



# ***PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE***



***SCOUTS STAND OUT.***

Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

# WHY JOIN CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts, for girls and boys in grades k-5, is a year-round program that offers fun activities that promote character and leadership development. The program is designed to be hands-on, and parents are encouraged to play an active role.

Whether it's camping, hiking, community outreach or building remote-controlled robots, Scouting's programs and outdoor adventures presents kids with opportunities to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence, and develop leadership skills. Our exciting programs teach important life skills and help youth achieve their full potential.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAMS



**Cub Scouts** — Through fun activities, challenging adventures and community service projects, Cub Scouts make new friends and discover the importance of cooperation, citizenship, responsibility, and physical fitness in their everyday lives.  
(girls and boys in grades k-5)



**Scouts BSA** — Scouting is the ultimate form of learning by doing. Youth lead their own activities and participate in service, outdoor adventures, and leadership development programs. Scouts are introduced to countless hobbies, interests, sciences, and even future career choices.  
(boys and girls ages 11-17)



**Venturing** — Provides positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities for pursuing special interests, growing by teaching others, and developing leadership skills.  
(young women and men age 14-20 or 13 years old and completed 8th grade)



**Exploring** — Career exploration and workforce preparedness program. Youth gain practical insight and hands-on knowledge in a career field of their choice.  
(young women and men age 14-20 or 13 years old and completed 8th grade)

# HOW CUB SCOUTING WORKS

The Cub Scout program takes place at two levels. Your child will be part of a den — a small group of kids in the same grade level — that meets at least twice a month. All dens, from grades kindergarten through five, make up the pack. Once a month, all the dens and their families meet together at the pack meeting.

The pack meeting, conducted by the Cubmaster, allows Scouts to play games, perform skits, sing songs, and receive recognition for the badges and awards they have earned. The pack meeting is a family affair, where parents and siblings can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The pack also participates in special events throughout the year, including:

- **Blue and gold banquet** — Celebrate Cub Scouting's birthday with a party in February for all pack members and their families.
- **Camping** — Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the outdoor experience.
- **Service projects** — Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.
- **Field trips and special outings** — Great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.
- **Pinewood Derby** — This project joins parent(s) and Scout in building a race car made from a block of wood, according to particular specifications. Cub Scouts can then race one another.





# CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

On the advancement trail, a Cub Scout progresses from rank to rank, learning new skills as they go. All new Cub Scouts, regardless of grade, should earn the Bobcat badge within the first 90 days. After that, Cub Scouts work on the rank advancement for their grade.

At each Cub Scout rank, boys and girls must complete seven adventures. There are over 80 subjects to explore through these adventures.

Upon completing all the requirements for an adventure, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts are awarded an adventure loop designed to be worn on the Cub Scout belt. Webelos Scouts earn an adventure pin designed to be worn on the Webelos colors or on the front of the Webelos cap.

## Cub Scout Ranks

Lion — Kindergarten



Tiger — 1st grade



Wolf — 2nd grade



Bear — 3rd grade



Webelos — 4th and 5th grades



In Scouting, kids can participate in activities all year long. Several times throughout the year, the Greater St. Louis Area Council holds large-scale events that all Scouts are invited to attend such as:

## **Cub Launch or Fun With Cub**

Whether you are starting another year of Cub Scouting or you are new to the program, begin your program year at Cub Launch. Held at several locations, it offers a taste of several fun Scouting activities. Activities vary, but can include shooting sports, STEM activities, hiking, and more — the activities that make being a Cub Scout so much fun! This is a great opportunity for new Cub Scouts and their families to explore our many camp properties too! A similar event called Fun With Cub, takes place at Pine Ridge Scout Camp in southern Illinois and even includes the option to camp overnight! See the back cover of this booklet for a coupon to save \$5 off registration at Cub Launch or Fun With Cub!

## **Scouting for Food**

This annual food drive in November benefits local food pantries. The Scouting program teaches the importance of helping others. Your child will see this in action and learn the real impact they can make as they join thousands of other Scouts across our council to collect two million items of food to help their neighbors in need!



