

TIGER CUB



RESOURCE GUIDE

Preface

The enclosed material was compiled from BSA publications and other Scout resources located in the public domain. This Tiger Cub Resource Guide is intended as a supplement to the Official Tiger Cub Handbook. With the passage of time, the requirements for the Tiger Rank can and will change; consult your Tiger Cub Handbook for any changes in the program. The information presented here is not an official document of the Boy Scouts of America, but is solely my volunteer work and responsibility.

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**WOOD BADGE FOR THE
21ST CENTURY**



TIGER CUB HISTORY

THE TIGER CUB PROGRAM COMES OF AGE



Robert Untch
National Cub Scouting Director, 1971 - 1982
The Father of Tiger Cubs - BSA

- 1978 to 2001 -

In 1978, BSA's fifth National Cub Scouting Director, Robert Untch, recognized a need for keeping the Cub Scouting programs up to date with the needs of American youth. Scouting undertook a research plan that was initiated by sending out 19,000 questionnaires of which 10,500 were returned. From these and 200 one-on-one interviews, 50 prospective program ideas were suggested. This list of 50 was narrowed down by 344 Scouters in 43 councils in the North Central Region to 14 must-do ideas. This research and the resulting ideas became known as the "Foundations For Growth" study. Focus groups of parents, professionals, and youth were formed.

One of the findings of the earlier study was that because the boys of the time had greater educational opportunities at an earlier age, the entry age of Cub Scouts should be re-evaluated. Beginning with a conference at Philmont's volunteer training center in 1980, a team was formed to write the program. Instruction booklets were sent for field testing by councils in the North Central Region in 1981. In early 1982, it was determined that the program was successful and ready for rollout. This was announced at the national meeting in the February, 1982. Tiger Cubs, BSA was formally introduced just before the fall program of 1982.

By the end of 1982, over 48,000 Tigers were registered. The Tiger Cub population had grown steadily, reaching 285,908 in the year 2000. Over the ensuing years, parts of the program's structure have evolved, but the basic elements had remained the same:

- A simple and fun program for first-grade boys and their families.
- A program "separate" from Cub Scouting
- No advancement plan
- No Den Leaders
- Tigers DO NOT attend Pack Meetings
- Tigers are formally inducted (bridged) into Cub Scouts

During the first 18 years of the Tiger Cubs program the BSA received ample feedback regarding the successes and shortcomings of "Tiger Cubs - BSA." Then, in May of 2001 the BSA announced vast changes to the Tiger Cubs - BSA program. Highlights of the new Tiger Cub program include:

- "Tiger Cub" is now a Cub Scout rank.
- Tiger Cubs can complete the Bobcat requirements before leaving first grade.
- The role of "Tiger Cub Coach" has been eliminated.
- The Tiger Cub Promise has been eliminated
- The role of the "Tiger Cub Den Leader" was created. This individual coordinates shared leadership among adult partners in the den.
- A Tiger Cub den leader is required if a pack registers Tiger Cubs.
- The Tiger Cub den leaders are members of the pack leadership team and receive support and coaching from the pack committee, which includes the pack trainer and Cubmaster or assistant Cubmaster.
- The 17 "Big Ideas" (while good ideas) are not a formal part of the program.
- Iron-on "Paw Prints" are no longer used.
- The old "Leather Belt Totem" is no longer used.
- Tiger Cubs and adult partners now formally participate in den and pack activities (including Family Camping) together.
- Tiger Cubs wear the traditional orange uniform T-shirt, No. 83391-96, along with an optional, newly designed blue and orange cap, No. 83892.
- The Tiger Cub badge, No. 80369, is earned after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and a Go See It. After completing the rank of Tiger Cub, boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when he completes 10 (of 50) electives. There is no limit to the number of Tiger Track beads a boy can earn.
- Tiger Cub badges should now be presented in meaningful pack meeting ceremonies.
- The new Tiger Cub badge replaces the Webelos badge in the 4-badge "diamond" on the blue Cub Scout uniform.
- Advancement is displayed on a new Tiger Cub totem, which is worn on the Tiger Cub belt.

- The recommended monthly meeting pattern consists of den, family, Go See It activities, and participation in the monthly pack meeting. Suggested den meeting plans are now included in Cub Scout Program Helps, No. 34304D.
- Tiger Cubs and adult partners work out of the Tiger Cub Handbook, No. 34713, to complete achievements and electives, and plan activities. A complete description of the Tiger Cub program can be found in the "Tiger Cub Program" chapter of the Cub Scout Leader Book, No. 33221A.
- In 2005, the Tiger Cub orange uniform T-shirt was eliminated. Tiger Cubs now wear the blue Cub Scout uniform.
- In 2006, the Bobcat Rank is now required to be earned before a boy can earn his Tiger Rank.

THE BOBCAT TRAIL

When a boy is between the ages of seven and eleven years old or has (at least) completed kindergarten, he can become a Cub Scout. But, regardless of a qualifying boy's age, he must complete the Bobcat Trail as the first step in his Cub Scouting adventure.

In Rudyard Kipling's story, *The Jungle Book*, the black panther Bagheera is the mighty hunter that teaches the cubs the skills of the jungle. In Cub Scouting, we use the symbol of the Bobcat. You'll find his trail in the 2001 edition of the Tiger Cub Handbook (BSA 34713).

