

GET OUT THERE

Build your child's self-confidence in a safe environment as they learn foundational skills to turn them into tomorrow's leaders.

Join today at:

BeAScout.org

Or text **JoinScouts** to **31996**



More Info for Parents

Who can be a Cub Scout?

Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in grades K-5. No prior experience is necessary. Most local Cub Scout programs (called packs) enroll boys and girls, but some may choose to be a boy-only or girl-only pack. See the front of this flyer to ensure this pack's recruitment event is the right one for your son or daughter. If not, then contact us to find one that is.

Is Scouting safe?

Yes! The Boy Scouts of America is a leader among youth organizations today for its comprehensive youth protection safeguards. Measures include training, criminal background checks, and mandated reporting. Scouts also learn how to be safe through programs like Cyber Chip, which teaches about cyberbullying and how to protect yourself while online, gaming, or using popular apps. Learn more at scouting.org/youthprotection.

What will Cub Scouts do?

With their family and friends, Scouts complete age-specific activities that are rewarding, teach character and leadership skills, and are FUN! These may occur in meetings, on field trips, at camps, online, or at home. Activities can include camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, STEM projects, archery, building and racing Pinewood Derby cars, and more! Meeting days and times vary. Some packs meet weekly, others twice a month. Families work together to choose a schedule that is convenient for everyone.

Why consider joining now?

Social and Emotional Development: Children need strong social and emotional skills to thrive, both in the classroom and in life. Skills like collaboration, communication, self-discipline, decision-making, and goal setting are difficult to learn in the absence of classroom instruction or extracurricular activities. These skills are at the core of all Scouting programs and needed now more than ever.

A Sense of Normalcy: Children are especially vulnerable to anxiety during these uncertain times. Scouting is structured. A child's role in a pack and progress while earning advancement awards are constant. This has always provided meaningful stability when children moved to new schools or missed meetings due to conflicting schedules, and that stability will reinforce self-control and normalcy this year.

In-Person or At-home Programs: Our packs are active this fall while other youth programs are not. We have elements intended to be completed in various ways – including in small groups, at home with family, or independently. We are prepared to deliver the Scouting programs in all permitted formats. Additionally, new programs like online science experiments and camp-in-a-box kits are available to make Scouting more accessible.

What does it cost?

We know families are facing new financial hardships. Assistance for registration fees and summer programs may be available. Fundraisers will also help provide for supplies and activities. The registration fee is \$66/year plus a one-time \$25 joining fee for new members. The \$25 joining fee is waived if you were ever previously registered in a BSA program. Any additional fees for activities, as well as fundraisers or payment options, will be discussed at the joining event on this flyer.

Need more info?

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