

# WELCOME TO DEN CHIEF TRAINING!

A Den Chief is a Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout assisting a Cub Scout den. But the story is far more important than those words suggest as the Den Chief:

- Serves as a Scouting role model for the Cub Scouts in the den, as well as the entire Pack;
- Promotes Scouting in general and the local Troop in particular;
- Encourages the transition of Webelos Scouts into Scouts BSA;
- Holds a leadership position in the Troop or Crew, thus fulfilling an advancement requirement in the unit.

In addition, a trained Den Chief:

- Assists the Den Leader with planning and conducting den meetings;
- Understands the Cub Scouting program and the differences between Cub Scouts and other Scouting programs;
- Understands the Den Leader's duties and confidently helps lead portions of the den meeting program;
- Knows a variety of resources for age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts in the den;
- Brings a repertoire of activities that Cub Scouts enjoy.

This training is designed to build on each of these ideas using a framework that will allow the new Den Chief, or perhaps the experienced Den Chief looking for new ideas, to have fun and learn the role.

Adult leaders need to make sure the role is seen as important and necessary. In agreeing to accept a Den Chief's assistance, they ensure the Den Chief has meaningful opportunities to support the den and assist with activities, to the best of the Den Chief's ability. In this way, the den receives the many benefits of having a Den Chief while the Den Chief has opportunities to learn and grow as a leader and Scout.

Cubmasters request Den Chief help from Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors or Ship Skippers. These adults need to acknowledge the importance of Den Chiefs before the whole Troop, Crew or Ship and make sure all members understand that the Den Chief holds a leadership position of responsibility.

***Welcome to Den Chief Training!*** will be held during the **2024 Indian Nations Council University of Scouting on Saturday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** at **The Church of Saint Benedict in Broken Arrow, OK**. This will be an all-day training program comprised of six 1-hour training blocks, with lunch included. Also included in the fee is the *BSA Den Chief Handbook*, a certificate of completion for attending and completing the training, and a "TRAINED" strip that may be worn on the Den Chief's Scout uniform. Scouts attending the training will need to complete all blocks to be considered trained.

**NOTE:** These six training blocks include three blocks that will be taken jointly with adult Cub Scout Leaders providing hands-on knowledge and tools to enable the Den Chiefs to better perform their responsibilities.

The Den Chief candidate's unit leader's authorization, as well as parental authorization, is required to attend. Please refer to the [on-line form](#) at the University of Scouting page on the Indian Nations website - [www.okscouts.org](http://www.okscouts.org).

**COST:**            **\$25.00** per Den Chief candidate, if registered by **Jan. 31, 2024**  
                         **\$35.00** per Den Chief candidate, if registered **Feb. 1, 2024 or after**