Along this trail the Cub Scout learns the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto. These are the three most important things a boy must learn because they will help him through all of the trails of Scouting.



Cub Scout Bobcat Rank

Bobcat Requirements

The first rank that EVERY boy MUST earn when entering the Cub Scouting Program is the Bobcat rank.

To earn the Bobcat rank the new Cub Scout must do the following:

1. Learn and say the **CUB SCOUT PROMISE** and complete the Honesty Character Connection.
 - a. **Know:** Discuss these questions with your family. What is a promise? What does it mean to "keep your word?" What does honesty mean? What does it mean to "do your best?"
 - b. **Commit:** Discuss these questions with your family. Why is a promise important? Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word? When might it be difficult to keep your word? List examples.
 - c. **Practice:** Discuss with family members why it is important to be trustworthy and honest and how can you do your best to be honest when you are doing the activities in Cub Scouting.

"I(name).... promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack."

2. Say the **LAW OF THE PACK**. Tell what it means.

"The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout Grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill."

3. Tell what **WEBELOS** means

"WE'll BE LOyal Scouts "

4. Show the **CUB SCOUT SIGN**. Tell what it means.
5. Show the **CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE**. Tell what it means.
6. Say the **CUB SCOUT MOTTO**. A motto is a guiding principle. "Do Your Best"
7. Give the **CUB SCOUT SALUTE**. Tell what it means.

With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet,

How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse.

[Tiger Cub: With your adult partner, complete the "Bobcat Requirements" section in front of the Contents pages of this handbook.]

The above items are the basic information that ALL Cub Scouts must learn, which is why EVERY boy who enters into Cub Scouting MUST earn the Bobcat Badge.

When you and your boy have completed the eight tracks of the Bobcat, your boy may wear his Bobcat badge.

The Tiger Cub Program

Tiger Cubs BSA gives parents an opportunity to provide their children with a safe, structured, and nurturing environment. Tiger Cubs and their adult partners have fun together while developing closer family relationships. Scouting can provide positive, enriching experiences and activities to complement a child's formal classroom education. Scouting and education share the common goal of helping young people grow into self-reliant, dependable, and caring adults.

Tiger Cubs BSA is a simple, fun, easy-to-operate program that helps a boy and his adult partner gain a better understanding of and an appreciation for the community environment in which they live, and even the world at large.

Tiger Cubs BSA offers an opportunity for boys to enter the Scouting family at an important age. Research has shown that early involvement in values-based programs is vital to strong character development. The longer a boy stays in Scouting, the more likely he is to develop the values and skills needed to become an ethical and productive citizen.

The Tiger Cub dens are a part of the Pack. Tiger Cub dens meet twice a month as a den, plus once a month for a "Go See It" activity, and they attend all pack meetings. There are Tiger Cub resource books and program helps available for the Tiger Cub Den Leaders, and a Tiger Cub Handbook for each Tiger Cub. Tiger Cubs BSA introduces boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they "Search, Discover, and Share" together.

The Tiger Cub program is designed for First Grade boys and the ideas are geared to their level. They are also arranged to help the boy and his adult partner interact together in a positive way.

So you're a new Tiger Cub Leader?

Here's a summary of how the Tiger Cub program works:

- Cub Scouts joining as first grade boys enter the Tiger Cub Program.
- Earn the Bobcat Rank.
- To begin his path to the Tiger Cub rank, a boy must first earn the Tiger Cub Totem by learning the Tiger Cub Motto, the Cub Scout Sign, and the Cub Scout Salute.
- Once he earns the Totem, to earn the Tiger Cub rank the boy must complete a Family Activity, a Den Activity, and a "Go See It" Activity in each of five Achievement areas.
- As he completes each Achievement, he is awarded a bead, which is hung from the Totem: a WHITE bead for each required Family Activity, an ORANGE bead for each required Den Activity, and a BLACK bead for each required "Go See It" Activity.
- After completing the fifteen activities required for the Tiger Cub rank, the Tiger Cub can be awarded Tiger Track Beads, which are YELLOW disks attached to the Totem. One bead is awarded for each group of 10 Electives the Tiger Cub completes.
- A boy can work on both Achievements and Electives concurrently, but he can't receive Tiger Track Beads until he has earned the Tiger Cub rank.

THE TIGER CUB TRAIL



Tiger Cub Rank

Tiger Cub Requirements

To begin his path to the Tiger Cub Rank, a boy must do the following to earn the Tiger Cub Totem:

- Learn the Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share
- Learn the Cub Scout Sign
- Learn the Cub Scout Salute



Once he earns the Totem, to earn the Tiger Cub rank the Tiger Cub Scout must complete a Family Activity, a Den Activity, and a "Go See It" Activity in each of five Achievement Areas:

1. Making My Family Special
2. Where I Live
3. Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe
4. How I Tell It
5. Let's Go Outdoors

As he completes each Achievement, he is awarded a bead, which is hung from the Totem.

- He earns a **WHITE** bead for each required **FAMILY** Activity.
- He earns an **ORANGE** bead for each required **DEN** Activity.
- He earns a **BLACK** bead for each required **GO SEE IT** Activity.

Remember, there are NO performance requirements for a boy. Simply participating and doing one's best in an activity constitutes completion.

1. Making My Family Special

○ **1F - Family Activity**

Think of one chore you can do with your adult partner. Complete it together.

