

WHAT DOES SCOUTING DO FOR MY FAMILY?

Character & Values

Cub Scouting is a character-building institution that embraces the values of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect and responsibility. These are known as the “12 Core Values of Scouting”. Cub Scouting as a program is a year-round, family oriented part of Boy Scouts for boys who are in 1st through 5th grades, or have reached the ages of 7 through 10 years old.

Citizenship & Community

We teach citizenship, good relationship skills and respect for himself and others through the Scouting Ideals with mottos, promises and salutes. Being a member of a team or group is also another way to build relationship skills. Advancement is important to us all, so we try to give the scout as many possible ways to achieve recognition and support – by friendly competition, civic service and by working with their family and friends to reach their goals.

Family

I hope that you'll begin to think of the scouting experience as a family unit because we want your family to feel like a member of our family. Some of you may have had some experience with Scouting as a young person, either by being a Cub or Boy Scout yourself, or being the brother or sister of a Scout. For some of you this is your first experience with Scouting and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Opportunities

Our goal as a Pack is not to completely take over your life, but to give opportunities for your family and your scout to experience many different events. We have one Pack meeting each month, consisting of the meeting of all the boys and their families to recognize awards, accomplishments play games and learn a skill. Den meetings are usually held 1 – 2 times each month and consist of games, crafts, working on an achievement or skill in a group environment. Your Den Leader will set up meeting times and places that will work best for your group of approximately 8 - 10 boys. We ask that your scout wear his uniform to all meetings and events that represent him as a Cub Scout.

Expectations

As a family we have some things we expect from you to help your Scout “Do His Best”. Many of the activities in the scouting books revolve around things your family probably already does. Other things your scout may need to experience in a group event; such as fundraisers, civic service, camping or scouting skills. We ask that you as a family be prepared to:

- Work with your scout on his advancements and achievements
- Attend meetings with your scout
- Offer assistance at Den and Pack meetings as available

Adult Opportunities

Scouting is a volunteer-run organization with many opportunities available for ever family and person to help. We may also ask that you help with refreshments for a meeting or transportation to a specific event. You don't need to be a "Leader"; however, we can always use your help! Just ask a leader (or someone who looks like they are) what you can do!

We can always use Den Leaders and Assistants for some of the newer and/or larger dens. There are many ways to be a Den Leader; a group of parents can "co-op" the den, or can share the Leader responsibilities. We provide lots of free training and support and it's a great way to spend a few hours a month with your scout!

Please review our Dues & Registration sheet called "Money Matters". This should explain many of the financial questions you have regarding our Scout program. We collect annual Dues at the September Pack Meeting – the beginning of our Scouting year (*).

Thanks for the opportunity to help your scout "Do His Best".

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(*) Scouts joining in May or other times during the year will pay pro-rated dues for the months remaining in the year (See "Fees Pro-rate" table for more information).

WELCOME TO SCOUTING!!!