

Welcome!

New Cub Scout Family

A Family Information Guide



Arbuckle Area Council BSA

THE BASICS

WHAT ARE CUB SCOUTS?

- They belong to Packs & Dens.
- They do things and go places.
- They earn awards.
- They develop character.
- They learn good Citizenship.

WHAT'S MY RANK?



Kindergarten
Lions



First
Tigers



Second
Wolves



Third
Bears

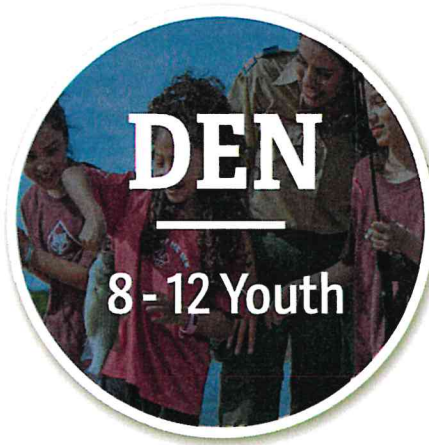


Fourth
Webelos



Fifth
Arrow of Lights

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

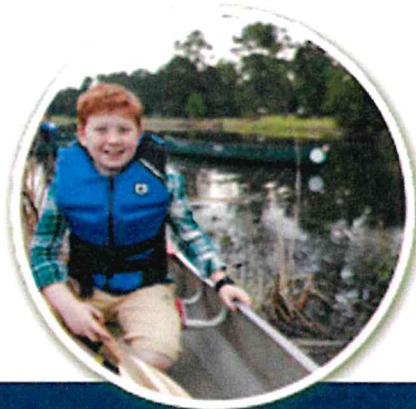


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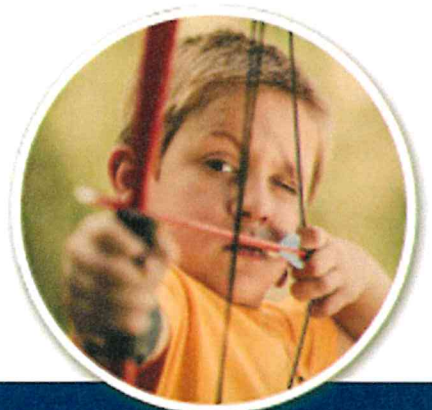
The Fun Stuff



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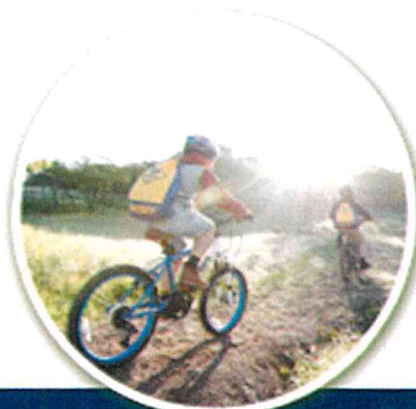
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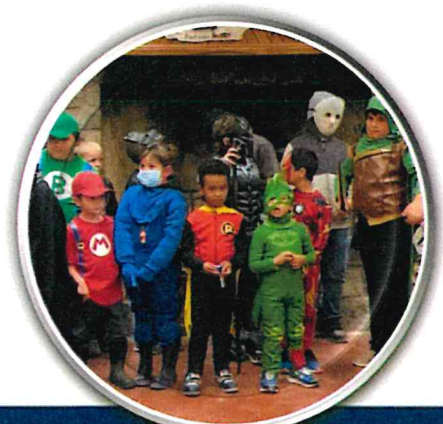
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DAY CAMP



