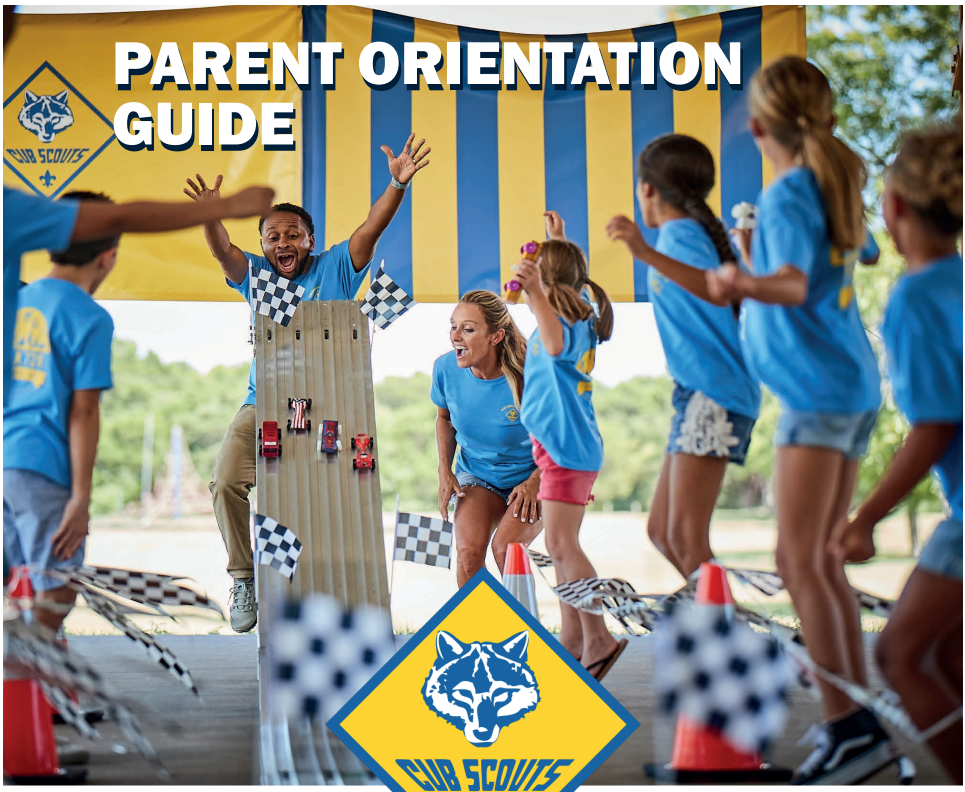
PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



Congratulations on becoming a Scouting Family!

Take these first steps to ensure that your family gets the most out of Scouting:

1. Complete a Youth Application.
2. Know your Cubmaster and the best way to contact him or her.
3. Ask your Cubmaster about the uniform, handbook, Scoutbook, and how you can get involved. Scouting is a family activity and we want you to enjoy it with your child!

Welcome to Scouting. Your adventure starts now!

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Your Pack Information

GREATER ST. LOUIS
AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Pack #_____

Den Leader_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Meeting Times_____

District Name_____

Scouts' Life Magazine

Scouts' Life Magazine is full of wholesome, educational, entertaining stories and valuable information. It's also available by downloading the app and online.

Your Council Information

BSA Outfitters/Metro East

5205 N. Illinois St.
Fairview Heights, IL 62208
(618)234-9111
M-F, 10am-6pm, Sat, 10am—3pm

BSA Outfitters/West County

13347 Manchester Rd.
Des Peres, MO 63131
(314) 984-0014
M-Th, 9am-7pm, Fri 9am-6pm,
Sat, 10am—3pm

Central Illinois Service Center

262 W. Prairie Ave.
Decatur, IL 62523
(217)429-2326
M-F, 8:30am-5pm

MacArthur Service Center

4568 West Pine Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314)361-0600
M-F, 9am-5pm

Ritter Service Center

3000 Gordonville Road
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
(573)335-3346
M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm

Southern Illinois Service Center

803 E. Herrin St.
Herrin, IL 62948
(618)942-4863
M-F, 9:30am-4:30pm

Share the Scouting Adventure!

Share the memories you make with your Scout on social media by using

#ScoutsStandOut

Facebook.com/stlbsa

Instagram.com/stlbsa

How Cub Scouting Works

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 Law.

