



Parent Orientation Guide



Welcome to the Cub Scout Adventure!



Fun, Excitement and Outdoor Adventures!

At Tonight's Meeting, We Will:

- Inform Parents and Kids About Cub Scouting
- Register for Cub Scouting
- Parent Involvement is critical to the Program



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Your Scout, Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your Scout to grow up to be a person of worth, self-reliance, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth. Scouting IS family values . . . at the same time, Cub Scout aged children do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Children join the Cub Scouts because IT IS FUN!!

ADVENTURE IS WAITING!

Statistics show that over the long term, children and youth who have experienced Scouting's programs are more likely to have success in school, career, stronger ethics, and better relationships with others. For example:

- Children with 5 or more years in Scouting are more likely to graduate from high school (98%) than those who never were Scouts (83%)
- Former Scouts are also more likely to be college graduates (40%) than non-Scouts (16%)
- One third of Scouts who were active in Scouting for five years or more have household incomes of \$50,000 or more, compared to half of that rate for non-Scouts. (Source: Harris and Associates study)



My Scouting Information

- My Council is: **Pacific Skyline Council**
- Our Pack number is: _____
- My Cubmaster's name is: _____
- Their phone number is: _____
- My Pack meets on: _____
- My Pack meets at: _____
- My Scouting District is: _____
- Our Den number is: _____
- My Den Leader's name is: _____
- Their phone number is: _____
- My Den meets on: _____
- My Den meets at: _____

My Scout is a:



Lion (K)



Tiger (1st Gr)



Wolf (2nd Gr)



Bear (3rd Gr)



Webelos (4th Gr)



Arrow of Light (5th Gr)

How Cub Scouting Works

Scouting is Family Oriented

- Activities are usually intended for the whole family.
- Parents work with their Scout on their advancement award requirements.
- Many skills children will learn will help them be a strong family member

The Cub Scout Den

Your Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Den.

- Dens usually meet once per week.
- Dens are led by a Den leader (nearly always a parent).
- Den leaders are helped by an assistant Den leader, a Den chief (a Boy Scout helper), and a Denner (a Cub Scout elected by Den members).
- Den meetings involve games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

The Cub Scout Pack

Your Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Pack

- A Pack meets once per month -- all Cub Scout families are invited to attend.
- The Pack meeting is led by the Pack's Cubmaster.
- The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month's Den meetings and activities
- Pack meetings are designed to be fun and usually involve: games, songs, skits, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that children earned during the month.

The Pack Committee

- The Pack is run by a committee of volunteer parents.
- The Pack committee is made up of Den leaders, the Cubmaster, and parents.
- The Pack committee is led by the Pack Committee Chairperson.
- The committee plans Pack meetings and activities around the monthly theme.
- The committee selects, trains and recognizes leaders, keeps the records, manages finances, finds meeting places, orders badges, and maintains the Pack's equipment.

The Chartering Organization

The Pack is "owned" by a chartering organization, usually a parent association, religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in helping youth. The chartering organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the Pack according to their own guidelines and the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. The chartering organization selects a representative to serve as liaison between the Pack, the organization and the district and council.

Cub Scout Activities

Pinewood Derby

Parent and their Scout work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Most Packs conduct races annually.



Cub Cruise

Cubs take a 1.5 hour tour around the San Francisco Bay learning about the various tidal habitats and basic boating safety.



Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by your Pack, usually in February. Most Packs hold some type of dinner, and a special program or entertainment is customary.



Cub On and Cub-Parent Weekend

Weekend family camping experiences at Cutter and Boulder Creek Scout



Reservations. The Scout and their family will enjoy lots of outdoor fun! Such as BB guns, archery, watercrafts, Scoutcrafts and more!

Scouting for Food

Each November, our council partners with the Second Harvest Food Bank to provide food for the hungry. Scouts canvas neighborhoods for donations of food and then deliver it to the food bank. This activity supports the Citizenship Aim of Scouting.