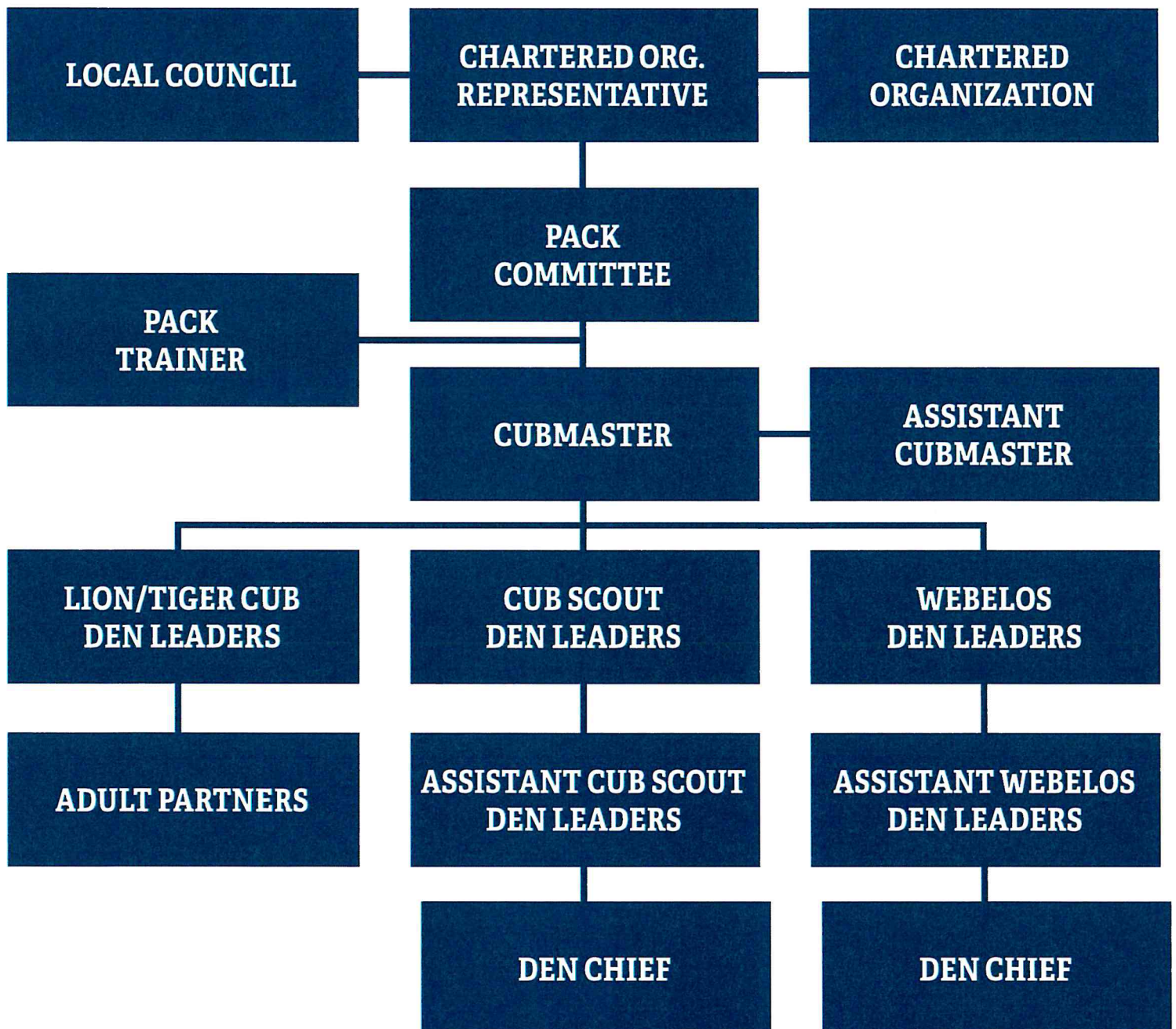
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HEROES

This organization is build around family involvement.

Moms, Dads, Grandparents, & Friends *ALL* pitch in to help provide the *BEST* quality program.

Those that volunteer can become a *LEADER*.
A HERO.



Don't worry - we will train you! Learn how to be a leader at my.scouting.org

Arbuckle Area Council BSA

UNIFORMS



HOURS:

Monday: 8:30 AM- 5 PM

Tuesday: 8:30 AM- 5 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM- 5 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM- 5 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM- 5 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sundays: Closed



Scout Shop

411 St. Hwy. 142 West, Ardmore, Okla. (580) 223-0831

Exit 33 off I-35, 1.5 miles east (in front of Ardmore Middle School)

YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR SCOUTING NEEDS AND MORE.

Your Uniform Checklist



Lion

UNIFORM

- ☐ Lion Short-sleeve T-shirt
- ☐ Lion Cap

OPTIONAL UNIFORM BOTTOMS

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

Cub Scouts® – Tiger, Wolf and Bear

UNIFORM

- ☐ Long-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Short-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Switchback® Pants
- ☐ Girls' Roll-up Pants
- ☐ Girls' Skort
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Cub Scout Rank Cap
- ☐ Tiger or Cub Scout Web Belt

- ☐ Neckerchief – Tiger, Wolf, or Bear
- ☐ Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide
- ☐ Cub Scout Socks

INSIGNIA

- ☐ Council Shoulder Patch
- ☐ World Crest Emblem
- ☐ World Crest Ring
- ☐ Pack Numbers (Red)
- ☐ Den Number