- Your child is a member of a **DEN**, consisting of 5-8 children, similar in age who typically meet once a week with a Den Leader, usually a parent.
- All of the **DENS** *(Scouts from grades K-5)* make up the **PACK**.
- The **PACK** meets once a month with the Cubmaster, with all the other **DENS** in attendance. At the **PACK** meeting, you will have fun activities and have the opportunity to engage with other **DENS**.
- Your **PACK** is part of the **Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America**, which serves over 24,000 youth & families in southeast Missouri, southern Illinois, central Illinois and St. Louis Metropolitan areas.

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	*Obedient*
Loyal	*Cheerful*
Helpful	*Thrifty*
Friendly	*Brave*
Courteous	*Clean*
Kind	*Reverent*

Cub Scouts	Lion: Kindergarten	Tiger: Age 6/1st Grade	Wolf: Age 7/2nd Grade	Bear: Age 8/3rd Grade	Webelos: Age 9/4th Grade	Arrow of Light: Age 10/ 5th Grade

Scouting Results

130,000

In 2021, local Scouts officially recorded 130,000 service hours, helping communities in the Greater St. Louis Area Council.

Children who participate in Scouts are more likely to hold a leadership position at their place of work or in the community .

Long-term Scouts are nearly twice as likely as non -scouts to graduate from college .

Scouts are more likely to be active in a group that works to protect the environment than non-scouts.

Cub Scout Uniforms & Scout Handbooks

The Cub Scout uniform is an important part of being a Cub Scout. The official uniform should be worn to den meetings, pack meetings, and any special Scouting activities.

The Lion Cub Scouts uniform includes a blue t-shirt with the Lion logo and optional cap.

The official uniform for Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts include the blue Cub Scout pants, shorts or skorts and shirt with insignia for your rank. 4th & 5th grade Scouts wear the tan shirt with green pants. Each rank has its own cap, neckerchief and slide in the rank colors.

Additionally, each rank will also have a handbook for you and your Scout to work through together.

Find uniforms, gear and more at your local Scout Shop!

SCOUTBOOK

From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook is a digital tool that ensures not a moment is missed – tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.

To watch a tutorial and learn about Scoutbook visit help.scoutbook.scouting.org/knowledge-base/scoutbook-tutorial-for-parents

Cub Scout Pack Organization

Pack Committee

The Pack Committee members perform administrative functions for the Cub Scout Pack.

Chartered Organization Representative

The Chartered Organization Representative is the direct contact between the Scouting unit and the chartered organization (typically your church, school or service club).

Committee Chair

The Committee Chair presides over all Pack Committee meetings. They help recruit adult leaders and lead the Pack.

Cubmaster

The Cubmaster helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. They also emcee the monthly Pack meeting and attend the Pack Leaders' meeting.

Den Leader

The Den Leader leads the Den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings. They also attend the monthly Pack Leaders' meeting.

Volunteer with Your Pack

Choose How You Can Get Involved

Scouting is, at its core, a family activity. By volunteering, you are not only helping to develop your child's character but also supporting the community at large. Build your adventure together and watch as your Scout thrives!

You can help out in many ways such as bringing snacks to a Pack meeting or holding a position with your Pack. Talk to your Cubmaster to see where you can get involved!

YOUR SCOUTING PATH
A VISUAL GU
THE RANKS &
YOU'LL EXPE
PATH TO SUCCESS
START
LION
KINDERGARTEN
(5 YEARS OLD)
FUN, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR SCOUTS TO LEARN & GROW WHILE HAVING A GOOD TIME WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY
BOBCAT
ALL NEW CUB SCOUTS
SCOUTS LEARN:
• SCOUT OATH
• SCOUT LAW
• CUB SCOUT SIGN
• CUB SCOUT MOTTO
• CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE
• CUB SCOUT SALUTE
TIGER
1ST GRADE
(OR AGE 7)
• TEAM-BUILDING GAMES
• NATURE WALKS
• PACK CAMPOUT CAMPFIRES
• LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION & HEALTHY SNACKS
WOLF
2ND
(OR
WELCOME TO SCOUTS, BSA!
(AGE 11, OR IF COMPLETED 5TH GRADE OR ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD)
SCOUT
ADVANCEMENT ISN'T AGE- OR GRADE-BASED. THE SCOUT PROGRESSES AT HIS/HER OWN PACE.
ADVANCEMENT HAS FOUR STEPS: LEARN, TEST, REVIEW & RECOGNIZE.
BEGIN WORKING ON MERIT BADGES IN SUBJECTS SUCH AS ART, ASTRONOMY, CHEMISTRY, GRAPHIC ARTS, ROBOTICS, WELDING...OVER 135 CHOICES!
TENDERFOOT SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA
SECOND CLASS SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA
FIRST CLASS SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA
THE REST OF THE RANKS ARE U
TO THE SCOUT TO ACHEIVE ON
HIS/HER OWN TIME! THERE'S
NO RIGHT APPROACH-
EVERY SCOUT IS DIFFERENT.

