

# WELCOME! NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY

A FAMILY INFORMATION GUIDE



Heart of Virginia Council  
Scouting  America.

# Why Join Cub Scouting?

- Cub Scouting is a fun way to spend time with your child and the whole family. The fun has a purpose: That is, to help reinforce the positive values you want your child to develop—character, leadership, personal fitness, and citizenship. These values are presented in a fun and engaging method along with experiencing the outdoors, learning about personal safety, and discovering your family traditions.
- Cub Scout-age children benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts usually in the same grade. Through this sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others.
- The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## Scout Law

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

## Scout Oath

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.

We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Youth join because it is fun. Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.



## How Does Cub Scouting Work?

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with Adventures that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on Adventures, they will earn badges and other recognition that they wear on their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a **den**, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level. A den typically meets twice a month, although some may meet more often. All dens, from kindergarten through fifth grade, make up a **pack**. The dens, with their families, come together at the pack meeting, where they play games, work on Adventures, and receive positive reinforcement for their achievements.

## Pack Meetings

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, led by the Cubmaster. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of achievements and badges that Cub Scouts earned during that month. The pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

**Pinewood Derby®**—You can build and race a model car with your child.

**Blue and gold banquet**—Cub Scouting's birthday party—for all pack members **and their families**— typically takes place in February.

**Camping**—Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.

**Service projects**—Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.

**Field trips and special outings**—Den outings are a great way to learn more about the people and places in your community.



**Building friendships and making memories that will last your child a lifetime.**

# Dens

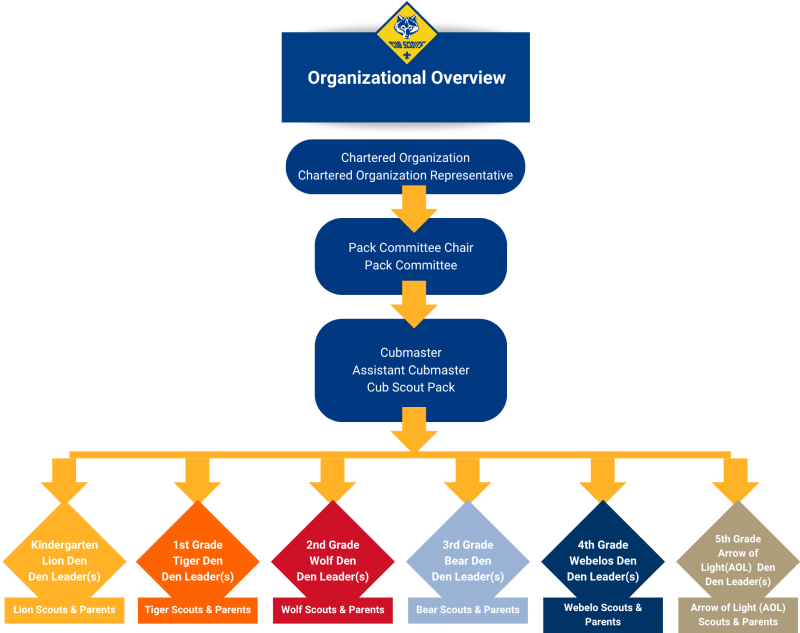
Each Cub Scout Pack consists of six dens. The dens are made up of Scouts in the same grade level. Through age appropriate designed adventures at each level, Cub scouts embark on an epic journey. From reeling in the big catch to diving into the pool, camping beneath the stars, and experiencing the thrill of cycling, the Cub Scout program unlocks a world of fun that transforms every Cub Scout experience into an unforgettable journey.

## 2024-2025 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

LION Kindergarten	TIGER 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	WOLF 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	BEAR 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	WEBELOS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	ARROW OF LIGHT 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
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  2 Elective Adventures	BOBCAT Character/Leadership TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors TIGER BITES Personal Fitness TEAM TIGER Citizenship TIGER ROAR Personal Safety TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence  2 Elective Adventures	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  2 Elective Adventures	BOBCAT Character/Leadership BEAR HABITAT Outdoors BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship STANDING TALL Personal Safety FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence  2 Elective Adventures	BOBCAT Character/Leadership WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness MY COMMUNITY Citizenship MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid MY FAMILY Family/Reverence  2 Elective Adventures	BOBCAT Character/Leadership OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness CITIZENSHIP Citizenship FIRST AID Safety/First Aid DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence  2 Elective Adventures

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# How Can You Help?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to work with them on their Cub Scouting Adventures as they work toward their badge of rank. The Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities; some of them you do together at home. Den meetings are designed for Cub Scouts to complete Adventures that are required for them to earn their badge of rank. When you have completed a requirement at home, make sure your den leader is informed so that they can properly record it and your child can be recognized for their achievements. **Your role as a parent is the secret to a successful Cub Scouting program!**

The den and the pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. By volunteering in Scouting, you are also giving your child and family the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in their life and in the lives of their friends. Here are some of the ways you could volunteer:

**Den leader.** Uses the den meeting resources to lead the den at den meetings. Attends the monthly pack committee meeting.

**Cubmaster.** Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack committee meeting.



## Training

Scouting America offers convenient training for parents who volunteer. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and how quality Scouting programs are built. Log on to [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and create an account to gain access to all available training content. For more information about training at all levels of the program, go to [www.scouting.org/training](https://www.scouting.org/training).

