

Welcome To The Adventure of Cub Scouting!!

Where Character Counts
and
The Adventure Begins...



At Tonight's Meeting, We Will:

- ✓ Inform Parents and Boys About Cub Scouting
- ✓ Register Boys For Cub Scouting
- ✓ Involve Parents With The Program



OVERVIEW

Boys' Life magazine is the official youth publication of the Boy Scouts of America.

The mission of *Boys' Life* is to entertain and educate America's youth, and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics and Scouting.

CUB SCOUT DEMOGRAPHIC VERSION

Since September 1995 *Boys' Life* has published two versions - one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts. The Cub Scout version focuses on the developmental reading needs of Cub Scout age subscribers. It contains eight to twelve special pages (substituted for a similar number of pages in the Boy Scout version) modified especially for Cub Scout age readers.

"The Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* contains something for every boy age 6 to 11 - word games, cartoons and puzzles; sports profiles of young athletes; pack activities - articles and activities that interest our young readers. They also receive most of our regular lineup of action-packed articles and columns, Boy Scout adventures and humor. With the Cub Scout version, *Boys' Life* reinforces its commitment to be the 'magazine for all boys.'" - J.D. Owen, editor-in-chief, *Boys' Life* magazine.

CUB SCOUTS WHO SUBSCRIBE TO *BOYS' LIFE*:

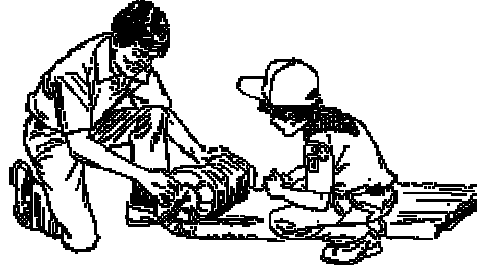
- **Stay in Scouting longer than non-subscribers.** The most recent finding by Globe Research Corporation reports that, on average, *Boys' Life* subscribers stay in Scouting 2.5 times longer than non-subscribers.
- **Advance in rank faster and more often than non-subscribers.** The advancement rate for *Boys' Life* subscribers is more than twice that of non-subscribers.
- **Are more active in Scouting events than non-subscribers.** Surveys taken at council Scout shows pointed out that 85 percent of participants are *Boys' Life* subscribers. **This percentage seems to hold true regardless of the council-wide percentage of *Boys' Life* subscribers.**
- "The decision to publish a Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* magazine represents a strong commitment by the BSA to your son's success in Scouting." - Jere Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive, BSA (retired).

The discounted rate, per year, for *Boys' Life* is \$12. However, we are including the cost in the fall \$30 registration fee.

Your Son, Scouting and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting IS family values. However, Cub Scout age boys do not join just to build character. Boys join Cub Scouting because IT IS FUN!!



SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

Statistics show that over the long term, boys and young men who have experienced Scouting's programs are more likely to have success in school, career and family, as well as stronger ethics and better relationships with others. For example:

Boys with 5 or more years in Scouting (98%) are more likely to graduate from high school than those who never were Scouts (83%).

Former Scouts (40%) are also more likely to be college graduates than non-Scouts (16%).

Tiger Cubs, BSA Program

Tiger Cubs, BSA is an exciting program for first-grade boys and an adult partner. Tiger Cub dens meet 3-4 times monthly and follow the Tiger Cub Motto of "Search, Discover, Share."



The Tiger Cub den has four to eight families as members, and each family takes turns planning and executing a meeting or outing. Each meeting is based on a theme that the group selects in advance, which is found in the Tiger Cub Handbook.

The Tiger Cub den is led by the Tiger Cub den leader (one adult member of the den). Tiger cubs will take part in the monthly pack meetings, where all of the dens and their families come together for fun, recognition, and fellowship.