Webelos®

UNIFORM

- ☐ Boy's Micropoly, Poplin or Performance Shirts*
- ☐ Girl's Micropoly or Canvas Switchback® Pants*
- ☐ Girl's Performance Short-sleeve Shirt*
- ☐ Ladies' Micropoly, Poplin or Performance Short-sleeve Shirts*
- ☐ Boy's Micropoly or Canvas Switchback® Pants*
- ☐ Boy's Performance Shorts*
- ☐ Girl's Performance Roll-up Pants
- ☐ Girl's Performance Shorts
- ☐ Girl's & Ladies' Performance Skorts*
- ☐ Webelos Cap
- ☐ Plaid Neckerchief

- ☐ Cub Scout Web Belt
- ☐ Scouts BSA Socks
- ☐ Webelos Neckerchief Slide
- ☐ Webelos Colors
- ☐ Shoulder Loops (Blue)

INSIGNIA

- ☐ Council Shoulder Patch
- ☐ Patrol Emblem
- ☐ World Crest Emblem
- ☐ World Crest Ring
- ☐ Pack Numbers (Red)

Scouts BSA®

UNIFORM

- ☐ Boy's & Men's Micropoly, Poplin or Performance Shirts*
- ☐ Ladies' Micropoly, Poplin or Performance Shirts
- ☐ Girl's Performance Short-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Boy's & Men's Micropoly or Canvas Switchback® Pants*
- ☐ Boy's & Men's Performance Shorts*
- ☐ Girl's & Ladies' Performance Roll-up Pants*
- ☐ Girl's & Ladies' Performance Shorts*
- ☐ Girl's & Ladies' Performance Skorts*
- ☐ Scouts BSA Cap
- ☐ Scouts BSA Web Belt

- ☐ Merit Badge Sash
- ☐ Neckerchief
- ☐ Scouts BSA Socks
- ☐ Neckerchief Slide
- ☐ Shoulder Loops (Green)

INSIGNIA

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

Handbooks



Lion



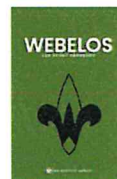
Tiger



Wolf



Bear



Webelos



Scouts BSA for Boys



Scouts BSA for Girls

Cub Scout Pack #	Cub Scout Den #	Scouts BSA Troop #
Den Leader	Phone #	Patrol Name
Cubmaster	Phone #	Troop Leader
Shirt Size	Pant Size	Phone #

Ask sales associate for details.

Prices subject to change. Tax not included. *Youth & Adult size range.

WHAT WE NEED TONIGHT

FUTURE CUB SCOUT

- **Youth Application**
Filled out and signed by a parent or guardian
- **Registration Fees**

FUTURE ADULT LEADER

- **Adult Application**
Filled out COMPLETELY and signed
- **Registration Fees**

WE RECOMMEND

- The first thing that your new Scout needs is the appropriate **Handbook**. Once your Scout has the handbook, they can begin working on the requirements for various rank badges.
- A **Scout Uniform** serves as a sign of being a member of Scouting. It also serves as a place for your Scout to display their awards. Please check with your Pack to see what they recommend. Remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many Packs have a uniform exchange. Check with Pack Leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

*Units are encouraged to do fundraising to decrease the amount of Pack dues required, i.e. Popcorn Sales.

- Download the free **Scoutbook App** to help keep track of your Scout's advancement right on your phone. Visit **scoutbook.com** for more information.

Your Child, Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a person of character, a participating citizen, self-reliant, and a caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind. Scouting weaves lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and personal fitness in youth.

Scouting's values are family values. However, Cub Scout age youth do not join Scouting just to build character. They join because it is fun!

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Programs

Lion Program | Kindergarten

- The Lion Program is designed to introduce Kindergarten-aged youth and their families to the fun of Scouting.
- Each family is a member of a Lion Den.
- A Lion Den has an experienced Cub Scout Leader called the Lion Guide.
- A Den has six to eight Lions and Adult Partners.
- A Den meets for eight to nine months of the year, two times per month; once for a Den meeting and once for an outing or Pack meeting.
- Each Adult Partner will take turns leading a Den meeting, with the Lion Guide's assistance.

Tiger Program | First Grade

- Each family is a member of a Tiger Den.
- A Den has a Den Leader and an Assistant.
- A Den has three to eight families.
- Dens meet once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience, and attend the monthly Pack meeting.
- Meetings are based on the adventures and electives taken from the Tiger Book, and are scheduled by the host Den Leader.