- **Character Connection: Responsibility**

○ **1D - Den Activity**

Make a family scrapbook

Resource:

http://www.makingfriends.com/scrapbook_kids.htm

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/articles/oct01/ideas.html>

- **1G - Go See It Activity**
Go to a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building, or visit an older person in your community. Discover how family life was the same and how it was different many years ago.

Possible Go See It Options:

Houston Heritage Society

1100 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas 77002
713-655-1912
<http://www.heritagesociety.org/>

San Jacinto Monument and Museum

One Monument Circle
La Porte (Houston), Texas 77571-9585
281-479-2421
<http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/>

Texas Seaport Museum

Pier 21, Number 8
Galveston, Texas 77550
409-763-1877
<http://www.tsm-elissa.org/>

West Bay Common School Children’s Museum

210 North Kansas Avenue
League City, Texas 77573
281-554-2994
<http://www.oneroomschoolhouse.org/>

Resource: <http://maps.google.com/>
<http://www.mapquest.com/>
<http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/>

- **2D - Den Activity**
Practice the Pledge of Allegiance with your den, and participate in a den or pack flag ceremony.
 - **Character Connection: Citizenship**

Resource: <http://www.usscouts.org/flag.asp>

- **2G - Go See It Activity**
Visit a police station or a fire station. Ask someone who works there how he or she helps people in your community.

Possible Go See It Options:

Houston Fire Museum

2403 Milam Street
Houston, Texas 7706
Phone (713) 524-2526
<http://www.houstonfiremuseum.org/>

Houston Police Museum

17000 Aldine Westfield
Houston, TX 77073
Phone (281) 230-2360 Ext 2361
<http://www.houstontx.gov/police/museum2.htm>

Note: The Houston and Bellaire Police Substations and Fire Stations have been great places for “go see its”. Be sure to call ahead to make an appointment and check availability. Bringing baked goods for the officers or fireman is a great way of saying “thank you” for their time.

2. Where I Live

- **2F - Family Activity**
Look at a map of your community with your adult partner.

3. Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

- **3F - Family Activity**
 - a. With your family, plan a fire drill then practice it in your home.
 - b. With your adult partner, plan what to do if you became lost or separated from your family in a strange place.
- **3D - Den Activity**

Make a Food Guide Pyramid

 - **Character Connection: Health and Fitness**

Resources:

<http://www.mypyramid.gov/>
http://teamnnutrition.usda.gov/Resources/mpk_poster.pd

- **3G - Go See It Activity**

Learn the rules of a game or sport. Then, go watch an amateur or professional game or sporting event.

Possible Go See It Options:

Houston Baptist University

7502 Fondren Road
Houston, TX 77073
Phone (281) 649-6000
<http://www.hbuhuskies.com>
(Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball and Softball)

Pilgrim Lutheran School

8601 Chimney Rock Road
Houston, TX 77096
Phone (281) 666-3706
<http://www.pilgrimluthेरanschool.org/>
(Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, and Softball)

4. How I Tell It

- **4F - Family Activity**

At a family meal, have each family member take turns telling the others one thing that happened to him or her that day. Remember to practice being a good listener while you wait for your turn to talk.

 - **Character Connection: Respect**
- **4D - Den Activity**

Play "Tell It Like It Isn't"
- **4G - Go See It Activity**

Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper office. Find out how people there communicate with others.

Possible Go See It Options:

The Museum of Printing History

1324 West Clay Street
Houston, Texas 77019
Phone: (713) 522-4652
<http://38.100.66.22/index.html>

Houston Chronicle

801 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas 77002
Phone:(713) 362-7171
www.chron.com

Note: Most, if not all of the television and radio stations in the Houston market do not allow elementary aged children in their studios.

5. Let's Go Outdoors

This achievement is also part of Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Award.

o **5F - Family Activity**

Go outside and watch the weather

- Character Connection: Faith

Resource:

The John C. Freeman Weather Museum

5104 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77004

713-529-3076

www.wxresearch.com

o **5D - Den Activity**

With a crayon or colored pencil and a piece of paper, make a leaf rubbing.

o **5G - Go See It Activity**

Take a hike with your den.

Possible Go See It Options:

Armand Bayou Nature Center

8500 Bay Area Blvd

Pasadena, Texas 77258

281-474-2551

<http://www.abnc.org/>

Hana and Arthur Ginzburg Nature Discovery Center

7112 Newcastle; Bellaire, TX 77401

713-667-6550

www.naturediscoverycenter.org

Mercer Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

22306 Aldine Westfield Road

Humble, Texas 77338

281-443-8731

<http://www.hcp4.net/mercero>

After completing the fifteen Achievements, the Tiger Cub is awarded the Tiger Cub Patch.



After completing the fifteen Achievements required for the Tiger Cub Rank Badge, the Tiger Cub can be awarded Tiger Track Beads, which are YELLOW disks attached to the Totem. One bead is awarded for each group of TEN Electives the Tiger Cub completes. A boy can work on both Achievements and electives concurrently, but he can't receive Tiger Track beads until he has earned the Tiger Cub Badge.

Tiger Cub Electives

Remember, there are NO performance requirements for a boy. Simply participating and doing one's best in an activity constitutes completion.