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are intended for the whole family
- You work with your son on his advancement award requirements
- Many skills he will learn are family oriented

The Cub Scout Den

- Your son is a member of a Cub Scout den
- The den meets once per week
- The den is led by a den leader (usually a parent)
- The den leader usually has an assistant den leader, a den chief (a Boy Scout helper), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members)
- Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun

The Cub Scout Pack

- Your son is a member of a Cub Scout pack
- A pack meets once per month - all Cub Scout families attend
- The pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
- The pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meeting and activities
- Pack meetings have games, song, skits, stunts, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that boys earned during the month

The Pack Meeting

- The pack is run by a committee of volunteer parents
- The pack committee is made up of all den leaders, the Cubmaster, and parents
- The pack committee is led by a chairperson
- The committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme
- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages finances, finds meeting places, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders

The Chartered Partner

- The pack is "owned" by the chartered partner, usually a school, parent association, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in helping youth
- The chartered partner approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within their own guidelines and the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America
- The chartered organization selects a representative to serve as liaison between the pack and the organization

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family.

Tiger Cub



Boys in 1st grade are part of the Tiger Cub program. They work closely with their adult partner to accomplish activities in their handbook. Recognition is immediate. Beads are presented at the den meeting and are worn on a leather belt totem. After completing all 15 parts of the five achievements, the Tiger Cub has earned the Tiger Cub Badge.

Bobcat



All boys, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of The Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.

Wolf



A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf badge. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an *Arrow Point*. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Bear



A Cub Scout who has completed the second grade (or is age 9) works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear badge. After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every ten electives he completes, the boy earns an *Arrow Point*. The boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he wishes.

Webelos



(Webelos is from the phrase "We'll Be Loyal Scouts")

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or is ten years old) he joins a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, twenty activity badges, and the *Arrow of Light Award*. The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting!

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth



the eighteen month grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

Special Cub Scout Activities

Pinewood Derby

Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Pack 137 typically holds theirs in January.



Rain Gutter Regatta

The Raingutter Regatta is similar to the Pinewood Derby or the Space Derby except that the models are miniature sail boats. Although the seas are only 10-foot lengths of raingutter filled with water, and the ships a mere 6 inches long, the race is a very exciting event. Each boy builds his own boat with supervision and help from parents or other family members. He also provides the wind for the sail with his own lung power.



Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by Pack 137, usually in February.



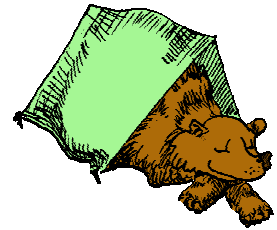
Scouting For Food

Food drive held each year to benefit local food shelves. Part of a nation-wide program of the Boy Scouts of America to help feed the hungry.



Akela's Rendezvous

Akela's Rendezvous is an exciting two-night camping experience for the entire Cub Scouting family. Yes, siblings may attend, but no baby-sitting service is available.



Akela's Rendezvous is held at Camp Frank Rand.

Webelos Week in the Woods

Webelos Week in the Woods has become a tradition in many packs around the council. This four-night experience is limited to leaders, parents, and boys just completing the 3rd or 4th grades. Siblings may not attend. Webelos Week in the Woods is held at Camp Frank Rand.

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp is an exhilarating three-night camping experience for leaders, parents, and boys just completing the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th grades (Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts). Siblings may not attend. This is a great opportunity for the entire pack to camp together. Cub Scout Adventure Camp is held at Camp Frank Rand.



Cub Scout Day Camp

An exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, BB guns, archery, and LOTS of FUN! Camps are held throughout the area and run four days.



How Can You Help?



Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of the Scouting principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What does it take to be a volunteer? A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

What Do You Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the need of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization - wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

Den Leader(s)

- Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings.
- Attends the monthly pack leaders' 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 monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Pack Committee

- Pack committee members (positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack.