# Youth Protection

The Heart of Virginia Council's number one priority is the safety of our Scouts. All activities are age appropriate and our leaders are trained to work with the Scouts to make sure they have a great experience during their Scouting journey. Two deep leadership, which requires at least two adults be present in the room or on outings when youth are present, must be followed whenever a youth meets with an adult. Our leaders are background checked and must complete mandatory youth protection training prior to becoming registered and able to work with Scouts.

There is information for you to review with your child in the front of every hand-book that teaches Scouts how to protect themselves and report issues.

Scouting America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, Scouting America has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs.

For more information about Youth Protection, please see Scouting America's Youth Protection website at [scouting.org/training/youthprotection/](https://scouting.org/training/youthprotection/). There is also a Guide to Safe Scouting that details appropriate activities and rules for camping and other Scout related activities, which can be found at [scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/). Additional youth protection details and resources can be found by visiting the Heart of Virginia Council website at [hovc.org](https://hovc.org).

## How Much Does Scouting Cost?

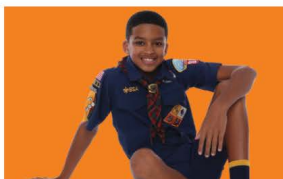
Youth registration fee .....	\$85
Adult registration fee .....	\$65
Local program fee .....	\$85
Processing fee .....	\$5
Scout Life magazine (optional; strongly recommended for all members) .....	\$15

Included for HOVC youth CUB SCOUTS	Scout Cost	Value
– BSA Accident Insurance	\$ 0	\$ 1
– HOVC Spring Cub Camporee	\$ 0	\$20
– HOVC District Pinewood Derby	\$ 0	\$10
– HOVC Summer Fishing Derby (NEW)	\$ 0	\$20
– HOVC Cub Event Nov 2026 (Replaces Tiger/Lion Day)	\$ 0	\$10
– HOVC 2026 Cub Resident Camp (HOVC Units)*	\$25 discount	\$25
– HOVC 2026 Cub Day Camp (HOVC Units)**	\$25 discount	\$25
– 10% off HOVC branded items in the Council store (unlimited use)		

Local program fee value .....	\$111
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**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.

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## HEART OF VIRGINIA COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

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<https://hovc.org/scout-shop/>

### HOURS EFFECTIVE

**August 11-November 1:**

**Monday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday: 12 noon - 6 p.m.**

**Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Friday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

# SAVE 10%

On Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Matching Uniform Top

\*Promotional offer valid online and in participating National Scout Shops. Offer valid from 7/28/25 to 11/1/25 11:59 PM EST. Must be purchased together and matching program. Offer valid on Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing uniforms. Not valid on previous purchases or wholesale orders. May not be combined with any other offer and cannot be redeemed as cash. Quantities are limited. Offer valid only while supplies last.

**HOVC SCOUT SHOP: YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR SCOUTING NEEDS AND MORE.**

# Your Uniform Checklist



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## Lion

### UNIFORM

- ☐ Lion Short-sleeve T-shirt
- ☐ Lion Cap
- ☐ Cub Scout Web Belt
- ☐ Cub Scout Socks
- ☐ Rank Neckerchief
- ☐ Rank Neckerchief Slide

### UNIFORM BOTTOMS

- ☐ Switchback® Pants
- ☐ Roll-up Pants
- ☐ Skort
- ☐ Shorts

## Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos

### UNIFORM

- ☐ Short-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Switchback® Pants
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Roll-up Pants
- ☐ Skort
- ☐ Cub Scout Rank Cap – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- ☐ Cub Scout Rank Neckerchief – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- ☐ Cub Scout Rank Neckerchief Slide – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- ☐ Cub Scout Web Belt – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos

- ☐ Cub Scout Socks

### INSIGNIA

- ☐ Council Shoulder Patch
- ☐ World Crest Emblem
- ☐ World Crest Ring
- ☐ Pack Numerals (Red)
- ☐ Den Number
- ☐ Adventure Colors (Webelos only)

## Arrow of Light® & Scouts BSA®

### UNIFORM

- ☐ Short-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Long-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Switchback® Pants
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Roll-up Pants
- ☐ Skort
- ☐ Scouts BSA Cap
- ☐ Neckerchief
- ☐ Neckerchief Slide
- ☐ Adventure Colors (Arrow of Light)

- ☐ Merit Badge Sash (Scouts BSA)
- ☐ Shoulder Loops (Arrow of Light – Blue, Scouts BSA – Green)
- ☐ Scouts BSA Web Belt
- ☐ Scouts BSA Socks

### INSIGNIA

- ☐ Council Shoulder Patch
- ☐ Patrol Emblem
- ☐ World Crest Emblem
- ☐ World Crest Ring
- ☐ Troop Numerals (Khaki)

## Handbooks



Lion



Tiger



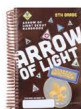
Wolf



Bear



Webelos



Arrow of Light



Scouts BSA for Boys



Scouts BSA for Girls

Cub ScoutPack #

Cub Scout Den

Scouts BSATroop #

Den Leader

# Phone #

Patrol Name

Cubmaster

Phone # Pant

Troop Leader

Shirt Size

Size

Phone #

Ask sales associate for details.