Cub Scout Program | Second through Fifth Grade

- Your Scout is a member of a Den.
- Each Den has four to eight Scouts.
- Dens meet once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience, and attend the monthly Pack meeting.
- Led by a Den Leader (usually a parent).
- The Den Leader is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader and often a Den Chief (an older Scouts BSA member).
- Den meetings have games, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.



Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best

Tiger Scouts

Tiger is a program for first grade Scouts. Each Tiger participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities.

The time you and your Scout spend in Tiger Scouts is meant to be fun, a chance to get to do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Den.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting is a home-based and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for Scouts in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect their home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps Scouts this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new skills.
- Develop personal independence.

Cub Scouting teaches them to “do your best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.

A Cub Scout Den provides your Scout with a group of children their own age with whom they can earn status and recognition. In the Den, they will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills they learn.



The Advancement Plan



Kindergartners work toward the Lion rank. The Lion rank is earned by completing five adventures. Lions introduce Scouts and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouting. Although participation with an adult partner is required for all Lion activities, recognition items are for the Scouts only.

Bobcat

All Scouts first thru fifth grade, regardless of age, must first earn the Bobcat badge by learning the Scout Law, Scout Oath, handshake, salute, sign and motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, Scouts work on requirements based on their grade level.



Tiger

Tiger is an exciting program for first grade Scouts (or those who are 7 years old) and their adult partners. Tiger Scouts complete six adventures and one elective displayed on their belt.

Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on six adventures and one elective to earn the Wolf rank.



Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works to complete six adventures and one elective to earn their Bear rank.

Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), they join a Webelos den. The Scout works on requirements for the Webelos badge, five adventures, one elective and in the second year, the *Arrow of Light Rank* (the highest rank in Cub Scouting.) Consisting of four adventures and one elective.



Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the Arrow of Light program. Between February and April of a Arrow of Light Scout's 5th grade year, they graduate from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Scouts, BSA at an impressive graduation ceremony.



Pack Organization

Your Scout is a member of a Pack

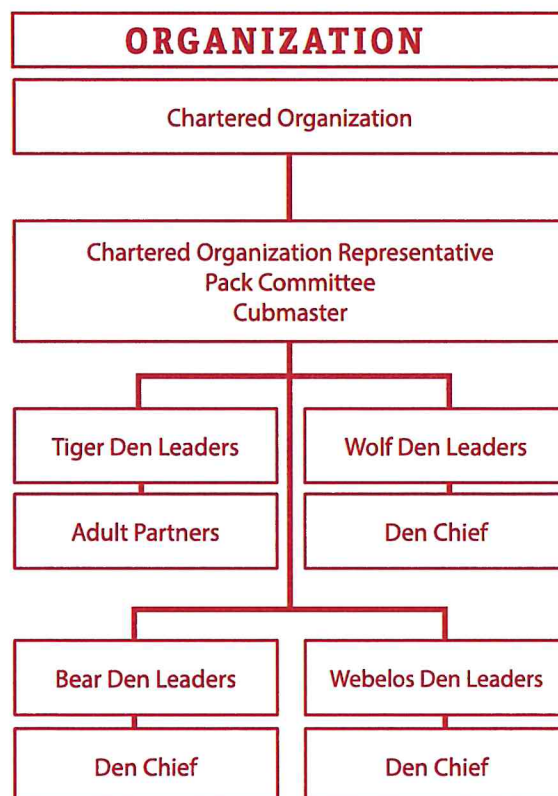
- Packs are made up of one or more Dens.
- Packs meet once a month. All Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
- Pack meetings are led by the Cubmaster.
- Pack meetings are the climax of the month's Den meeting and activities.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentation of badges that the Scouts earned that month.

The Pack is run by the Pack Committee

- Includes all interested parents.
- Meets once a month (or more often if needed.)
- Led by a Committee Chairman
- Committee provides leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack finances, orders badges, maintains Pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders and organizes field trips.

The Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization

- Chartered Organizations include parent-school organizations, religious institutions, service clubs and other organizations interested in youth.
- Chartered Organizations approve leadership, help secure a meeting place, keep the Pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- Chartered Organizations select a Chartered Organization Representative (a liaison between your Pack and your sponsor.)



The purpose of the Council is to guide and support its Districts for the achievement of the movement's purpose. The Arbuckle Area Council includes communities that are in South Central Oklahoma.

