



# Parents' Guide to Cub Scouting

Attakapas District  
Evangeline Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America

Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting!  
*Tonight, you and your son begin an adventure - an adventure of learning, sharing, and having fun together. This guide will help you make the most of your Scouting experience.*

*Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose. It's a home and neighborhood centered program for boys in grades one through five. It teaches values and life skills in an environment of fun and adventure.*

## How Cub Scouting is Organized

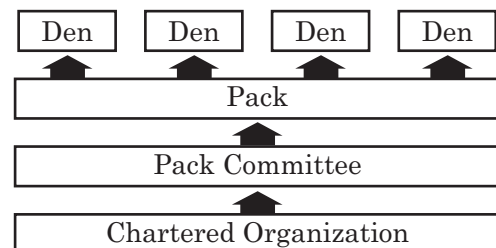
Here's a brief overview of the organization you're joining:

**The Den.** Your son is a member of a den. A den typically consists of four to eight boys in the same grade. The den usually meets once a week and is led by a parent called a den leader and one or more assistants (also parents). Den meetings consists of games, crafts, stunts, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

**The Pack.** A pack is made up of several dens. The pack meets once a month under the leadership of the Cubmaster. These pack meetings, which all Cub Scout families attend, let the boys show off the skills they've learned in their den meetings. At the pack meetings, Scouts receive badges and awards they've earned.

**The Pack Committee.** The pack committee is the "board of directors" of the pack. This group of parents help with activities, manages the pack's money, orders badges and supplies, and takes care of the other behind-the-scenes tasks. Led by the Pack Committee Chair, who works closely with the Cubmaster.

**The Chartered Organization.** Your pack is "owned and operated" by a local community organization, such as a church, school, or civic organization. This chartered organization provides meeting space, approves adult volunteer leaders, and makes sure the pack follows the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.



Website: [www.eacbsa.org](http://www.eacbsa.org)

# Wolves and Tigers and Bears...Oh My!

In Cub Scouting, your son is an animal - either a Tiger, Wolf, Bear or that strange creature called a Webelos Scout. Which animal he is depends on what grade he's in.

**Bobcat:** When all boys join Cub Scouting, they earn the Bobcat badge which teaches them the basics of the program. After receiving the Bobcat badge, boys move on to the Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos program, depending on their grade.



**Tiger Cubs:** Tiger Cubs are first-graders. They work directly with an adult partner (usually a parent) as they "search, discover, and share." To earn their Tiger Badge, the boys will complete 5 achievements, like "Where I Live" and "Let's Go Outdoors."



**Wolf:** Boys in second grade are Wolf Cub Scouts. To earn their Wolf badge, these boys complete 12 achievements, like "Feats of Skills," "Family Fun," and "Your Flag." Wolf Cub Scouts can also earn arrow points for completing extra projects.



**Bear:** Third-graders are Bear Cub Scouts. Their program is similar to the Wolf program, although the activities are more advanced.



**Webelos:** Fourth and fifth-graders are called Webelos. Boys usually work on the Webelos badge in fourth grade and the Arrow of Light (Cub Scouting's highest award) in fifth grade. The Webelos program helps prepare boys to become Boy Scouts at the end of fifth grade.



("Webelos" means "We'll be loyal Scouts.")



In addition to all the badges described above, boys can earn other awards, including belt loops and pins in 28 areas of sports and academics.



## District and Council Activities and Outings

Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to be fun, but the real highlights of the program are activities like the Fall Camporee, the Pinewood Derby, the Spring Camporee & Bike Ride, and Cub Scout Day Camp. Each pack offers its own calendar of events, but here are some District and Council highlights.

**Cub Adventure:** A family camping experience offered each weekend in the month of October and the first weekend in November. The fun-filled event takes place at our largest council camp, Mt Bayou Lake Scout Camp in St. Landry, near Lake Chicot.

**Fall Camporee:** A district-wide family camping weekend. This great outing held each year in the month of November, in or near the city of New Iberia.

**District Derby Day:** Open to every Cub Scout in Attakapas District who has competed in a pack race. The District Derby Day, held in the month of February, features the Pinewood Derby, Space Derby and Rain-gutter Regatta.

**Spring Camporee & Bike Ride:** This is a District wide event that offers activities such as a fishing rodeo, a seven mile bike ride, a Boy Scout triathlon, scavenger hunt and pushmobile race. March is the for this premier event.

**Cub Resident Camp:** Don't miss this great camping experience! In the month of April at Mt Bayou Lake Scout Camp. Webelos Scouts are in for a very special treat at our councils finest Cub Scout outing.

**Cub Scout Day Camp:** This week of outdoor fun is a "must be there" event for all Cub Scouts from our district. Activities include archery, BB guns, sports, crafts and much more.

## AND MUCH MORE!!

# Volunteers Make Cub Scouting GO!

Cub Scouting is a family program. With few exceptions, all the leaders in your pack have children in the pack.

So what role should you take? That depends on your abilities and interests. There's a job for everyone in Cub Scouting.

You have some specific jobs as a parent. If your son is a Tiger Cub, you will probably be his adult partner and work with him on all his activities. If your son is a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout, you will work with him on advancement requirements and sign off on his achievements.

But you should plan to do more. Below is a partial list of other jobs you might take on. (By the way, either men or women can fill all these positions.)

**Den Leader or Webelos Leader.** Leads the weekly den meeting. Coordinates the den's participation in monthly pack meetings. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting and roundtable meetings.

**Assistant Den Leader.** Assists the den leader and fills in as necessary.

**Cubmaster:** Helps plan and carry out the pack program. Emcees the monthly pack meeting. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

**Assistant Cubmaster:** Assists Cubmaster and fills in as necessary. Takes responsibility for a specific area of program.

**Committee Chair:** Chairs monthly committee meeting. Ensures enough parents are recruited to do behind-the-scenes work.

**Pack Committee:** Meets monthly. Positions include secretary, treasurer, advancement chair, and outings coordinator.

**Other Jobs:** Throughout the year, parents will be needed to chair one-time events like the Blue and Gold Banquet, Popcorn Sale, or other pack event.



# The Dollars and Cents of Cub Scouting

Compared to other youth programs, Cub Scouting is a bargain. But it's not free. It takes a lot of money to run your son's den and pack.

Expenses include awards and recognition, outings, program materials, equipment, and leader training.

These expenses are generally met in three ways: dues, money-earning projects, and activity fees.

**Dues:** Most dens charge weekly dues to cover the cost of program materials and supplies. Paying dues teaches boys responsibility and the importance of paying their own way.

**Money-Earning Projects:** The main source of money for your pack is money-earning projects. The Evangeline Area Council provides the best means of raising money: **The Trails End Popcorn Sale** in the fall. This no-risk fundraiser lets boys earn prizes while supporting their pack.

**Activity Fees:** Programs like Cub Scout Day Camp are designed to be self-supporting, so boys are charged an activity fee. Financial aid is available for most activities.

**Financial Assistance:** Assistance is available for various activities, programs and registration. See your Cubmaster or District Executive for information.



## The Evangeline Area Council

The Evangeline Area Council serves the 8 parishes of Acadiana. The council provides program support, camping facilities, Scout Shops and other support.

2266 S. College Road  
Lafayette, LA 70598  
Phone: 337 235-8551  
Fax: 337 235-8556  
[www.eacbsa.org](http://www.eacbsa.org)

