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Welcome to Cub Scouting

*A Parent's Guide to
the Cub Scouting Program*

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Cub Scout Promise

I _____ (name) promise

To do my best

To do my duty to God

And my country

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack

Law of the Pack

A Cub Scout follows Akela

A Cub Scout helps the pack go

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow

A Cub Scout gives good will.

BSA Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their

lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

What can we expect from Scouting?

"Scouting is fun with a purpose."

Scouting is:

- Developing good character.
- Growing habits and attributes of good citizenship.
- Strengthening good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in body and mind.
- Getting along with others and being respectful.
- Developing new interests and skills with a sense of personal achievement.
- Being helpful, courteous and kind and to always do one's best.
- Preparing to be Boy Scouts.
- FUN AND EXCITEMENT IN ALL THAT WE DO.

Scouting reinforces the pillars of character taught in our schools through the Character Counts program.

Core Values

Citizenship

Honesty

Compassion

Perseverance

Cooperation
Courage
Faith
Health and Fitness

Positive attitude
Resourcefulness
Respect
Responsibility

Why should we choose Scouting?

You can choose from sports and all kinds of other activities that teach teamwork and certain skills. Scouting is different because it offers a well-rounded program that develops character traits that last a lifetime such as:

- Strong personal values
- Positive sense of self-worth and usefulness
- Caring and nurturing relationships with parents, other adults, and peers
- A desire to learn
- Productive use of time
- Social adeptness

How is Cub Scouting Organized?

Boys are divided by grade into the ranks of Scouting. Each grade level is further divided into groups of six to eight boys called a den. Each den must have a minimum of two adult leaders and may also have assistance from a Boy Scout called a Den Chief. Each grade has its own handbook with an age-appropriate program outlined.

The group of dens from Hollymead and the surrounding area are called a pack. Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather for a pack meeting under the direction of the Cubmaster and pack committee. The

committee includes parents of boys in the pack, activity leaders, and den leaders.

The Ranks of Cub Scouting:

First Grade, Tiger:

Six to eight boy/adult partners in a group. Each den meets 1-2 times per month and has one outing. Each boy/adult team takes a turn at planning and hosting meetings and outings. Adult must accompany boy to all Scout functions. A Tiger den leader is a parent who helps coordinate the activities and ensures that each family has an opportunity to lead a meeting of boys in the den and reports awards to the pack. The Tiger Handbook is the guide for achievements and electives that the Scout earns. The Tiger Totem is the first step.

Second Grade, Wolf:

Each den has six to eight boys in the group. The den meets twice a month under the leadership of the den leader and assistant. The Wolf Handbook is the guide for achievements and electives that the Scout earns. Many of the activities are family based. The Bobcat rank is the first award.

Third Grade, Bear:

Each den has six to eight boys in the group. The den meets twice a month under the leadership of the den leader and assistant. The Bear Handbook is the guide for achievements and electives that the Scout earns. Many of the activities are family based. The Bobcat rank is the first award.

Fourth and Fifth Grade, Webelos:

The Webelos program is a transitional program between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Each chapter of the Webelos Handbook is a separate subject for which activity pins are earned. Dens meet in groups of six to eight boys twice a

month with Webelos leaders. Camping and joint activities with Boy Scout Troops are recommended in the second year. The Bobcat rank is the first award.

The Arrow of Light Award is the highest award earned by a Cub Scout and is usually presented at crossover in March of the fifth grade year.

How Can I Help?

There are many ways that you can get involved:

Den Leaders

Den Leaders are adults who lead the group of boys throughout the year at twice a month den meetings, outings, and monthly pack meetings.

Committee Members

Adults who support the pack with administrative duties such as planning pack meetings, fundraising, organizing events, managing advancement and recognition, etc.

Parent Helpers

Assist den or pack leaders in providing support for the Scouts. This could be driving on a field trip, taking attendance, making telephone calls, sharing expertise, etc.

It is important for you to find time to spend with your son who wants to be a Cub Scout. Being a leader and being active as a Scouting parent is rewarding. Your time, talent, and efforts make Scouting a quality program for all the boys.

