

ESCAPE THE Great Indoors



Climb aboard for adventure! When you become a Cub Scout, you join a group where going with the flow has never been more fun.



A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CUB SCOUTS

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.

SCOUTING 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)*



Boy Scouts. 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 ages 11-17; girls can join beginning February 2019)*



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 & men age 14-20 or 13 years old & completed 8th grade)*



Exploring. Career exploration and workforce development program. Youth gain practical insight and hands-on knowledge in a career field of their choice. *(young women & men age 14-20 or 13 years old & 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, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

- **Blue and gold banquet**—Celebrate Cub Scouting's birthday party in February or March.
- **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. Cubs can then race one another.



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 must complete seven adventures. There are over 80 subjects to explore through these adventures.

Upon completing all of 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 & 5th grade	

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

DO YOUR BEST

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, and reverent.

MISSION The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

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

Whether you are starting another year of Cub Scouting or you're entirely new to the program, begin your program year at Cub Launch. Scouts can cook over a real fire, shoot a BB gun, climb a monkey bridge, explore a mud cave, make cool art projects, and much more. This is a great opportunity for new Cub Scouts and their parents to explore the many of the wonderful activities Cub Scouts has to offer. In southern Illinois, a similar event takes place called Fun With Cub and includes an overnight campout! **(see back cover for \$5 off registration!)**



Fall Fright Fest & Haunted Hayrides

This fun, age-appropriate activity adds to the Halloween spirit. Cub Scouts and their families can walk the haunted forest of Beaumont Scout Reservation during Fall Fright Fest for an evening of enjoyable and spooky activities. Or head over to Camp Warren Levis for a Haunted Hayride to celebrate the season.



Scouting for Food

This annual food drive in November benefits local food pantries. Part of the Scouting program is to help other people, and this food drive provides a service project in which Scouts participate.

STEM University

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

Memorial Day Good Turn

On the Sunday before Memorial Day, more than 4,000 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 Camp/Twilight Camp

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 St. Louis metro area, southeastern Missouri, 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, arts and crafts, swimming, nature programs, Scout skills, games, and much more. In 2019, summer camp is going to be Out Of This Galaxy!

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 program and adventure. 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 Adventure/advancements and awards completed before your first meeting in the fall.

Family Camp

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 youth 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 sales and camp cards. For families who need additional assistance, camperships can be awarded to Scouts in need.



PACK LEADERSHIP

Camp Properties

Beaumont Scout Reservation

High Ridge, MO

Camp Joy

Carlyle, IL

Camp Lewallen

Silva, MO

Camp Vandeventer

Waterloo, IL

Camp Warren Levis

Godfrey, IL

Pine Ridge Scout Camp

Makanda, IL

S bar F Scout Ranch

Knob Lick, MO

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 leaders' meeting

Den Leader(s) — leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings; attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting

Committee Chairman — resides at all pack committee meetings; helps recruit adult leaders; works with the Cubmaster to ensure the pack properly provides the Cub Scout program

Committee Members — attends pack committee meetings to help plan program; members are appointed for roles in finances, membership, activities, training, camping, and advancement

More than just summer camp.

Greater St. Louis Area Council camps are not just for summer time. Whether you're looking for a weekend family campout or a spot to host your den meeting, we offer a variety of year-round programs at seven unique properties.

To reserve a GSLAC campsite and/or program activity, visit our online reservation system at stlbsa.org/rsvp.



FUNDING SCOUTING

Fundraisers help the pack put on a quality program.

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 sale and Popcorn sale. Money raised through fundraising can be used to cover the cost of advancement recognition, registration fees, Scout equipment, Pinewood Derbies and summer camp.

Popcorn

Every fall, the Greater St. Louis Area Council conducts its annual popcorn fundraiser. Not only do units 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.



Scouts can earn prizes and even a college scholarship account based on their total sales.

popcorn.stlbsa.org

Several ways to sell popcorn:

- Show & Sell — Units set up a table and display products for people to purchase as they walk by. Or Scouts can take product door-to-door to sell.
- Take Order — Scouts ask neighbors, friends, and family to purchase products. Product is ordered on a form and delivered at a later date.
- Online Sales — Scouts create their own online store through the Pecatonica River website.



TRAINING

Camp Cards

Camp cards offer discounts at local businesses. There are different cards for each region of the council — St. Louis metro area, southeast Missouri, and southern Illinois.

Scouts earn \$2.50 for each \$5 Camp Card sold. Incentives and prizes are available for different sales levels.

The sale begins Feb. 1 and ends April 5, giving units two full months to sell and close out their accounts. The program is risk free. Units can simply return any unsold cards by the sale deadline with no penalty.

campcard.stlbsa.org



The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for everyone—parents, leaders, and youth members. Some of the training is conducted in your pack; others are available for you to work on by yourself online at my.scouting.org.

We encourage all parents to take the BSA's Youth Protection training, available online at my.scouting.org.

Youth Protection Training

The BSA places the highest importance on providing a secure environment for all Scouts. Sustained vigilance on youth protection is a central part of our culture which is why the BSA has developed training and resources that further strengthen our ability to protect youth. Youth Protection training teaches the BSA's youth protection policies and procedures, signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse.

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and any volunteer who participates in an outing lasting longer than 72 hours. The training must be taken every two years.