## **STEM University**

Each year, thousands of Scouts invade area college campuses for a full day of classes and hands-on activities involving STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math.) subjects.

## **Memorial Day Good Turn**

On the Sunday before Memorial Day, more than thousands of Scouts gather at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery to honor veterans by decorating all 150,000 graves with an American flag.

# SUMMER CAMP

## Cub Scout Day Camps

Day Camp is a three to five day adventure for Cub Scouts and siblings. These camps are held at various locations throughout the council in the St. Louis metro area, southeastern Missouri, central Illinois, and southern Illinois. Each camp offers a slightly unique program schedule, including events like BB guns, archery, wrist rockets, fishing, STEM activities, visits from community experts, cool crafts, swimming, nature programs, Scout skills, games, and much more! Scouts do not spend the night at Day Camps.

## Cub Scout Overnight Camps

Cub Scout Overnight Camp is the best part of your den's year, where you and your Scouts have fun, learn, and grow from outdoor programs and adventures. Activities include swimming, boating, STEM, BB guns, archery, fishing, hiking, camping, outdoor skills, nature programs, climbing, campfires, and more! No matter which overnight camp you attend, advancement plays an important role, allowing your den to start the program year with several Adventures/advancements and awards completed.

## Family Camps

This camp provides Scouts with the opportunity to spend the weekend at one of our camp properties, sharing the fun of the outdoors with mom, dad, and Cub Scout-aged siblings. At every Family Camp, meals and tents are provided. Activities include swimming, boating, BB guns, archery, fishing, outdoor skills, nature programs, bouldering, campfires, and more!

**Camperships** — Every child deserves the opportunity to attend summer camp, regardless of financial situation. The council offers several ways for Scouts to earn their way to camp, including popcorn and camp card fundraisers. For families who need additional assistance, camperships may be awarded to Scouts in need. Contact the council to apply.





# PACK LEADERSHIP

**Cubmaster** — Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack committee meeting.

**Den Leader** — Uses the Den Leader Guide and den meeting plans to lead the den at den meetings. Attends the monthly pack meeting.

**The Pack Committee** — Every parent or guardian is invited to become a member of the pack committee. They perform administrative functions of the pack and meet monthly to carry out the following duties:

- **Committee chair** — Presides at committee meetings. Helps identify potential leaders and recruits new pack leaders as needed.
- **Advancement chair** — Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all youth awards. Should become familiar with ScoutBook app to help Scouts advance.
- **Secretary** — Keeps records of the pack committee meeting and communicates with families about upcoming events and activities.
- **Treasurer** — Keeps financial records for the pack, including bank account, and gives a monthly financial report to the committee.

- **New Member Coordinator** — This member of the pack committee manages the transition of new Scouts into the pack and coordinates orientation for new Scouting families. Also responsible for managing recruiting initiatives of the pack to grow the pack's membership.

## TRAINING

The BSA offers convenient training for parents who volunteer. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and how quality Scouting programs are built. Log on to [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and create an account to gain access to all available training content. For more information about local, in-person trainings, visit [training.stlbsa.org](https://training.stlbsa.org).

### Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.

It must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the end of each calendar year, the volunteer will not be re-registered as a pack leader.

Parents are also encouraged to complete Youth Protection training.

Visit [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) and establish an account to get started.

# IS SCOUTING SAFE?

The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. All parents and caregivers should understand that our leaders are to abide by these safeguards. Parents and youth are strongly encouraged to use these safeguards outside the Scouting program. Registered leaders must follow these guidelines with all Scouting youth outside of Scouting activities.

## **Registration Requirements**

- All adult leaders in the pack must be approved by the executive officer, or a designee, of the chartered organization.
- Registration requires completion of an application, including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection training.
- Applicants are checked against the BSA's Volunteer Screening Database.