There is help for you, the new leader:

Fast Start Training: online course or video that provides an overview of the Cub Scout program.

Basic Leader Essentials: In-depth training offered on Saturday for your responsibilities in the den and pack.

Literature: BSA has many publications with program ideas including Program Helps. The internet is also a great source.

Mentor: Another leader within the pack will help answer any questions you have and share their experience.

“Cub Scouting is Fun with a Purpose”

Here is a brief description of some annual pack activities:

Pack Family Camping: The Pack goes camping together! Each Scout must have a parent/guardian attending with them. The family is responsible for bringing camping gear, but loaners are available.

Popcorn & Peanut Sales: Pack 206 uses the profits from the annual BSA Popcorn and Peanut sales to fund all Pack expenses. Part of the profits also go to Council. A Cub Scout can earn a pack trophy for selling \$400!

Tiger Cub Fun Day: A District sponsored event just for Tigers and their adult partners. Lots of fun activities that complete some Tiger Rank requirements.

Apple Harvest Camporee: A District sponsored event that provides fun outdoor activities for all Cub Scouts and an opportunity for an overnight campout for Webelos.

Scouting for Food: Just when the Jefferson Area Foodbank is getting low on food, the Cub Scouts do a good turn and collect food. This is a BSA sponsored activity. One Saturday the boys drop off flyers on doorknobs in a specified neighborhood, then the following Saturday the food is picked up.

Pinewood Derby: The Pinewood Derby is a fun-filled activity for the January Pack Meeting. Each Cub Scout builds a car from a kit provided by the Pack. This involves design, cutting, sanding, and painting. Webelos are expected to build the car by themselves with adult supervision. Scouts race each other in multiple heats. The top speed winners that qualify go on to the District Pinewood Derby in March. Pack 206 will also have a race for Adult or Sibling built cars.

Klondike Derby: This is a Boy Scout District Activity that provides a taste of cold weather camping for Webelos scouts. Webelos get to participate in daytime activities with Boy Scout troops. The main event is a sled race with boys pulling!

Blue and Gold Banquet & Awards Ceremony: In February, the Pack celebrates the birthday of Boy Scouts of America with a special

dinner. This is the time that a number of Cub Scouts earn their rank in an impressive ceremony. Dens help provide table decorations.

Crossover: Boy Scout troops attend the March pack meeting to welcome 5th grade Webelos into Boy Scouting.

Gold Rush: A District sponsored field day that provides fun activities for all Cub Scouts. Each Den will create a Gold Rush wagon based on a theme and move from activity to activity.

Dogwood Parade: Yearly parade in Charlottesville during April that Pack 206 marches in with their Gold Rush Wagons and flags.

Day Camp: Full day BSA camp for Wolf through Webelos Scouts.

Day Camp runs Monday through Thursday at Chris Greene Lake park.

Webelos Resident Camp: Three nights of camping at BSA facilities.

Uniforms and handbooks may be purchased at:

Scout Shop
2116 Berkmar Drive
(434) 978-3822

Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Cubs wear a navy blue official Cub Scout shirt, long or short sleeved. The appropriate neckerchief of rank is worn with a neckerchief slide.

- Tiger (1st grade) year is orange with Tiger slide
- Wolf (2nd grade) year is yellow with a Cub slide
- Bear (3rd grade) year is blue with a Cub slide

Additionally, these patches must be attached to the shirt:

- SJAC Council shoulder strip
- Pack numbers (206 single patch available from pack)
- Den number
- World crest

Webelos may choose to wear the navy shirt or khaki, official BSA shirt with navy shoulder tabs, and the Webelos plaid neckerchief and Webelos slide. Webelos may also choose as a den to wear a patrol patch rather than den numerals.

For outdoor activities, all Scouts may wear the Pack 206 T-shirt (class B uniform) available from the Cubmaster. If your family needs assistance with uniforming see your Den Leader or Cubmaster.

Leaders at all ranks wear an official Cub Scout Leader uniform.
Tiger Partners may wear the official orange Tiger Cub T-shirt.
All ranks have their own handbooks.