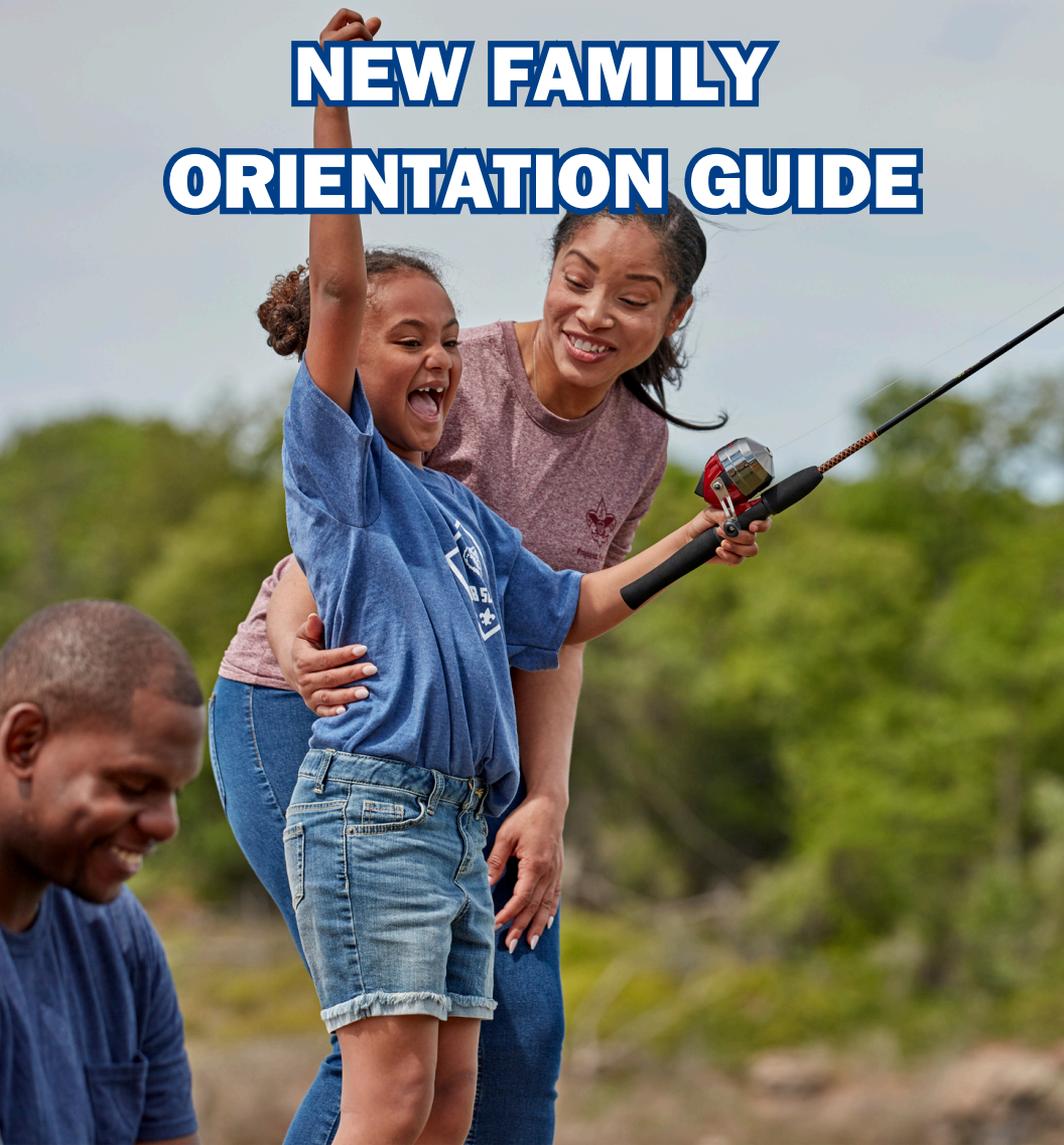


NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION GUIDE



Congratulations on becoming a Scouting Family!

Take these important first steps:

1. Complete the Youth Application.
2. Get a copy of the Pack's calendar
3. Attend the parent orientation meeting and review this guidebook

Your adventure starts now!



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▷ Your Pack Information



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Pack # _____

Cubmaster _____

Den Leader _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Meeting Day _____

Meeting Time _____

▷ 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



[Facebook.com/stlbsa](https://www.facebook.com/stlbsa)



[Instagram.com/stlbsa](https://www.instagram.com/stlbsa)



▶ How Cub Scouting Works

The mission of Scouting 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 other Scouts in the same grade

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 **Greater St. Louis Area Scouting**, which serves over 31,000 kids throughout 63 counties in Illinois and Missouri.

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:
1st Grade

Wolf:
2nd Grade

Bear:
3rd Grade

Webelos:
4th Grade

Arrow of Light:
5th Grade



➤ Outfit your Scout



The Cub Scout uniform is one of the essential methods of Scouting, and will display the different awards and achievements that your Scout will earn throughout the year.

You can purchase the Uniform at any Scout Service Center, or online at **gatewaytraders.org**.

➤ How the Pack is Organized



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!



I CAN DO THAT!

➤ Fund Your Scouting Experience

Popcorn

Every fall, Greater St. Louis Area Scouting 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. Sale runs August — October.



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.



➤ Events & Activities

Throughout the year, Greater St. Louis Area Scouting 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!



Halloween Events

A huge Halloween-themed events that are 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, Greater St. Louis Area Scouting offers a variety of summer and year-round programs at our six 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!

➤ Your First Scouting Adventure

Your Scout will receive a discount to attend Cub Launch - a one day event designed to be a welcome to Scouting! Learn more about the event and sign up by scanning the QR Code.



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➤ Resources

Greater St. Louis Area Scouting Website

Find information about all of the local activities, events ,trainings, etc.
www.stlbsa.org

National Scouting Website

The National Scouting 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

Questions? Email help@stlbsa.org

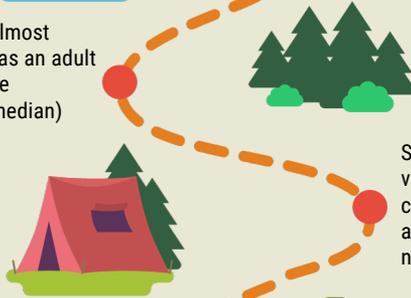
SCOUTING IS A PATH TO SUCCESS

Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get a bachelor's degree (75.6% of Scouts alumni compared with 36.0% national average)



Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get an advanced graduate degree (29.0% of Scouts alumni compared with 13.4% national average)

Scouts are more likely to make almost **DOUBLE** of the personal income as an adult (\$62.5k individual median income compared with \$33.7k national median)



Scouts are more likely to have very good or exceptional (750+) credit scores (55.7% of Scouts alumni compared with 39.7% national average)

Scouts are more likely to move up in their socio-economic status. Scouts that come from low-income family background are, on average, more likely to make almost twice the personal income as an adult compared to their non-scout peers with similar childhood family background.



SCOUTS ARE CHANGE AGENTS

Scouting strives to bring larger, broader, and longer social impact. Scouting values (Character, Leadership, Citizenship, and Fitness) imprinted during childhood go a long way. Scouting alumni continue to change the world by taking more leadership roles in organizations, engaging in more entrepreneurial activities, and undertaking more civic duties.



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