Supplemental Fun!

Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for children and adults. **BOYS' LIFE** has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U. S. History. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Special subscription rate for all Cubs and Scouts of \$12.00 per year.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Local exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, BB guns, archery, and loads of FUN!



Cub Scout Advancement

The responsibility for a Scout's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the Pack. Some advancement requirements are done at Den meetings, but most are completed at home with the family.

Bobcat

All children, Tigers, Webelos, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "WEBELOS." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the youth work on requirements based on their grade level.



Lion

A Scout who is 6 years old or in Kindergarten joins Cub Scouting with their parent or adult guardian. Tigers and their adult partners are just that, partners. They attend meetings together, go on adventures like field trips together, and complete requirements together.



Tiger

A Scout who is 7 years old or in the first grade joins Cub Scouting with their parent or adult guardian. Theirs is unique relative to other ranks in Cub Scouting. Tigers and their adult partners are just that, partners. They attend meetings together, go on adventures like field trips together, and complete requirements together.

Wolf



A Scout who is 8 years old or is in the second grade is a Wolf, and their adventures are found in the Wolf Handbook. After completing the requirements for Bobcat they may go on to complete the requirements for the Wolf rank and the many electives that are offered for their rank. The Den meeting plans for the Wolf rank adventures are found in the Wolf Den Leader Guide along with other tips and hints for running a fun Cub Scout Program. The Den meeting plans for the Wolf rank adventures are found in the Wolf Den Leader Guide along with other tips and hints for running a fun Cub Scout Program.

Bear



A Scout who is 9 years old or is in the third grade is a Bear, and their adventures are found in the Bear Handbook. Like all other new Cub Scouts, a Bear must first earn their Bobcat rank. After completing the requirements for Bobcat he may go on to complete the requirements for the Bear rank and the many electives that are offered for their rank. The Den meeting plans for the Bear rank adventures are found in the Bear Den Leader Guide along with other tips and hints for running a fun Cub Scout Program. The Den meeting plans for the Bear rank adventures are found in the Bear Den Leader Guide along with other tips and hints for running a fun Cub Scout Program.

Webelos



A Scout who is 10 years old or is in the fourth grade is a Webelos Scout, and their adventures are found in the Webelos Handbook. Like all other new Cub Scouts, a Webelos must first earn their Bobcat rank. After completing the requirements for Bobcat he may go on to complete the requirements for the Webelos rank and the many electives that are offered for their rank. The Den meeting plans for the Webelos rank adventures are found in the Webelos Den Leader Guide along with other tips and hints for running a fun Cub Scout Program.

Arrow of Light



All Cub Scouts, except for those youth who join Cub Scouting for the first time in fifth grade, must earn their Webelos rank prior to earning Arrow of Light. The requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light may be worked on at the same time but the tenure requirements for each must be met and the awards must be earned and presented sequentially.

Your Role as a Parent/Guardian

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve your Scout and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is *NOT* required!

What does it take to be a volunteer? What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

What Do You Receive In Return?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talent and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing pride in the Scout's accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help youth learn good citizenship and to help shape them into leaders who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of youth as they grow.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both children and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization--wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.



Pack Volunteer Leadership

Cubmaster

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack committee. Leads the monthly Pack meeting and attends the monthly Pack committee meeting. Usually the point of contact between the Pack and Scouting district.



Den Leader(s)

Coordinates the leadership of the Den with the other parents at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings and activities. Attends monthly Pack Committee meetings.

Pack Committee

Committee members (positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the Pack.

Committee Chair

Presides at all Pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and committee members. Also attends the monthly Pack meeting.

Pack Trainer

Conducts orientation of new families and Pack leaders. Trains each new leader and committee member for their or her specific position, using material provided by the BSA.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps all records for the Pack, including the Pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends the monthly Pack meeting and monthly Pack committee meeting.

