

Parent Information Guide



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
CHICKASAW COUNCIL

Adventure is Waiting

As a parent, you want your children to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable and caring individuals. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them. 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 teaches family values. However, we know that kids do not join Scouting to build character. Youth join because it is fun!!

Scouting is a Game with a Purpose!

*Welcome to the fun
and excitement of Cub Scouting
—where character counts
and the adventure is waiting.*



Cub Scout Program

Family involvement is key to the success of Cub Scouts. Cub Scout packs are typically formed around neighborhood areas., drawing members from those whom the child lives near or with whom they attend school.

What is a Den?

Cub Scouts organize themselves by grade level in small groups (5-10 gender specific dens). Dens meet anywhere from once a month for Lions, and Webelos (include Tigers, Bears and Wolves) will meet two or three times a month. Activities in these dens are age appropriate and help Scouts earn their rank badge.

Kindergartners form Lion Dens – A youth and their adult partner learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities. They learn about health, communities, the outdoors, self-care and leadership.

First Graders form Tiger Dens – Youth and their adult partners begin exploring their world while learning about teamwork, health, communication and the outdoors.

Second Graders form Wolf Dens – Wolves work together learning and doing projects in the home and community. They learn about safety, our flag, science, collecting, environmental protection, healthy eating and much more.

Third Graders form Bear Dens – Throughout the year, Bears learn about wildlife, conservation, knot tying, whittling, astronomy, nature crafts, swimming, safety and more.

Fourth and Fifth graders form Webelos Dens – These older youth will do more in-depth, age-appropriate adventures to earn the Webelos badge in fourth grade and then the Arrow of Light Award in fifth grade. During the latter part of fifth grade, the Scout can join a Scout Troop.

The Cub Scout Pack

What is a Pack?

These small groups of Lion through Webelos dens comprise of a larger unit called a “Pack”. A Pack can have gender specific dens (all boys or all girls, or both, making it a “Family Pack”). Family members volunteer to help fund the dens and the pack. Pack meetings are held once a month where Cub Scouts are recognized for their achievements. It is fun for the entire family. The pack is made up of one or more dens and:

- Meets once a month at the pack meeting—all Cub Scout families are expected to participate
- The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
- The Pack meeting is the climax of the month’s Den meetings and activities
- Pack meetings follow suggested themes that have games, skits, songs, ceremonies and presentations of badges that Cubs earned during the current month

Your Pack is Led by the Pack Committee

- Made up of Den Leaders, Pack Leaders, the Pack Trainer and parents
- The Committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- The Committee is led by the Committee Chair
- The Committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs recordkeeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders and plans activities

Cost of Scouting

Registration (per person/per year)

Scout & Adult **\$66.00**

Boys' Life Magazine **\$12.00**

(The above items go directly to the National BSA.

Chickasaw Council does not receive a profit.)

Uniforms and Books

(Contact the Memphis Scout Shop for Current Prices at 901-323-6440)

- Shirt
- Cap
- Neckerchief
- Slide
- Belt
- Pants
- Handbooks
- Uniform Insignia
 - World Crest
 - Shoulder Strip
 - Numerals
 - Den Number
 - Webelos Colors

Cub Scout Uniform

Uniforms are very important for both Scouts and leaders. After going through your child's book with them, you will probably have a good idea how serious a Cub Scout they will be. The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents an investment on your part. Our uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for your Cub Scout to grow into.

If you can find an "experienced" uniform in good shape, be sure to get it. Many of these uniforms will be just like new and will be all a Scout needs at a very low cost.

The Memphis Scout Shop is the official distributor of BSA uniforms and equipment. It is located inside the Chickasaw Council Service Center at 171 S. Hollywood in Memphis, Tennessee. The Cub Scouts do not require much more but are encouraged to wear their uniforms whenever they are participating in a Pack or Council activity.

For more information regarding the Scout uniform, supplies and equipment, please contact the Memphis Scout Shop at:



901-323-6440 Phone

Leadership Training

Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for the Scouts. Leaders who understand the why's and how's of the program are more effective in their roles and have a better understanding of how to use all available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program. Live training is best, but some training can be completed online at My.Scouting.org.

Youth Protection Training

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members and adults cannot be registered in the Chickasaw Council without first



taking the training. Subjects included are the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It does so by taking you through situations that require choices and produce consequences. This training is available online and council-wide throughout the year. For an adult to remain a registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Youth Protection Training is required every two years.

Position-Specific Training

Position-Specific Training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. This course is presented several times a year at the district level as well as online.

Special Activities

Pinewood Derby

This activity/project involves the parent and child building a race car together made from a block of wood. Scouts will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby.



Scouting for Food



Scouts participate in the Annual Scouting for Food Campaign to collect non-perishable food items. On average, 41,000 pounds of food per year is collected for the local food banks.

Annual Popcorn Sale

Each year, the Chickasaw Council conducts its Annual Popcorn Sale to benefit all Scouting programs. The sale teaches Scouts a valuable life lesson of earning their own way and helps pay for Scouting expenses.



Community Projects



The Scouts in Chickasaw Council average over 30,000 hours of service projects per year. Cub Scouts are a part of this giving back to the community.

You Are Not Alone

Thank you for your commitment to becoming a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. Please take advantage of the number of resources available to ensure your success as a leader.

- The staff of the Chickasaw Council will guide you to the correct resource by calling the office at 901-327-4193, or you may visit the website at: www.chickasaw.org
- Roundtable is a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers. You can get help with den and pack programs as well as solutions to problems. It is a great place to ask questions and share ideas. Check your district leaders for time and location.
- Many Packs have a Pack Library that contains the leader books you need.
- The Council has a team of volunteers which develop quality programs in which our youth can participate.
- There is another volunteer team called the Commissioner Staff. They are your service team. They check on the health of your Pack and area communications link between your Pack and the Scouting organization. A Commissioner is assigned to assist your pack.

Important Information

My Pack No. _____

My Den No. _____

My Scouting District _____

My Cubmaster Name _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Meeting Location _____

Meeting Dates & Times _____

Notes

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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

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean & Reverent