1. Think of a time when your family celebrated something, and tell the den about it and how it made your feel.
2. Make a decoration with your family or your den. Display it or give it to someone as a gift.
3. With your family, play a card or board game, or put a jigsaw puzzle together.
4. Make a frame for a family picture.
5. Make a family mobile.

6. Along with your adult partner, teach a song to your family or to your den and sing it together.
7. Make a musical instrument and play it with others. The others can sing or have instruments of their own.
8. Invite a religious leader from your place of worship to your home or to your den meeting.
9. Help a new boy or girl get to know other people.
10. Along with your adult partner, help an elderly or shut-in person with a chore.
11. Help collect food, clothing, or toys for needy families with your den or pack.
12. Make at least two cards or decorations and take them to a hospital or long-term care facility.
13. Using US pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, choose the correct coins to make the following amounts.
14. Together with your adult partner, read a short story or a magazine article.
15. Mix the primary colors to make orange, green, and purple.
16. With your den, show or tell about something you like to collect, OR tell your den about a favorite hobby or activity.
17. Make a model.
18. Sew a button onto fabric.
19. Learn a magic trick and show it to your family or den.
20. With your den, make up a PSA (Public Service Announcement) kit to tell people about Tiger Cubs.
21. Make a puppet.
22. With your family or with your den, have a picnic -- indoors or outdoors.
23. Find out what kind of milk your family drinks and why.
24. Help the adult who is preparing the family meal to set the table and clean up afterwards.
25. Make a snack and share it with your family or den.
26. With a toy phone, or a disconnected phone, practice making phone calls and answering the telephone.

27. Talk to your adult partner about what to do if these things happened:
 - o The adult who is caring for you becomes ill.
 - o You are alone with someone who makes you feel uncomfortable.
28. With your adult partner, check the batteries in the smoke detector in your home or another building.
29. Talk with your adult partner about when you should use sunscreen. Find out whether you have any in your home and where it is kept. With your adult partner, look at a container of sunscreen and find out whether it still protects you when you are wet. Also, find out how long you are protected before you have to put on more. Look for the expiration date and make sure the sunscreen is not too old.
30. Plant a seed, pit, or greens from something you have eaten.
31. Learn about an animal.
32. Make a bird feeder and then hang it outdoors.
33. With your den or family, play Cleanup Treasure Hunt.
34. With your adult partner, think of a way to conserve water or electricity and do it for one week.
35. Play a game outdoors with your family or den.
36. With your family or your den, go see a play or musical performance in your community.
37. Take a bike ride with your adult partner.
38. Visit a bike repair shop.
39. Visit the place where your adult partner or another adult works.
40. Together with an adult partner, go swimming or take part in an activity on water.
41. Visit a train station, bus station, airport or boat dock.
42. Visit a zoo or aquarium.
43. Visit a veterinarian or animal groomer.
44. Visit a dairy, a milk-processing plant, or a cheese factory.
45. Visit a bakery.
46. Visit a dentist or dental hygienist.
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48. Learn about what you can recycle in your community and how you can recycle at home. Learn about things that need to be recycled in special ways, such as paint and batteries.
49. Take a ride on public transportation, such as a bus or train.
50. Visit a government office such as the mayor's office, the state capitol building, or a courthouse.
51. Visit a bank.

Tiger Cub Achievement Tracker

The following link is for a great Achievement Tracker for helping you keep up with who did what and when.

<http://madsenco.com/scouting.shtml>

System Requirements

All trackers are Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and require either Microsoft Excel 2000 or later or another compatible spreadsheet program. Note that these spreadsheets are NOT compatible with Microsoft Works. If you do not own a compatible version of Microsoft Excel you must either purchase one or download OpenOffice, which includes an Excel-compatible spreadsheet program. All trackers are compressed in .zip format to reduce file size and decrease download time. If your computer cannot open .zip files, then you must download a .zip decompression program such as Winzip. PDF versions are also available for manual tracking, and require a PDF reader such as Adobe Reader.



Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program

The Cub Scouts Academics and Sports Program is one method of addressing the third aim of Scouting: the development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect). As in most activities in Cub Scouting, this is not meant to be a highly competitive program; instead, the boys are encouraged to **“DO THEIR BEST”**.

The Academic and Sports Program is an optional program for all Cub Scouts. It is not part of the normal requirements towards ranks, except where used in obtaining various Webelos activity badges and Wolf Elective 20 (Sports). Its purpose is to assist the Scouts in learning a new skill, or improving ones they already possess.

A variety of recognition items are available for the boys (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, or Webelos Scouts) who participate in the program.

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program is a supplemental enrichment program that complements the existing Cub Scout program. The Academics subjects and, Sports activities allow boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, develop sportsmanship - and have fun. Boys participating in the program will be recognized for enjoying teamwork, developing physical fitness, and discovering and building new talents. The Academics and Sports program encourages a boy to do his best.

Cub Scout Academic Program

Currently, recognition can be earned for the following 17 academic areas:

Art, Astronomy, Chess, Citizenship, Collecting, Communicating, Computers, Language and Culture, Geography, Geology, Heritages, Map and Compass, Mathematics, Music, Science, Weather, and Wildlife Conservation.

Cub Scout Sports Program

Currently, recognition can be earned for the following 23 sports:

Archery, BB-Gun, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Bicycling, Bowling, Fishing, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Skating, Marbles, Physical Fitness, Roller Skating, Snow Ski and Board Sports, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Ultimate, Volleyball

Requirements for the Cub Scout Academic and Sport Program can be found at: <http://www.usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/a-s.html>

Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award



Requirements:

All Ranks

Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camp.