Advancement Chair

Maintains advancement records for the Pack. Orders and obtains all badges and awards for children. Attends monthly Pack meetings and monthly Pack committee meetings.

Parent Helpers

Each year the Pack will undertake many short term projects. Parents are needed for activities such as Pack fund-raisers (popcorn sale, etc.), Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Friends of Scouting, Pack graduation, day camp, Scout-O-Rama, etc. These jobs are of short duration and still enable all families to assist with Pack responsibilities.

Membership Chair

This position is essential to the health of the Pack. The chair will:
Along with the Cubmaster and Pack committee, develop and carry out a plan for year-round membership growth.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) Chair

Our council relies heavily on units to raise Friends of Scouting (FOS) funds. The Friends of Scouting Chair coordinates with the District to ensure full unit participation in the FOS campaign.

***EVERY FAMILY SHOULD PLAN ON HELPING THE PACK (AS THEY ARE ABLE)
IN AT LEAST ONE POSITION OR PROJECT PER YEAR!***

How I Can Help the Pack?

The following positions all need to be filled for our Pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions of service for the coming year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent should be willing to assist in some capacity if our Cub Scout Pack is to run effectively.

Please fill out this page and turn it in tonight!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wolf Den Leader or Asst. | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue and Gold Banquet Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bear Den Leader or Asst. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Holiday Party Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Den Leader or Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Pinewood Derby Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Special Events Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Committee Chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Committee | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Secretary/Telephone Committee | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Treasurer/Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Advancement Chair/Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Activities Chair/Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp Coordinator/Helper | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Camp Coordinator | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Camp Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee | |



My hobbies are: _____

My sports interests are: _____

Job: _____ Work Shift/hours: _____

I have a: Truck SUV Van Trailer Station Wagon Workshop

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Scout's Name _____ Grade _____



What Will Scouting Cost?

National one time joining fee:	\$25
National registration fee:	\$66/Year (prorated \$5.50/month)
Council annual program fee:	\$66/Year (prorated \$5.50/month)
Boys' Life Magazine (optional):	\$12/Year (prorated \$1/month)
Pack Dues: \$ _____	(Most Packs sell Trails-End Popcorn to decrease or eliminate Pack dues)

Friends of Scouting

The Friends of Scouting campaign is a voluntary donation of \$250 or more to cover the costs associated with providing Scouting to your Scout at the Council level. Each year, the Pacific Skyline Council spends approximately \$250 on each young person in the program. This cost covers things like insurance, program support, camp maintenance/improvements etc. Scouting is designed to be affordable for everyone, so participation in the program is entirely voluntary, but the success of **Friends of Scouting** program is vital to the continuation of Scouting in our region.



Uniforms - Uniforms play an important part of the recognition and self esteem elements of the program. Please check with your pack to see what they recommend as the "official" uniform. Remember, uniforms can sometimes be found at thrift shops. Packs also operate a uniform bank. If needed, check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance, inquiries are kept confidential.

New Member Checklist

Name: _____

Tiger Wolf Bear Webelos Pack Number _____ Den # _____



Visit our Scout Shop in Foster City or Trading Post in Palo Alto <https://pacsky.org/scout-shops/> to purchase your complete uniform.

Please note special hours of operation and additional measures currently being taken during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please visit <https://pacsky.org/scout-shops/> to view up to date information.

