. "DO YOUR BEST"

PARENT APPROVAL: _____

CUB SCOUT SALUTE

Give the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.

PARENT APPROVAL: _____

The Cub Scout salute means you respect our country's flag. Salute with your right hand to your eye brow if you are in uniform, and with your hand over your heart if you are not in uniform.

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH

With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises "How to Protect Your Children from child abuse" (In Handbook).

PARENT APPROVAL: _____





NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS

Yearly Registration Fee and Other Costs:

- ♦ **Scouting America** - A yearly membership fee is collected by the National Council.
- ♦ **Pack Dues** - The amount varies by pack. Some packs charge annual dues that include National Scouting America yearly registration fee. Each pack has its own process for handling advancement and activity costs. Some include the costs in their annual dues, some raise the funds by product sales, and some have families that cover the cost of the specific activities in which they participate. Check with your Cubmaster to get a breakdown of the annual fees.

Handbooks:

Every Scout needs a handbook. They are specific to their Den and grade level. Check with your local Scout shop for prices.



Uniform:

The uniform and its cost vary by program for both youth and adult. Every pack has a standard for uniforms. Please consult with your unit leader for more information.

(Go to page 9 in this book for the general uniform check list)

Congratulations and welcome to the Pack! Now that you've joined the Pack, you are likely asking "what do I need to do to get started?" Scouting is a very inexpensive activity for your family to be involved in. On the left are items you will want to consider as you begin. We hope you have a wonderful time with your kids throughout their time in Scouting!

Check with your Cubmaster to find out how your pack handles the items on the left.



WHERE CAN I GET MY UNIFORM AND HANDBOOK?

Middle Tennessee Council Scout Shops

Your one-stop Scout Shops for Cub Scouts/AOL Scouts/Scouts BSA,
Adult Leader Uniforms, Insignia & Badges, Literature, Trophies &
Awards, Banquet Supplies, Crafts, Camping Equipment, Gift Items &
Much More.

NASHVILLE SCOUT SHOP (First Floor of Scout Service Center)

3414 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Phone: 615-383-0753 or 1-800-899-6622

Email: 560scout.shop@scouting.org

Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CLARKSVILLE SCOUT SHOP (Inside Clarksville OfficeNow)

1860 Wilma Rudolph Boulevard, Clarksville, Tennessee 37040

Phone: 931-230-0930

Email: clksscoutshop@gmail.com

Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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New Member Checklist

Cub Scout Den # _____

Pack # _____

LION - KINDERGARTEN

- ☐ Lion Cub T-shirt
- ☐ Cap – Lion (optional)
- ☐ Adventure Book - Lion
- ☐ Neckerchief and Slide

TIGER, WOLF, BEAR, WEBELOS

- ☐ Blue Cub Scout Uniform Short-Sleeve
- ☐ Cub Scout belt (will hold earned adventure loops)
- ☐ Neckerchief – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos
- ☐ Neckerchief Slide – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos
- ☐ Handbook – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- ☐ Middle Tennessee Council Patch
- ☐ Red Pack Numbers
- ☐ Den Numbers (optional)
- ☐ World Crest (round purple patch)
- ☐ Centennial Ring
- ☐ Adventure Colors (Webelos only)

AOL

- ☐ Khaki Scout BSA short sleeve shirt
- ☐ Neckerchief & Slide
- ☐ Handbook
- ☐ Middle Tennessee Council Patch
- ☐ Red Pack Numbers
- ☐ Den Numbers or Patrol emblem
- ☐ World Crest (round purple patch)
- ☐ Adventure Colors (will hold adventure pins)
- ☐ Blue Shoulder Loops
- ☐ Centennial Ring



FUNDING FUN, ADVENTURE AND FUTURES

Most of your child's Scouting costs can be financed by participating in the annual popcorn and Scout card sales.

www.mtcscouting.org



SELL POPCORN

"Fun, Adventure & Rewards"

www.mtcscouting.org/popcorn



SUPPORT THE ENTIRE SCOUTING PROGRAM. SELL POPCORN!!

- ♦ Youth learn teamwork, goal-setting, and confidence building.
- ♦ Your pack adventures will multiply.
- ♦ Scouts will be able to do more.

IT SUPPORTS TWO LEVELS OF OUR SCOUTING PROGRAM:

- ♦ Money for packs to carry out their activities.
- ♦ Savings to Scout families.

SELL SCOUT CARDS

The Scout Card is an initiative designed to help Scouts earn their way to a summer camping program, as well as provide funding for other Scout needs. Units participating in this program will earn 50% commission (\$5.00) on each \$10.00 Scout Card they sell!

This spring event is perfect timing as youth prepare for the summer camping season!