FINISH
VENTURING
SCOUTS, BSA
BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 14-20
EXPLORING
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE
SCOUTING'S CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM
EXPLORING CAREER FIELDS INCLUDE AVIATION, FIRE/EMS, POLICE, HEALTHCARE & MORE!
EAGLE SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA
STAR SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA
LIFE SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA
SERVE IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE AND TEACH ANOTHER SCOUT USING THE EDGE TEACHING METHOD.
EAGLE SCOUTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE COMMITTED TO LEARNING, AND TO SET & ACHIEVE PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL, SPIRITUAL, AND FINANCIAL GOALS.
-BAYLOR UNIVERSITY STUDY
IDE OF
ACTIVITIES
RIENCE
RROW OF LIGHT
D & 3 ELECTIVE ADVENTURES
H GRADE (OR AGE 11)
• PLAN A MENU FOR YOUR DEN OR FAMILY
• PARTICIPATE IN A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
• LEARN FIRST AID, HEALTH & FITNESS
• LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS & PLAN AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY
WEBELOS
4TH GRADE
(OR AGE 10)
SCOUTS WHO ARE MORE ENGAGED IN SCOUTING REPORT HIGHER OUTCOMES IN KINDNESS, HELPFULNESS, OBEDIENCE & CHEERFULNESS THAN NON-SCOUTS
-TUFTS UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDY
• GO FISHING
• LEARN OUTDOOR SKILLS, ABOUT PLANTS & ANIMALS, HOW TO USE TOOLS & WOODWORKING
• LEARN ABOUT SELF SUFFICIENCY & ABOUT HELPING OTHERS.
OLF
GRADE
GE 8)
• ATTEND DAY OR RESIDENT CAMP
• DO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WITH YOUR PACK OR FAMILY
• SING SONGS, PERFORM SKITS, GO HIKING, AND MORE ADVENTURES!
BEAR
3RD GRADE
(OR AGE 9)
BEAR

Plan Your Scout's Cub Camp Adventures this Summer!

Did You Know? You Can Attend Summer Camp as:

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, southeast 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 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, 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, camp card and coffee fundraisers.
For families who need financial assistance , camperships may be awarded to Scouts in need.
Contact the council to apply.

Stlbsa.org/camps

Fund Your Scouting Experience

Popcorn

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 camperships for Scouts who need financial assistance, events including Cub Launch and Scouting for Food and more. There are several ways to sell: Show & Sell, Take Order Sale and Online Sale. Sale runs September 1— October 25.

Camp Cards

Camp Cards are handy discount cards that offer great deals and your favorite local establishments. There are Camp Cards for different regions of our Council– St. Louis metro, southeast Missouri, southern Illinois and central Illinois. Scouts sell the cards for $5 and the pack keeps $2.50 profit. Incentives and prizes are available too! Sale runs March 1— April 30. Unsold cards can be returned, so there is no risk to you or the Pack!

All product sales information can be found at stlbsa.org/resources

Support Local Scouting While Making Everyday Purchases!

Get involved with your Cub Scout Pack by helping to support the Council with these unique community partnerships. You can help support the council by starting a Facebook birthday fundraiser, shopping on Amazon using Amazon Smile, or requesting a Eagle Scout or Order of the Arrow license plate! All of these are great ways to support scouting that you may already be doing. Find out more at **stlbsa.org/give-now**

Events & Activities

Throughout the year, the Greater St. Louis Area Council offers many different types of events for your Scout to attend. From Cub Launch, to Day and Summer Camp, there is always something fun for your Scout to participate in. Check out stlbsa.org/calendar and mark your calendar!