Committee Chair

- Presides at all pack committee meetings.
- Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members. Also attends monthly pack meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer

- Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc.
- Attends monthly pack meeting and monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Advancement Chairman

- Maintains advancement records for the pack.
- Orders and obtains all badges and awards for boys.
- Attends monthly pack meeting and monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Parent Helpers

Each year the pack will undertake many short-term projects. Parents are needed for activities such as pack fund-raisers (popcorn sale, pancake breakfast or similar events), Scouting For Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, pack graduation, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

How Can I Help?



These are some of the positions that it takes to run a healthy, successful pack. Some of these positions are currently filled in Pack 137 and some aren't. As life 'happens' and people's schedules change, openings may come up mid-year and so even if a particular position is currently filled, if you are interested, please indicate as such.

Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions of service? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist in some capacity if our Cub Scout pack is to run effectively. Please fill out this page and turn it in tonight!

_____ Tiger Cub Den Leader or Assistant	_____ Blue and Gold Banquet Helper
_____ Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader	_____ Day Camp Coordinator/Helper
_____ Webelos Den Leader or Assistant	_____ Webelos Adventure Camp
_____ Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster	_____ Webelos Camp Committee
_____ Pack Committee	_____ Pack Holiday Party Committee
_____ Pack Secretary/Treasurer	_____ Pack Special Events Committee
_____ Pack Advancement Chair/Committee	_____ Telephone Committee
_____ Pack Song Leader	_____ Other (Specify): _____
_____ Fund-Raising Committee	_____
_____ Pinewood Derby Committee	_____

My hobbies are: _____

My sports interests are: _____

Job: _____ Work Shift/Hours _____

I have a Truck _____ Van _____ Trailer _____ Station Wagon _____ Workshop _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____

<Fill Out and Turn In Tonight>

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What Will Scouting Cost Me?



Pack Dues (Fall) \$30
 (Spring) \$30

Uniforms — While a uniform is not required to join Scouting, it does play an important part of the recognition and self esteem elements of the program.

Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New Member Checklist

Name: _____

- Tiger (1st grade)
 Wolf (2nd grade)
 Bear (3rd grade)
 Webelos (4th or 5th grade)

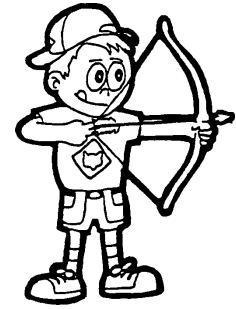
Item/Rank	Tiger	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
Shirt	Tiger Cut T-Shirt \$9.50 <OR> Short Sleeved Blue Cub Scout Shirt \$22.99	Short Sleeved Blue Cub Scout Shirt \$22.99	Short Sleeved Blue Cub Scout Shirt \$22.99	Short Sleeved, Tan Webelos Shirt \$24.25
Belt and Buckle	\$6.49 to \$10.99 depending on size	\$6.49 to \$10.99 depending on size	\$6.49 to \$10.99 depending on size	\$6.49 to \$10.99 depending on size. Plus the Webelos belt buckle \$3.49
Blue Shoulder Loops	<N/A>	<N/A>	<N/A>	\$1.99
Hat (Optional)	\$11.99	\$11.99	\$11.99	\$11.99
Neckerchief	\$4.99 *	\$4.99 *	\$4.99 *	\$5.99 *
Neckerchief Slide	\$2.49 *	\$2.49 *	\$2.49 *	\$2.49 *
Great Southwest Council Patch	\$2.45	\$2.45	\$2.45	\$2.45
World Crest Emblem Patch	\$1.49	\$1.49	\$1.49	\$1.49
Unit Numbers	\$.89 x 3 = \$2.67	\$.89 x 3 = \$2.67	\$.89 x 3 = \$2.67	\$.89 x 3 = \$2.67
Handbooks	\$4.49 *	\$6.99 *	\$6.99 *	\$6.99 *

* Supplied by Pack 137

Uniforms are available at High Desert Scout Shop, 5841 Office Blvd, NE, 87109 (From Jefferson and Singer, go west on Singer and take the first right onto Office. The Scout Shop is on the left), 505-345-3256

Note: When choosing a Scout Shirt, choose one that will be large enough to last your boy through 3rd Grade (Bears). As a cost savings Scout Uniforms can also be purchased on eBay and also at thrift stores such as Goodwill.