Tiger Cubs

Complete one requirement in Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors" (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed below.

Outdoor Activities

With your den, pack, or family:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighiter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.

Leave No Trace Awareness Award

6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
12. Participate in an outdoor Scout's Own or other worship service.
13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules.



Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge

I promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines wherever I go:

- Plan ahead.
- Stick to trails.
- Manage your pet.
- Leave what you find.
- Respect other visitors.
- Trash your trash.

Tiger Cub Scout Requirements

- Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
- Complete the activities for Achievement 5, Let's Go Outdoors.
- Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project.
- Promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
- Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.

Additional information about the Leave No Trace program may be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/13-032/>

Summertime Activity Pin



Scouts who participate in at least three qualifying Summertime pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award Pin. It is worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform.

Cub Scout Definitions and Acronyms

Area Director (AD)

A professional Scouter on a Regional Staff who relates to, and often lives in, a certain area, and works with the Area President in giving direct service to local councils.

Associate District Executive (ADE)

A professional Scouter who works under the direction of a District Executive (DE).

Assistant Den Leader (ADL)

A commissioned volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the Chartered Organization to help the Cub Scout Den Leader.

Assistant Webelos Den Leader (WA)

Adult assistant in a Webelos Den.

Aims of Scouting

The aims are character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.

Akela

A name of respect for a good leader in Cub Scouting, such as Cubmaster, Den Leader, Den Chief, school teacher, or parent.

Arrow Of Light (AOL)

The highest rank in U.S. Cub Scouting. It's the only Cub Scout rank that a Scout can wear on his Scout uniform.

Arrow Point

An award for earning 10 elective credits as a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout: The first 10 electives earned in either rank are represented by a Gold Arrow Point; subsequent groups of 10 earn Silver Arrow Points.

Baloo

(Pronounced Bah-LOO.) The friendly bear in Kipling's Jungle Book that taught Mowgli the law of the jungle. Parents and adult guides act as Baloo for Cub Scouts on the Bear trail in the same way they took the part of Akela for Cub Scouts on the Wolf trail.

BALOO Training

Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation. This course is designed for leaders who are in charge Pack campouts. Among other topics, this course covers the rules, guidelines, and safety considerations for "family camping" organized by a Pack. Any adult who has an interest in camping can take this course.

Baden-Powell, Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth - (1857-1940) (BP)

Founder of the world-wide Scouting Movement. As a British officer, he was sent to South Africa to defend Mafeking. To help teach the poorly prepared troops under his command how to live in the out-of-doors, he made up games he called "Stunts for Scouting." When he returned to England, he wrote them into a book called Aids to Scouting that found their way into boy's hands. Thus started the Scouting movement.

Bear

The third rank in Cub Scouting. The rank designed for a Cub Scout in the third grade (or 9 years old). Combinations: "Bear achievements," "Bear badge," "Bear Cub Scout," "Bear electives," "Bear trail."

Blue and Gold Banquet

A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and of Cub Scouting in 1930. May be called "blue and gold dinner." Capitalize only when part of a full title: "Pack 214 Blue and Gold Banquet."

Bobcat

The first rank of Cub Scouting; regardless of age, all Scouts must earn this rank first.

Boyce, William D. - (1858-1929)

Discovered Scouting in England, and the main organizer of the Boy Scouts of America. He knew how to work with boys by employing 20,000 sales boys distributing his weekly publications. On a trip to London, he was

guided in a London fog by a Boy Scout who would not take pay for his service. He was so impressed that after talking with Baden-Powell, he brought the idea back to America. He also founded the "Lone Scouts."

Boy Scout

A registered male member of a nationally recognized Scout Program. In America, he is a registered member, who is 11 or has earned the Arrow of Light Award, or has completed the fifth grade, but not yet eighteen years of age. Also see SCOUT.

Boy Scouts of America

A national organization chartered by Congress to teach boys to become good citizens. Founded and incorporated on February 8, 1910. The legal name of the organization is singular.

Boys' Life Magazine

Official magazine, published monthly for all scouts belonging to the Boy Scouts of America. Began in 1912 by Joseph Lane as a part of a reading program for boys.

Bridging

A ceremony where Webelos Cub Scouts cross a ceremonial bridge to signify their transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. This is normally done at a Cub Scout Pack Meeting with Boy Scouts from the Webelos' new troop participating. This is NOT a graduation ceremony from Cub Scouts, it is rather an induction ceremony into Boy Scouts.

BSA

Short for the Boy Scouts of America.

BSA family camping

An outdoor camping experience, other than resident camping, that involves elements of Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, or Venturing in overnight settings with two or more family members, including at least one BSA member of the family.

BSA Family program

The BSA Family program, as outlined in the BSA Family Book, helps strengthen families of Cub Scouts and encourages family involvement in Scouting. The program includes a weekly "family talk" that provides family members an opportunity to learn and practice relationship skills as well as suggested family activities that fulfill requirements for registered BSA families to earn the BSA Family Award.

BSA Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. In the future Scouting will continue to:

- Offer young people responsible fun and adventure
- Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law
- Train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership
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- Serve America's communities and families with its quality values-based program

Assistant Cubmaster (CA)

A commissioned volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the Chartered Organization to help the Cubmaster.