Shoot-O-Ree

Cub Scouts can choose from BB gun shooting, archery, sling shots, water balloons, rubber band shooters & more at this fun one-day event!

Fall Fright Fest

A huge Halloween-themed event that is fun and safe for the entire family. Encounter the haunted forest, walk through the pirate ship, explore the fort & more!

Pinewood Derby

Cub Scouts design and build small wooden cars to race on an inclined track. This is a great opportunity for kids to work with their parents to construct a race car and compete in the race. Check your Pack calendar to see when your race is!

Blue and Gold

This is a big pack event, usually full of food, skits, and awards! All Scouts join in the celebration and the fun. The Blue and Gold banquet typically occurs during Scouting Anniversary week.

Camping

Whether you're looking for an incredible summer camp experience or a weekend campout, the Greater St. Louis Area Council offers a variety of summer and year-round programs at our eight properties.

Scouting For Food

What started as an Eagle Scout project by a St. Louis Area Scout has grown into one of the largest single-day food drives in the country! Scouts and volunteers distribute bags on Saturday November 12 and return Saturday November 19 to collect food donations.

2022 Cub Launch

Launch your Cub Scout program year by getting outdoors and experiencing activities such as archery , shooting sports, STEM, and so much more! Cub Launch Events will be held throughout the council in September and October.

- September 17: Camp Warren Levis (Godfrey, IL)
- September 24: Wayne Fitzgerald State Rec. Area (Whittington, IL)
- October 1: Multiple Locations
    - Beaumont Scout Reservation (St. Louis)
    - Jackson City Park (Jackson, MO)
    - O'Fallon Sportsman's Club (O'Fallon, IL)
    - Rhodes France Scout Reservation (Pana, IL)
    - Wentzville UMC (Wentzville, MO)
    - S-F Scout Ranch (Knob Lick, MO)
- October 7—9: Pine Ridge (Makanda, IL)
- October 8: Camp Lewallen (Silva, MO)

Additional dates and locations available online!

Bring the whole family! Youth must be at least 5 years old to participate.

$10 per youth. New Scouts use the promo code NEWSCOUT22
for $5 off your registration.

Register at stlbsa.org/cub-scouts-calendar

Scouting's Commitment to Safety

The safety of our youth, families, volunteers, and staff is the most important part of the Scouting experience. **Learning by doing** is a hallmark of outdoor education. Scouting offers youth the chance to learn new life skills in a safe, supportive environment that is free from judgment, and where risks are identified and mitigated. Along the way they acquire skills that make them more self-reliant, stronger leaders, and better able to achieve their goals.

As outlined in our handbooks, the Scouting program takes youth safety very seriously. Rigorous safety features have been integrated into the program such as guidelines for safe activities and protecting youth from any form of abuse, including bullying.

The Boy Scouts of America has established a multi-tiered youth protection approach focused on volunteer screening, education, clear policies, and training for everyone in the program. The BSA is recognized as having some of the strongest barriers to child abuse found in any youth-serving organization. Just a few of these include: ongoing required youth protection training, a formal volunteer selection process that includes criminal background checks, prohibiting one-on-one contact between adults and youth members, and a volunteer screening database.

To learn more about youth safety in Scouting, visit **stlbsa.org/training** or **scouting.org/health-and-safety**.

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Scouting is a volunteer led program and the Council has the training and tools to help you along the way. Training will give you fresh ideas, a place to talk to other Scout parents, and the knowledge and information you need to carry out the Scouting program. The required trainings needed to be a Cub Leader are available at **my.scouting.org.** There are numerous online trainings in the BSA Learn Center, referenced below.

We take youth protection very seriously. Youth Protection Training is required for Scout Leaders and for adults accompanying youth at events. Learn more about Youth Protection at **stlbsa.org/training**.

How to complete Youth Protection Training?

1.) Visit **my.scouting.org** and click "create an account." You will receive a temporary ID number to proceed.

2.) Once logged in, click the **Youth Protection Training** icon (on the right side) to access the BSA Learn Center.

3.) Scroll down and click Youth Protection Training. Click Enroll button then follow the links to start the modules.