Be on the lookout for the next year's SCOUT CARD

www.mtcscouting.org/scoutcards



CUB SCOUTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the first thing I need to do with my new Cub?

Start working on the Bobcat rank requirements on page 7 in this booklet as well as your Cub Scout handbook. This advancement includes Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout Motto, Cub Scout Sign, Cub Scout Handshake, and Cub Scout Salute.

What do I do if my Cub leader doesn't call me about the time and location of the Den meetings?

Call the Cubmaster to find out where and when each Den holds their meetings. The Middle Tennessee Council does not track Cub pack activities, as they're planned on a local level.

What if I can't attend all the events that the Cub Pack has scheduled?

Focus on the events that interest you and your Cub. In Scouting, we want to provide a balance of activities that can work with your schedule. The more you participate, the more fun and achievements your Scout will earn, but Scouting does not require you to attend all activities.

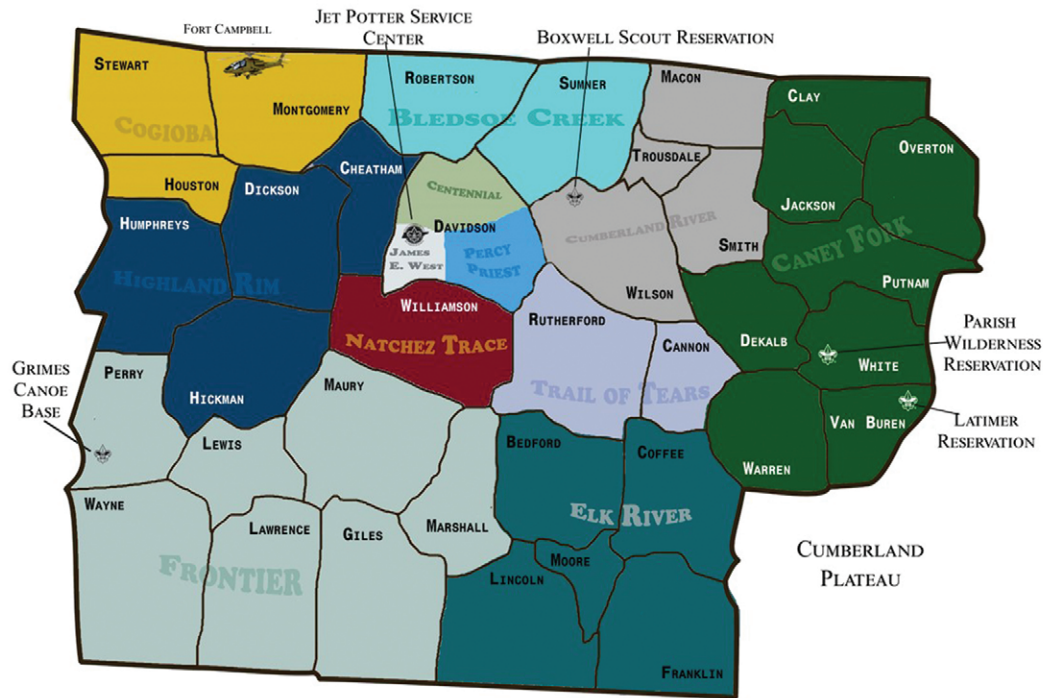
What are the parent's responsibilities?

Each kid in kindergarten(Lion) or first grade(Tiger) is required to have an adult partner present with them at all pack and den events. All of the youth will have projects that must be completed at home. Parents of all the youth should plan to attend pack meetings and witness their kid's advancement progress and awards. Cub Scout camping is "family style", and a parent is required to attend.

Where do I purchase my books and uniforms?

The Council operates several Scout Shops across the Council. Their staff will be glad to assist you with all the necessary material for your Scouting experience. See page 9 of this booklet for a list of shop locations and new member checklist.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNCIL SCOUTING



SERVICE AREA 1

Bledsoe Creek - serving Robertson and Sumner Counties

Caney Fork - serving Clay, DeKalb, Jackson, Overton, Putnam, Van Buren, Warren and White Counties

Centennial - serving North, Northeast Davidson County and Downtown Nashville

Cumberland River - serving Macon, Smith, Trousdale, Wilson Counties

James E. West - serving Southwest Davidson County

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STEM - serving Middle Tennessee Council

SERVICE AREA 2

Cogioaba - serving Houston, Montgomery and Stewart Counties and Fort Campbell, KY

Elk River - serving Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln and Moore Counties

Frontier - serving Giles, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Perry and Wayne Counties

Highland Rim - serving Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman and Humphreys Counties

Natchez Trace - serving Williamson County

Trail of Tears - serving Cannon and Rutherford Counties

The mission of the Middle Tennessee Council Scouting America

The mission of Scouting 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.