Camp Fire

An evening activity where scouts gather for relaxation, fun, and song. There may be an actual fire, or not.

Committee Chair (CC)

The adult leader of the troop committee, may also be a member of the chartered organization. Provides the motivation and direction to the committee to get the Troop Program implemented, as decided by the PLC. Also, pack committee chair - provides organization to pack committee to carry out pack program.

Camp Director (CD)

The Scouter in charge of the administration of a Boy Scout camp or Cub Scout day camp or resident camp. May also refer to Camping Director - A professional Scouter responsible for development of a council's year-round camping program.

Charter of the Boy Scouts of America

This Congressional Act of Incorporation, passed on June 15, 1916, authorized and set standards for the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America. It also protects the name, emblems, badges, and descriptive or designating marks, words, or phrases of the program. See "Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America."

Cub Master (CM)

Adult Leader of a Cub Scout Pack. A commissioned volunteer Scouter, 21 or older, appointed by the Chartered Organization.

Chartered Organization (CO)

A religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other community-based organization that has applied for and received a charter to operate a BSA Scouting unit.

Commissioner

A volunteer Scouter who works with packs, troops, and teams to help the units succeed. In addition to council commissioner, there are district-, assistant district-, roundtable-, huddle-, program-, and unit commissioners.

Council

A unit responsible for a number of districts in the same geographical area. It organizes training courses, summer camps, and other events as needed. It responsible membership, advancement, and records for its units and members.

Charter Representative/Chartered Organization Representative (CR/COR)

An adult representative of the group or organization that currently holds the BSA Charter. Reports information to and from the chartered organization and the Troop. Represents the organization to the local council.

Crackerbarrel

A gathering of Scouts and/or Scouters for friendship and fellowship with light snacks and refreshments.

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training (CSLBT)

Taken after Fast Start training, this may be delivered as a one-day training course, a three-step course, or a self study course. Webelos leader outdoor training and the den leader coach seminar are also part of the basic training for those leaders.

Cubmaster

An adult leader of a Cub Scout Pack, who usually runs a pack meeting.

Cub Scout

A registered youth member of a Cub Scout pack or one registered as a Lone Cub Scout who has completed first grade but who has not yet completed third grade, or who is age 8 or 9.

Crossover

When Webelos Scouts become Boy Scouts: "Webelos crossover."

Cub Scout Academics and Sports program

A supplemental enrichment program that complements Cub Scouting. A pack may select any of 29 sports or academic subjects to pursue. Sports or Academics belt loops, pins, and jacket letters recognize the Cub Scouts for participation and practice.

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best.

Cub Scout Promise

I, [name], promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people,
and To obey the Law of the Pack.

Cub Scout Salute

A hand salute made by Cub Scouts and Cub Scouters with the fingers of the right hand held in position as for the Cub Scout sign, except that the index and middle fingers are held together. The tips of the fingers touch the right eyebrow or the bill of the Cub Scout cap.

Cub Scout Sign

A sign made by raising the right hand straight up high over the head with the palm forward. The first two fingers are wide apart and pointing up as in a V. The thumb covers the nails of the ring and little fingers. Used when repeating the Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack and as a signal for quiet in meetings.

District Award of Merit (DAM)

A recognition for Scouters who give noteworthy service to youth at the District/Exploring Division level.

Day Camp

A nonresidential camp conducted during the daytime hours only on a council or district basis for Cub Scouts and/or Webelos Scouts.

Den Chief (DC)

A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Explorer who helps direct the activities of a den. Appointed by the SPL with SM advice and consent. Also Webelos den chief, who provides the same function for a Webelos den.

District Committee (DC)

A group of volunteer adults responsible for carrying out the council program within their district.

District Executive (DE)

A professional Scouter who works under the direction of the Scout Executive and is responsible for the achievements of the district.

Den

A small neighborhood group of Cub Scouts, who meet weekly.

Den Chief

A Boy Scout who leads Cub Scouts in their den activities and helps the Den Leader.

Den Leader

A leader of a den who plans and conducts den meetings, whose back yard or home the Den commonly meets.

Denner

A cub Scout who is the leader of his den, generally selected by the den members.

District

A geographical entity within a local council, that meets monthly to oversee the operation of local units.

Den Leader (DL)

Adult leader of a Cub Scout Den. A registered volunteer, 21 or older, appointed by the Pack committee to plan and direct the den's activities.

Fast Start training

Adult volunteer leadership training that immediately furnishes the information new leaders need to help them get started, help them understand what is expected of them, and assist in establishing effective meeting patterns. Combinations: "Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training," "take Fast Start training."

Fleur-de-lis

Lily or iris flower; the shape of the Scout Badge.

Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Use this term instead of "Sustaining Membership Enrollment." An annual opportunity for Scouters and interested people in the community to be identified with the local council through their financial support and influence in the expansion of the council program. Enrollees are known as "Friends."

Gilwell Park

The training center of the British Scout Association and the original homesite of Wood Badge Training. Located in Epping Forest, England.

Good Turn

An act of service to someone else without expecting a reward or praise. It is the main part of the scout slogan, "Do a good turn Daily," which is one of the distinctive features of the scout movement introduced by B-P.

Jungle Book, The

Written by Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), The Jungle Book tells the story of Mowgli and the wolf pack, and is the story the B-P used as the basis for Cub Scouting.