***Note:** If you are registering as an adult, your BSA Membership ID # will be issued after you complete training and turn in your Adult Application. Print out a copy of your Youth Protection Certificate and turn it in with your Adult Application. When your ID # is issued, enter it into your **My Profile** settings on **my.scouting.org**.*

Find other trainings at my.scouting.org and stlbsa.org/training

Scouting is Safer than Ever Before

EFFECTIVE
BARRIERS
TO ABUSE

MILLIONS OF PARENTS TRUST
THE BSA TO PROVIDE
MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING
IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

RECOGNIZE
RESPOND
REPORT
1-844-SCOUTS1

Barriers to Abuse

Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe

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SCOUT SHOP

Greater St. Louis Area Council Scout Shops

Supplying the Scouting Adventure

SCAN ME

Take a picture of the QR code with your phone for Scout Shop locations and hours

SAVE 10%*

On Matching Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Uniform Top

*Selection and quantities may vary online and in-store. Offer valid online and in participating Scout Shops on select merchandise and while supplies last. Offer valid from 08/01/22–10/30/2022 at 11:59 pm EST. Not valid on previous purchases or wholesale orders. May not be combined with any other offer and cannot be redeemed as cash. Check with your local Scout Shop for more information. Uniform top and bottom must be from the same program and purchased together.

Sewing Services and Pre-Sewn Shirts Available

Ask a Sales Associate for details

YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR SCOUTING NEEDS AND MORE.

Your Uniform Checklist

Lion

UNIFORM
- ○ Lion Short-sleeve T-shirt
- ○ Lion Cap

OPTIONAL UNIFORM BOTTOMS
- ○ Switchback® Pants
- ○ Roll-up Pants
- ○ Skort
- ○ Shorts

Cub Scouts® – Tiger, Wolf and Bear

UNIFORM
- ○ Short-sleeve Shirt
- ○ Long-sleeve Shirt
- ○ Switchback® Pants
- ○ Shorts
- ○ Roll-up Pants
- ○ Skort
- ○ Cub Scout Rank Cap – Tiger, Wolf, or Bear
- ○ Cub Scout Rank Neckerchief – Tiger, Wolf, or Bear
- ○ Cub Scout Rank Neckerchief Slide – Tiger, Wolf, or Bear
- ○ Cub Scout Shoulder Loops (Blue)
- ○ Cub Scout Web Belt – Tiger, Wolf, or Bear
- ○ Cub Scout Socks

INSIGNIA
- ○ Council Shoulder Patch
- ○ World Crest Emblem
- ○ World Crest Ring
- ○ Pack Numbers (Red)
- ○ Den Number

Webelos®

UNIFORM
- ○ Short-sleeve Shirt*
- ○ Switchback® Pants*
- ○ Shorts*
- ○ Roll-up Pants*
- ○ Skort*
- ○ Webelos Cap
- ○ Plaid Neckerchief
- ○ Webelos Neckerchief Slide
- ○ Webelos Colors
- ○ Cub Scout Shoulder Loops (Blue)
- ○ Cub Scout Web Belt
- ○ Scouts BSA Socks

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- ○ Neckerchief
- ○ Neckerchief Slide
- ○ Merit Badge Sash
- ○ Scouts BSA Shoulder Loops (Green)
- ○ Scouts BSA Web Belt
- ○ Scouts BSA Socks

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- ○ Patrol Emblem
- ○ World Crest Emblem
- ○ World Crest Ring
- ○ Troop Numerals (Khaki)

Handbooks

Lion

Tiger

Wolf

Bear

Webelos

Scouts BSA for Boys

Scouts BSA for Girls

Cub Scout **Pack #**	Cub Scout Den #	Scouts BSA **Troop #**
Den Leader	Phone #	Patrol Name
Cubmaster	Phone #	Troop Leader
Shirt Size	Pant Size	Phone #

Ask sales associate for details.

Prices subject to change. Tax not included. *Youth & Adult size range.

Resources

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Greater St. Louis Area Council Website
The Greater St. Louis Area Council website offers information about all of the local activities, events, trainings, etc.
www.stlbsa.org **Questions? Email help@stlbsa.org**

National Boy Scouts of America Website
The National Boy Scouts of America website is where you will find Scouting information such as age appropriate activities and guidelines.
www.Scouting.org *(Example: Search "Age Appropriate Guidelines")*

Parent/Volunteer Resources
Visit our website for parent & leader resources, information on membership, recruitment and more.
www.stlbsa.org/resources

Scoutbook
Most units use this free website to plan activities, track rank advancements, and more.
www.scoutbook.scouting.org

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