The council serves 9 counties (Carter, Love, Johnston, Murray, Garvin, Pontotoc, Atoka, Coal, Marshall and the city of Ringling, Okla.

The purpose of the District is to organize and support successful Units by working through Chartered Organizations. The end result of effective District support is continued growth in membership and those members receiving a quality program.

The District Committee serves as a vehicle by which the Scouting program and services are carried to the Chartered Organization, their Units and youth. It serves as a sounding board for the needs of Chartered Organizations and Units. This enables the consideration of those needs as the Council program is planned. The District Committee also participates in the building and raising of the Council budget, which finances the Scouting program.

The Role of the Council and the District

Districts are responsible for carrying out four standard functions:

1. Membership
2. Finance
3. Programs
 - » Camping and Outdoor Programs
 - » Activities and Civic Service
 - » Training
 - » Advancement and Recognition
4. Unit Service

District Name	Area Covered
Chickasaw	Carter, Love, Johnston, and Marshall counties and the city of Ringling, Oklahoma
Harry Miller	Pontotoc, Coal, and Atoka counties
Washita	Murray and Garvin counties

The Council, and its Districts, have activities and opportunities scheduled throughout the year that all new Cub Scouts and leaders will want to attend.

Your pack will schedule these into your yearly calendars. Be sure to check with your leaders and plan to take part. Check out the **Council Calendar** at www.arbucklebsa.org. The more active you are, the better you will enjoy your Scouting experience!

The Role of the Council and the District

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others.

Parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program.

By volunteering, you not only serve Scouting but also serve your child and their friends. This gives you the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in our community.

What do I Receive in Return?

Being a leader is fun and rewarding. The following are just 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 Scouts' accomplishments.
- A chance to help Scouts learn good citizenship and to help shape them into young people who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of Scouts as they grow strong.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

Cubmaster helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee, emcees the monthly Pack meetings and attends the Pack Leaders' meeting.

Den Leader(s) leads the Den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings and also attends the monthly Pack Leaders' meeting.

Pack Committee members perform administrative functions of the Pack. Some positions on the Pack Committee include:

- Committee Chair presides at all Pack Leaders' meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Attends Pack meetings.
- Secretary/Treasurer keeps all records for the Pack, including Pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends Pack meetings and Pack Leaders' meetings.
- Advancement Chair maintains advancement records for the Pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends Pack meetings and Leaders' meetings.

Parent Helpers - Functional chairman positions are auxiliary to the Pack Committee and perform "one shot" program responsibilities. These responsibilities are of short duration. Some of the areas to select from include:

- Popcorn Sales Coordinator
- Cub Day Camp Coordinator
- Pinewood Derby Coordinator
- Blue and Gold Banquet Coordinator

Youth Protection Training for Leaders

So, You're A New Leader?

Congratulations, and thanks for volunteering to make a difference in the lives of some really great Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America has some really great training. To begin, you will need to take Youth Protection Training. To take online training you will need to create your *MyScouting* account.

To create your *MyScouting* account, go to my.scouting.org and watch the account creation demo.

Once you have established your *MyScouting* account, you can log in. Go to Training on the menu on your left, click on E-Learning, then click on the Cub Scout tab to find Youth Protection Training. Scroll down to find additional courses.

The training continuum for Cub Scout Leaders includes: Youth Protection training and Leader Position Specific training.

A trained leader is better qualified to run a quality, fun-filled program. Leaders who understand the why's and how's of the program are more effective in their roles. They know how to use available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for Scouts.

Many books and essential materials for new leaders are available for purchase at the

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Ardmore, OK
*Exit 33 off I-35, in front of Ardmore
Middle School*

All training courses are listed on a supplemental handout from your Pack leadership.

Some Cub Scout activities require special training (BALOO, Safe Swim, Safety Afloat, Cub Scout Shooting Sports, etc.) As always, please follow "*The Guide to Safe Scouting*".