Law of the Pack

Four ideals for U.S. Cub Scouts to try to follow every day.

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Leader-Specific Training

The basic course of training for adult leaders, beginning with New Leader Essentials and progressing to leader-specific courses such as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training and Varsity Coach and Assistant Coach Leader Specific Training.

Leave No Trace

The BSA is committed to this nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics awareness program to reduce impacts on the environment and other people. The seven principles should be followed at all times in the outdoors: Plan ahead and prepare; camp and travel on durable surfaces; pack it in, pack it out; leave what you find; minimize campfire use; respect wildlife; and respect others. When used as an adjective, capitalize and do not hyphenate: "Follow all Leave No Trace principles in the backcountry."

Member of the Committee (MC)

Adult volunteer who serves on the committee which carries out the unit program. Members are involved in operation of the unit as in finance, advancement, transportation, fund raising, and other duties determined by the CC and SM or CM or DC. Committees can be unit (pack, troop, post), district, or council.

National Camping School (NCS)

A training program to train Scouters who will serve in leadership roles in Summer Camps. All senior camp staff must attend NCS for certification in their field for the camp to be accredited. This includes: Camp Dir, Program Dir, Program Commissioner, Aquatics Dir, C.O.P.E. Dir, Shooting Sports Dir. and others.

Neckerchief

A bandana that is smartly worn around the neck of a scout, which is secured by a neckerchief slide. One of the distinctive features of the scout movement introduced by B-P.

New Leader Essentials

Prevents an overview of the core elements of Scouting, including the BSA's Mission, aims and methods. It provides leaders a look at available resources. Leaders will get a clear understanding of Scouting's expectations of adult leadership.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:

Be clean in my outdoor manners. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire. I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only where they are appropriate. When I have finished using fire, I will make sure it is cold-out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

Be conservation-minded. I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

Quality Awards

Recognition given each charter year to units and each calendar year to districts, councils, areas, and regions that commit to and meet specified national standards pertaining to leader training, service, advancement, camping, and membership growth. Examples: "The Quality Unit Award is given to Quality Units," "national Quality Unit Award."

OWL Training

Outdoor Webelos Leaders Training - specifically designed to give you the skills you need to be a GREAT Webelos Leader! Not only will you experience fun, hands-on activities relating to Forester, Geologist, Naturalist, and Outdoorsman Webelos pins, but you will also learn about planning overnight campouts, site/tent selection, bedding/weather, cooking/sanitation, fire building, knots, ropes, woods tools and first aid. Leaders leave this training with excitement for the Webelos Program and lots of ideas to utilize with their Webelos Patrol. This training occurs mostly outdoors.

Pack

A group made up of several Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout dens that conducts the Cub Scout program for the chartered organization.. The pack includes not only the boys in the dens but also their families and leaders.

Pack Committee (PC)

Serves to implement the Pack Program and operate the Pack on a day-to-day basis. This includes: finance, transportation, fund raising, etc.

Pinewood Derby

A pack activity that involves making and racing model cars on a track.

Pow Wow

Cub Scout Pow Wow - A one-day training conference, held annually, for Cub Scout leaders. Participants can choose from lots and lots of topics helpful for planning Cub Scout events.

Philmont Scout Ranch

It's 137,000 acres of wild country was gift to BSA by Waite Phillips. Later he gave 91,000 acres more so that the scouts could have best backpacking, horseback riding, mountain climbing, and other outdoor adventures around. There are more than 10 base camps, and fourteen trail camps that individuals or troops can enjoy. Training courses are held for Scouters, both volunteers and professionals. Families are welcome along for a businessman's holiday. A trek at Philmont is called a Philtrek.

Philmont Training Center (PTC)

A center at Philmont Scout Ranch that hosts training seminars for selected Scouts and Scouters on topics ranging from Key-3's, to OA Advisers, to program leader training, to Commissioner training, etc. Attendance is by invitation upon local council nomination.

Programs of Religious Activities With Youth (P.R.A.Y.)

An organization outside the BSA that administers religious awards for youth-serving organizations, including the BSA, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire. Note the periods in the abbreviation.

Raingutter Regatta

A pack activity that involves making and racing model boats

Recharter

Each unit designates leaders to present updated paperwork to the council.

Registered Member

Annually, every youth and adult who wants to join or continue membership in the Boy Scouts of America must submit a completed application form or reregister and pay an annual registration fee.

Religious Awards-

To aid a Scout in his duty to God, churches and synagogues have developed awards for the Scouts of their faith. These are not Scout awards or metals but may be worn on the Scout uniform, along with a special Knot patch issued by BSA. Some of them are; "Ad Altare Dei" for the Catholic Faith, "Ner Tamid" for the Jewish, "Pro Deo et Patria" for the Lutheran, "God and Country" for the Protestant, and the Mormon's have their "Faith in God," and "On my Honor Awards."

Religious Emblems Program

Various religious organizations have designed requirements and procedures for participants in this Scouting program to earn the religious emblem of their faith.

Roundtable

A program-planning and morale-building meeting of adult leaders, usually held monthly on a district level.

School Night for Scouting

A one-night event held in a neighborhood school, church, community center, etc., where boys and parents gather to hear how Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting operate and how they can join.