## **Adult Supervision**

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving girls.
- All adults accompanying Scouts at an activity for 72 hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.
- Discipline must be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted. Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

## **Responsibility and Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse**

- Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.
- Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.
- All persons participating in Scouting programs are mandated reporters of child abuse. Reports must be made to local law enforcement and child protective services. This duty cannot be delegated to any other person.
- If you believe a youth member has been harmed or their safety and well-being is at risk; or if a youth is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, contact the Greater St. Louis Area Council at 314-361-0600. If you cannot reach someone or the council is unable to resolve the problem, call our "Scouts First" 24-hour helpline at 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871).



# FUNDING SCOUTING

Want to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses for summer camp? Or need to purchase a new uniform? Help fund your Scouting program through the Camp Card and Popcorn Fundraisers. Money raised through fundraising can be used to cover the cost of advancement recognition, registration fees, Scout equipment, Pinewood Derbies and summer camp.

## Popcorn Fundraiser

Every fall, the Greater St. Louis Area Council conducts its annual popcorn fundraiser. Not only do packs benefit from selling popcorn, but these sales also benefit the council by providing things such as camperships for Scouts who need financial assistance to attend camp; events including Scouting For Food, Cub Launch, and Fall Fright Fest; and maintenance of our camp properties. There are several ways to sell:

- **Show and Sell** — Packs set up a table and display products to buy as customers walk by, or Scouts can take the popcorn door-to-door to sell in their local neighborhoods.
- **Take Order Sale** — Scouts ask their neighbors, friends, and family to buy from a handy order form. Popcorn is ordered and delivered at a later date.
- **Online Sale** — Scouts create their own online store through the website of our popcorn vendor, Pecatonica.River Popcorn.



## Camp Card Fundraiser

Camp Cards are handy discount cards that offer great deals at your favorite local establishments.

There are Camp Cards for different regions of our council — St. Louis metro, southeast Missouri, central Illinois, and southern Illinois.

Scouts sell the cards for \$5 and the pack keeps \$2.50 profit. Incentive and prizes are available to earn too!

The sale begins Feb. 1 and ends April 5, giving you and your Scout a full two months to raise money for summer camp and any other Scouting supplies or activities.

Unsold cards can be returned, so there is no risk to your or the pack!



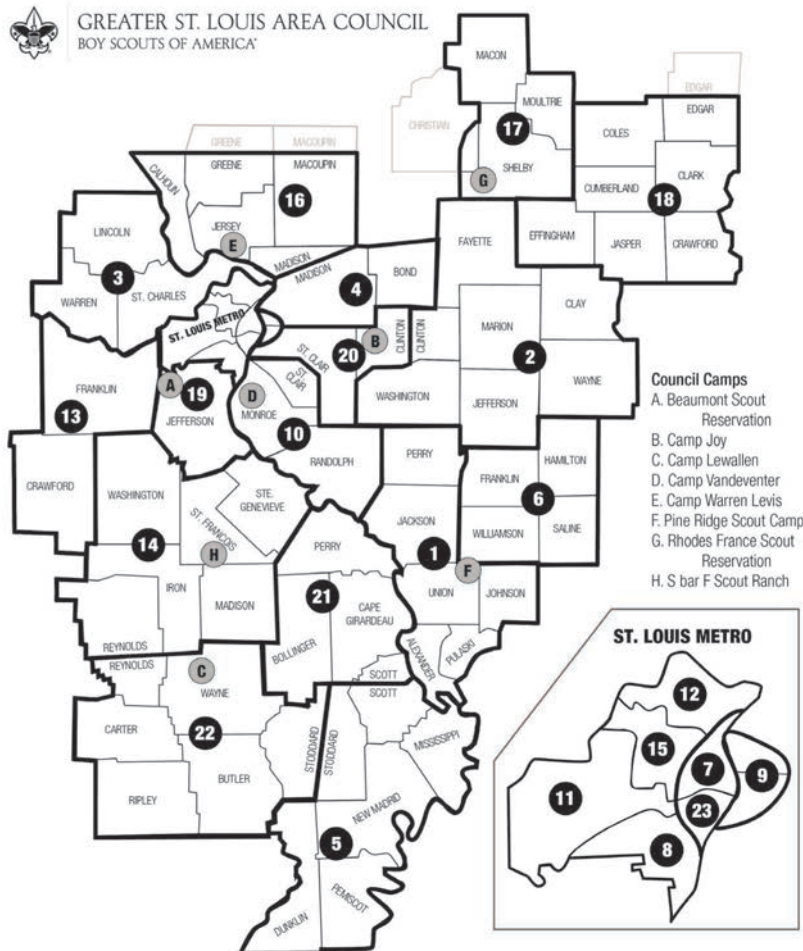
# GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is one of the largest in the Boy Scouts of America with 47,000 youth members and 12,500 adult volunteers. They come from 63 different counties in the southeast Missouri, southern Illinois, central Illinois, and St. Louis Metropolitan areas.