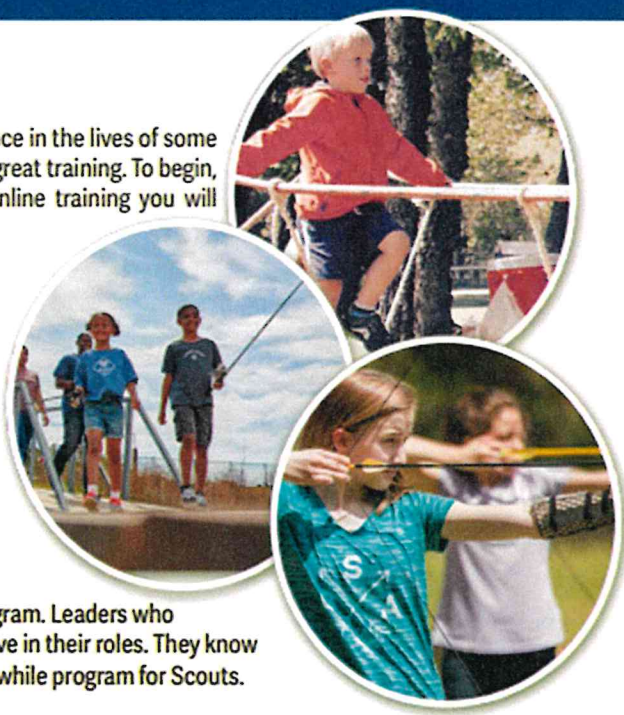
Available at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>

REMEMBER

- Once you have taken Youth Protection Training, a Member Number will be assigned to you.
- Get your Member Number so your training records can be processed
- Email your training certificate Kristin.baker@scouting.org or turn in your printed certificate to the Scout Resource Center OR update your *MyScouting* account, with the Member Number you receive.

This is so that any future training that you take online can be properly processed.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Scout Resource Center at 580-223-0831



New Leaders: Training is the First Step

The major purpose of the BSA training plan is to help you, the Cub Scouting volunteer, provide youth with a program that will maintain their interest and achieve citizenship training, character development and personal fitness, while having fun doing it. The training plan of BSA has several parts to aid you in your continued learning. Training helps you gain confidence and it gives you knowledge, a good attitude and new skills. Training continues as long as you are involved. Most of all, training helps you aid youth in positive growth.

Cub Leader Specific

This online training specializes in training for specific positions. It includes sessions for Cub Master, Den Leader, Committee Chair, and Pack Committee.

Supplemental Training

Supplemental Training covers a variety of unique programs focusing on several topics of additional information.

Online Training Websites

www.my.scouting.org

Training Guide

Position Specific Training

Cub Scout Leader Specific training has been developed for the following positions:

- » Lion Leader
- » Tiger Cub Den Leaders
- » Cubmasters and Assistants
- » Wolf and Bear Den Leaders and Assistants
- » Pack Committee
- » Webelos Den Leaders and Assistants
- » Pack Trainers

Training Acronyms

- » BALOO
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
- » IOLS
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

You Are Not Alone!

Your **den** is in a **pack** that belongs to an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Cub Scout pack. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of the BSA.

Many volunteers and BSA professionals are interested in the success of your pack. A special volunteer assigned to help your pack is called a **commissioner**. The commissioner helps the pack provide a successful and high-quality program. The commissioner is also the communication link between your pack and the local council.

There are professional staff at your council service center who can help or will get you in touch with someone who can. Local Council Locator:

www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx

My child is in Pack _____, which meets at _____ (location)
at _____ (time) on _____ (day and week of month).

My child is in Den _____, which meets at _____ (location)
at _____ (time) on _____ (day of week).

Our pack's chartered organization is _____

Our local council name is **Arbuckle Area Council BSA**

Phone No. **580-223-0831** Website **www.arbucklebsa.org**

Our Leaders	Name	Phone No.	Email
Den Leader	_____	_____	_____
Committee Chair	_____	_____	_____
Cubmaster	_____	_____	_____



Special Events/Programs/Fundraisers

Cub Scout Family Overnights

Cub Scout Family Overnights are a chance for you to come camping with your Cub Scouts for a night of Scouting fun. These are designed to get you connected to your pack and is run by volunteers.

October Family Overnight is our annual **Monster Mash** event. Choose between the Friday night overnighter or the Saturday night overnighter. It is a Fall theme with a haunted house, games, spook trail, etc.

In April, we have our annual **Spring Family Camp** family overnighter. Families stay Friday night with activities on Saturday and leave in the early afternoon.

Blue & Gold Banquet- Happy Birthday Scouting!

February

A birthday party for Scouting held at your Pack meeting in February. Special programs and food or entertainment is customary. This is also where leaders and volunteers are recognized.

Twilight Camp

June or July

An exciting summertime week-long activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Twilight camps are held in each district (if possible) at various locations around the Council.

Popcorn Sales

Fall

Popcorn Sales help fund the unit/council, providing help with activities, trips, camps, registration fees as the unit/council sees fit to utilize these funds.

To sign up and learn more about these events,
visit www.arbucklebsa.org and click on the calendar.

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