Pacific Skyline Scout Shops & Distributors

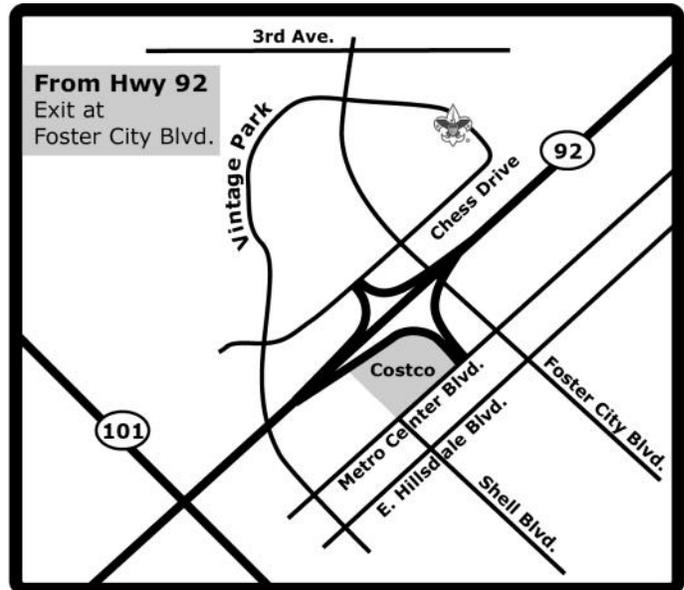
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Peninsula Scout Shop

1150 Chess Drive
Foster City, CA 94404
(650) 358.0588

Store Hours

Sun-Mon CLOSED
Tue-Fri 10am – 5pm
Sat 10am – 4:30pm
CLOSED for lunch every day 2 – 2:30pm



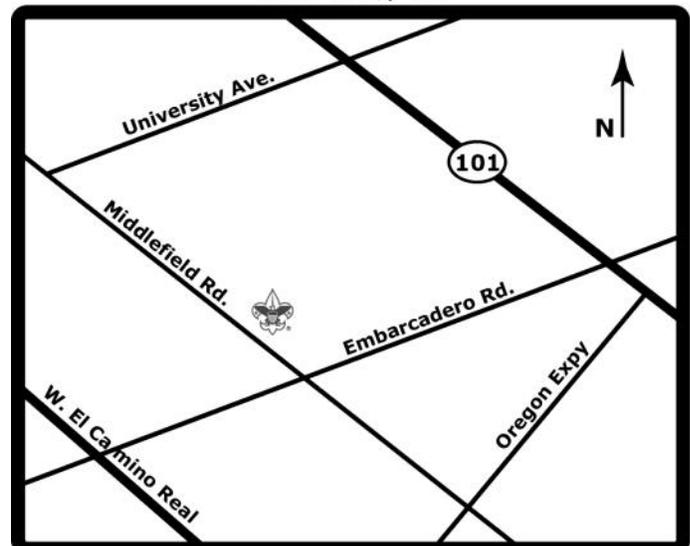
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Shop Palo Alto, CA

Palo Alto Trading Post

1305 Middlefield Rd
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650) 327.5900

Store Hours

Tue-Sat 11am - 6pm
Sun-Mon CLOSED



On Middlefield between Melville & Kellogg Ave.

Bobcat Rank Requirements

The Trail To Bobcat

The Bobcat trail is the shortest of the Cub Scout trails.

The first rank your Scout will earn as a Cub Scout is Bobcat. The requirements for the Bobcat rank are below. Additional information on the requirements can be found near the front of your Scout's appropriate book - Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos.



Once you and your Scout have completed the Bobcat trail, they will have earned their Bobcat badge. Tell your Den leader, and the badge will be presented to your Scout at the next Pack meeting.

The Bobcat Requirements

- **Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.**
 - 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.
- **Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.**
 - A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.
- **Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.**
 - See below image of Scout with arm and hand up and two fingers up.
- **Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.**
 - See image of Scouts joining hands with two fingers extended.
- **Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.**
 - DO YOUR BEST!
- **Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.**
 - See image of Scout with two fingers together at the brim of their hat.
- **With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide* and earn the Cyber Chip award for your age.***



Youth Protection

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs. All leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training. All parents are encouraged to take the training.

To complete the training online, go to my.scouting.org and establish an account using the member number you receive when you register for BSA membership. If you take the training online before you obtain a member number, be sure to return to my.Scouting.org and enter your number for training record credit. Your BSA local council also provides training on a regular basis if you cannot take it online.



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