Leader-Specific Training

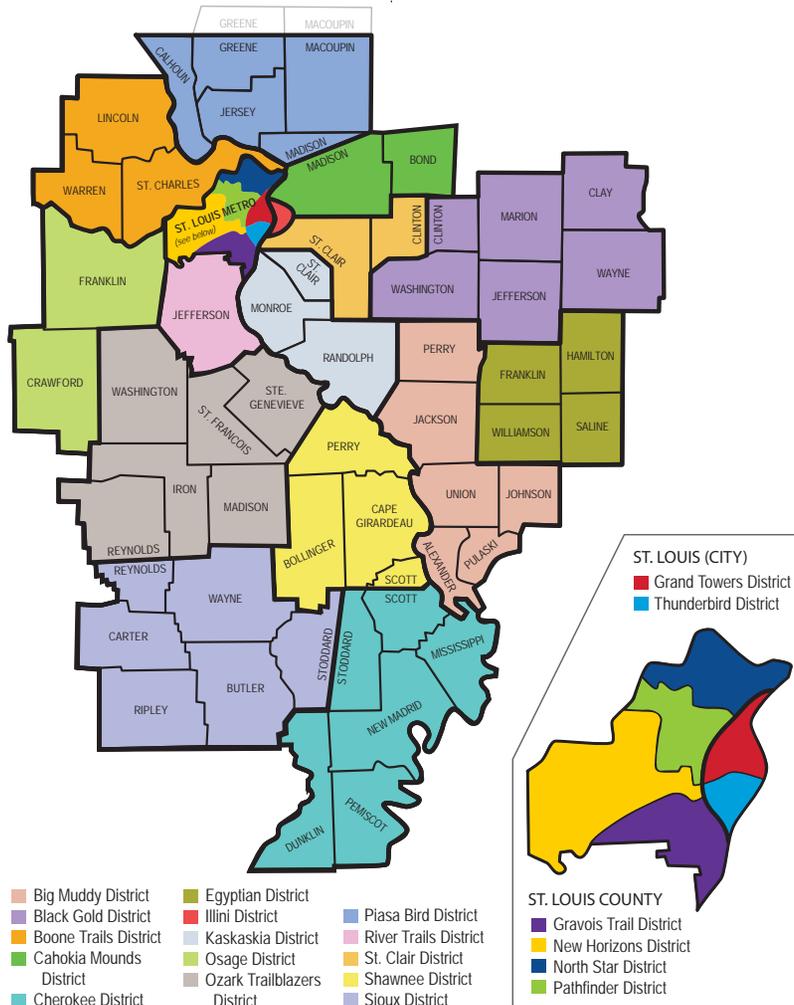
Leader-specific training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader gives volunteers the tools needed to perform their duties within the unit.

Many courses are offered locally as well as online at my.scouting.org.

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

The Greater St. Louis Area Council is one of the largest in the Boy Scouts of America with more than 66,000 members and nearly 15,000 adult volunteers. They come from 51 different counties in the Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois and St. Louis Metropolitan areas.

The council is comprised of 21 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, Piasa Bird, River Trails, St. Clair, Shawnee, Sioux, and Thunderbird.



SCOUTING UNIFORM CHECKLIST

Bring this checklist to the Scout Shop, and we'll help outfit you in your first complete uniform.

NAME _____

Den Number _____ Pack Number _____

- Lion Tiger Wolf Bear Webelos

	CUB SCOUTS <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt: long or short sleeve <input type="checkbox"/> Lion Cub Scout T-Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> Bottoms: trousers, shorts, or skort <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger or Cub Scout Web Belt & Buckle <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger or Cub Scout Socks <input type="checkbox"/> Lion, Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Neckerchief	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion, Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Neckerchief Slide <input type="checkbox"/> Lion, Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Cap Insignia <input type="checkbox"/> Council Shoulder Patch <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Numerals (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Den Numeral Strip (1) <input type="checkbox"/> World Crest Emblem	Handbooks <input type="checkbox"/> Lion Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Tiger Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Wolf Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Bear Handbook
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	WEBELOS <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt: long or short sleeve <input type="checkbox"/> Convertible pants or shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Belt Buckle (fits Cub Scout belt) <input type="checkbox"/> Socks <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Neckerchief <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Neckerchief Slide	<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Cap Insignia <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Loops — Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Council Shoulder Patch <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Numerals (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Den Numeral Strip * <input type="checkbox"/> World Crest Emblem <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Emblem (1) Handbook <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos	Accessory <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Colors <i>* Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing either the Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform. Each Webelos den decides whether a den numeral strip or a patrol emblem is worn.</i>
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(1) see your den leader

Scout Shop Locations & Hours

St. Louis Scout Shop
 4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108
 314.454.1652 • fax: 314.454.0656
 MON-FRI 8:30am-5pm; SAT 9am-1 pm; closed SUN

BSA Outfitters
 13347 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131
 314.984.0014 • fax: 314.984.0036
 MON-THU 9am-7pm; FRI 9am-6pm; SAT 9am-5pm; closed SUN

Cape Girardeau Scout Shop
 3000 Gordonville Rd., Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
 573.339.7900 • fax: 573-339-9582
 MON-FRI 8:30am-5pm; SAT 9am-1pm; closed SUN

Belleville Meyer Scout Shop
 335 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62220
 618.222.1574 • fax: 618-222-1637
 MON-FRI 9am-5:30pm; SAT 10am-3pm; closed SUN

Scout supplies and uniforms also available at additional retailers. Check scoutstuff.org for locations.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Cohen Service Center & Scout Shop

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

MacArthur Service Center & Scout Shop

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

Ritter Service Center & Scout Shop

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

Visit us online at www.stlbsa.org

My pack number is: _____ My den number is: _____

My den leader's name is: _____

My den leader's phone number is: _____ — _____ — _____

My den meets on (day): _____ at (time): _____

at (place): _____

My Cubmaster's name is: _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is: _____ — _____ — _____

My pack meets on (day): _____ at (time): _____

at (place): _____



2018 CUB LAUNCH & FUN WITH CUB

dates & locations at stlbsa.org/events/cub-launch

New Scouts receive \$5 off!

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