Financing the Pack



Money for Scouting comes from four general sources:

1. The boy and his family:

- Uniform (Neckerchief and Slide provided by Pack 137)
- Insignia
- Annual Membership Fee to the National Organization
- Subscription to Boys Life Magazine
- Boy's Handbook (Handbook provided by Pack 137)
- Semi-Annual Dues (to cover ongoing expenses)

2. The chartered organization (Albuquerque Christian School) selects pack leadership and provides an adequate pack meeting place along with its maintenance and utilities.

3. The pack maintains itself through its budget plan and money-earning projects. The boys' semi-annual dues are the primary source of funds for the pack budget.

4. The community contributes money and support, providing funds that enable local councils to service and guide chartered organizations and their units.

The Pack Budget Plan

Cub Scouts need to develop an appreciation for money and how to earn, spend, share, and save it responsibly. The pack budget plan offers many practical suggestions for leaders to guide Cub Scouts in this important matter, and it lets families know exactly what benefits they are receiving from the dues they pay.

The budget plan teaches boys to earn their own way, to save for immediate needs, and to appreciate the value of money.

The sale of popcorn is the Pack's sole planned fund raising activity. If sales goals are met, we will not have to raise any further funds.

Our Hybrid Approach to Dues



Typically, Cub Scout Packs collect weekly dues at the den meetings. In our fast paced world, this presents a challenge to Den Leaders who are already running a very busy program and to the Treasurer who has to manage all of the individual payments.

Pack 137 has chosen to implement a hybrid solution which attempts to simplify the dues collection process without sacrificing the practical money lessons for the Cub Scouts. We ask the Cub Scouts to earn their dues at home or outside of the home and pay their parents on a weekly basis, earmarking those funds for Cub Scouts. Then the parents will make two semi-annual payments of \$30 each, one in September and the other in January.

Annual Fund Raising

The Great Southwest Council has elected to use the sale of Popcorn as the fundraising vehicle of choice for Cub Scouting. Popcorn sales occur in the months of September and October.

Pack 137 encourages the boys to sell the popcorn and not the parents, as this short-circuits the Cub Scout's learning about financial responsibility. The parent's role should be only to support and encouragement.

While the boys should invite friends and family to purchase popcorn from them, we want to encourage the boys to be adventurous and go out door-to-door (with an parent or adult guardian) in the neighborhoods. One way to make it more fun for the boys is to go in pairs with one Cub Scout and parent/guardian attending to one side of the street with his friend and parent/guardian attending the other. For safety reasons, in no way should a Cub Scout ever go door-to-door without proper adult presence and supervision.

Pack 137's "Popcorn Kernel" will provide selling tips and training on how to successfully sell popcorn.

The scouts, at the end of fundraiser, will have the opportunity to choose rewards based upon sales levels as incentives for selling popcorn. Additionally, the Pack will recognize top sellers with prizes as well.

Important Information



Our pack number is..... 137
My Scouting District is Sandia
My Council is Great Southwest (505) 345-8603
My den leader's name is
My den leader's phone number is
My den leader's e-mail is
My den meets on
My den meets at
My Cubmaster's name is Stan Beck
My Cubmaster's phone number is (505) 797-4428
My Cubmaster's e-mail is stan@stanbeck.com
My pack meets on 4th Tuesday of the Month (however, there are exceptions - please refer to the Pack Calendar)
My pack meets at Albuquerque Christian School, Upper Room.
(however, there are exceptions - please refer to the Pack Calendar)
My commissioner's name is Ed Saucier, 797-8759
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