Scout Executive

The chief executive officer of the council responsible for the administration, financing, marketing, motivation, recruiting, and staffing required for successful council operations.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. (There are 12 points to the Scout Law.)

Scout Motto

Be Prepared.

Scout Salute

A hand salute made by Scouts and Scouters with the fingers of the right hand held in position as for the Scout sign.

Scout Shop

A BSA-owned store, operated by the Supply Division, that sells official Scouting merchandise.

Scout Sign

A sign made by raising the right hand palm forward, upper arm straight, and out to the side. The arm is bent at the elbow, forming a right angle. The three middle fingers are held erect and the thumb covers the nail of the little finger.

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily.

Scout Sunday

The Sunday before February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day.

Tiger Cub

A boy who is in the first grade (or is 7 years old) and registered, with his adult partner, as a member of a Tiger Cub den.

Tiger Cub Den

A den of five to eight Tiger Cubs and their adult partners. Part of a Cub Scout pack. No longer called a "Tiger Cub group."

Tiger Cub Motto

Search, Discover, Share.

Tiger Cub Scout

A registered male member of the Boy Scouts of America who is six or seven years of age, who with an adult partner participates in a monthly activity with other

Tiger Tracks

One form of recognition awarded to a Tiger Cub for each big idea completed by the den. The corresponding iron-on Tiger Track, from the Family Activity Packet, is added to the front of the boy's Tiger Cub uniform shirt.

Tour Permit

A document that must be filed with the council office before any official scouting activity can take place. Special permits are required for travel out-of-state, over 500 miles, or for flying activities.

Unit Commissioner (UC)

A volunteer Scouter who works with packs, troops, and teams to help them succeed. Carries information and questions to and from the unit, to and from the local council

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting is a one-day leader training event for any adult leader involved in the Scouting program (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture, and others). It is offered once a year where the training day will be broken into 50-minute workshops that cover over 120 topics in program, skills, administration, interests, crafts, program planning, and much more. Participants will select which workshops they wish to attend.

Volunteer

Individual who donates service, time, or funds to support the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Volunteer Service

The work of men and women throughout the country who make Scouting available to youth by their service at all levels of the Scouting organization—all done without pay. The voting members of the council are volunteer Scouters.

Webelos

The Cub Scout den for ten year-old boys, that prepares them to become Boy Scouts. It means "We'll be loyal Scouts," and comes from the words Wolf, Bear, Lion, and Scout, the earlier ranks of Cub Scouting. The word "Webelos" (means WE'll BE LOyal Scouts) should always be used as a modifier, never as a noun.

Webelos Badge

The fifth rank in Cub Scouting; earned by Webelos Scouts in a Webelos den.

Webelos Den

A group of Webelos Scouts who meet weekly under the supervision of a Webelos den leader.

Webelos Den Chief

A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer who has been appointed to help direct the activities of a Webelos den.

Webelos Den Leader

A registered volunteer member, age 21 or older, appointed by the pack committee to plan and direct the den's activities.

Webelos Den Leader Award

An award available to Webelos den leaders for completing requirements of tenure, training, and performance.

Webelos Scout

(Pronounced WEE-buh-los.) A Cub Scout who has completed the third grade or is age 10 but has not yet completed fifth grade or reached age 11 1/2, and is a member of a

Webelos Scout Overnighter

A one- or two-night campout by Webelos Scouts and their adult partners.

Webelos Woods

Troops mentor Webelos Scouts in the Cub Scout to Scout transition through activities, exhibits and competitions. (4th and 5th grade Webelos)

Wolf

The universal Cub Scout symbol; the second rank in U.S. Cub Scouting. The rank designed for a second-grade or 8-year-old Cub Scout.

Woodbadge Training

As the adult leadership skills training course for the BSA, Wood Badge focuses on strengthening every volunteer's ability to work with and lead groups of youth and adults. The course teaches participants the basic of listening, communicating, valuing people, team development, situational leadership, problem solving, and managing conflict. Once the skill is learned, each participant is given the opportunity to use the skill as a member of a successful working team. At the conclusion of the course, each participant develops a set of personal goals related to his or her Scouting role. Working these goals allows the participant to practice and demonstrate new skills.

Woodbadge

A training award granted upon completion of the Wood Badge course. A leather thong with two wooden beads, a special neckerchief, and a slide (woggle) are worn by those who have completed training.

World Conservation Award

An award emphasizing the importance of our natural resources and our interdependence with other countries in our world environment. Two awards are offered-one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts.

World Crest

This emblem may be worn by all members as an expression of world brotherhood.

World Friendship Fund

Funds administered by BSA to aid Scout associations around the world.

World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM)

The international, non-governmental organization that is composed of over 120 member countries, which through the World Scout - Conference, - Committee, and -Bureau administer the basis of Scouting around the world.

Youth Protection Plan (YPP)

Guidelines and policies, in place, to help fight child abuse. This BSA Emphasis fights child abuse by teaching youth the "three R's": Recognize, Resist, and Report child abuse; by helping parents and Scouters learn to recognize indicators of child abuse; and by teaching them how to handle child abuse situations.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

Highly recommended for all leaders in direct contact with youth, this comprehensive training course guides you on the do's and don'ts of working with youth. At all times, the youths' safety is the number one priority. At the same time, a leader needs to know the rules for keeping him/herself safe, too. **YPT is a required training for certain outings, including day camp.**