The council is comprised of 23 districts: Big Muddy, Black Gold, Boone Trails, Cahokia Mounds, Cherokee, Egyptian, Grand Towers, Gravois Trail, Illini, Kaskaskia, New Horizons, North Star, Osage, Ozark Trailblazers, Pathfinder, Piase Bird, River Trails, St. Clair, Shawnee, Sioux, Railsplitter, Redhawk, and Thunderbird.



GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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| 1. Big Muddy District      | 7. Grand Towers District  | 13. Osage District              | 19. River Trails District |
| 2. Black Gold District     | 8. Gravois Trail District | 14. Ozark Trailblazers District | 20. St. Clair District    |
| 3. Boone Trails District   | 9. Illini District        | 15. Pathfinder District         | 21. Shawnee District      |
| 4. Cahokia Mounds District | 10. Kaskaskia District    | 16. Piase Bird District         | 22. Sioux District        |
| 5. Cherokee District       | 11. New Horizons District | 17. Arrowhead District          | 23. Thunderbird District  |
| 6. Egyptian District       | 12. North Star District   | 18. Redhawk District            |                           |

# YOUR UNIFORM CHECKLIST

BRING THIS CHECKLIST WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR SCOUT STORE. WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!



## UNIFORM

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

## Lion

### OPTIONAL UNIFORM BOTTOMS

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

## UNIFORM

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

## Cub Scouts® - Tiger, Wolf and Bear

- ☐ 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

## UNIFORM

- ☐ Boy's Micropoly or Poplin Short/Long-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Girl's Micropoly Short-sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Boy's Micropoly or Canvas Switchbacks
- ☐ 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®

- ☐ Webelos Neckerchief Slide
- ☐ Webelos Colors
- ☐ Shoulder Loops (Blue)

### INSIGNIA

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

## Handbooks



Lion Kit



Tiger



Wolf



Bear



Webelos



\*Youth and adult size ranges.

Ask sales associate for details. Prices subject to change. Tax not included.

# SAVE 25%

On Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Uniform Top

\*Offer valid online and in select stores (St. Louis, Des Peres, Belleville). Offer valid from 08/17/20 to 10/10/20 at 11:59pm EST. Other restrictions apply.





# CONTACT INFORMATION

## Cohen Service Center

618-234-9111 | 335 West Main Street | Belleville, IL 62220

## MacArthur Service Center

314.361.0600 | 4568 West Pine Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63108

## Ritter Service Center

573.335.3346 | 3000 Gordonville Rd. | Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

## Southern Illinois Service Center

618.942.4863 | 803 E. Herrin St. P.O. Box 340 | Herrin, IL 62948

## Central Illinois Service Center

217.429.2326 | 262 W. Prairie Ave. | Decatur, IL 62523

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My pack number is: \_\_\_\_\_ My den number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's phone / email is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets on (day): \_\_\_\_\_ at (time): \_\_\_\_\_

at (place): \_\_\_\_\_

My Cubmaster's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Cubmaster's phone / email is: \_\_\_\_\_

My pack meets on (day): \_\_\_\_\_ at (time): \_\_\_\_\_

at (place): \_\_\_\_\_



## 2020 CUB LAUNCH

EXPERIENCE WHAT CUB SCOUTING IS ALL ABOUT AT CUB LAUNCH!  
dates & locations at [stlbsa.org/events/cub-launch](http://stlbsa.org/events/cub-launch)

New Scouts receive \$5 off!

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