

Den Leader Training

Gathering Time Activity – (*ADVENTURE game*)

- Model an effective activity
- Demonstrate ways to keep the boys active
- Build excitement

Before the Meeting Starts

- Aims of Scouting – *Foundations**
- Cub Scout Organization – *Organization Chart**, *Glossary**
- Youth Protection and Two-Deep Leadership – *LDS Scouting Handbook 8.6 and 8.7*
- Preparing for a Den Meeting – *Den Meeting Plan***, *Den Leader Responsibilities**

While Cub Scouts Gather

- Describe the importance of gathering time – *Den Doodle*
- Explain advancement – *Faith in God and Cub Scout Handbooks*
- Describe the pack budget – *LDS Handbook 2 Section 13.2.8*

Opening

- Cub Scout Sign
- Participate in an opening – *See Foundations*
- Purpose of Uniform – *Uniform Inspection Sheet**, *Scout Uniform*
- Conduct of Cub Scouts – *Characteristics of Cub Scouts**, *Conduct Jar*

Talk Time

- Themes – *See Foundations, Den Leader Guides,*
- Know Den's role in a pack meeting (Flag, Song, Skit, Yell)

Activities

- Conduct a Den Activity
- Outdoor Program
- Outdoor Training – *BALOO/OWLS*

Closing

- Conduct a Closing – *Den Leader Minute (Testimony)*
- Reminders and Communication
- Upcoming training opportunities – *Roundtable, University of Scouting, Akela's Adventure, Wood Badge*

After the Meeting

- Importance of planning – *Pack and Den Annual plan**, *Cub Scout Month/Hints**
- Safety in Planning – *Permission Slips**, *Unauthorized and Restricted Activities**, *Age Appropriate Activities**
- Identify resources – *Resources**

Supplies:

- Den Leader Guides
- Den Meeting Plans (choose own)**
- Pack Meeting Plans online
- Cub Scout Handbooks
- Faith in God Book
- Scout Uniform
- Den Doodle
- Conduct Jar
- Handouts*

Den Meeting Outline

Before the Meeting:

- Call the boys and remind them about den meeting
- Gather and bring supplies for the meeting
- Other Preparations

Gathering Activity:

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Opening:

- Den Yell
- Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
- Recite the Cub Scout Promise
- Recite the Law of the Pack
- Prayer

Talk Time:

- Practice assignment for pack meeting (flag, song, skit, den yell)
- Other Business Items

Activity:

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Closing:

- Den Yell
- Immediate Recognition Awards
- Den Leader Minute (review a lesson learned today, complete a character connection, or tell a story with a message)
- Prayer

After the Meeting:

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During the den meeting the leader responsible for administration items does the following:

- *Helps maintain peace and structure during the meeting.*
- *Signs the boy's books for today's completed achievements and electives.*
- *Reviews the boy's books and records completed achievements and electives on the Den Advancement Chart.*
- *Notes any boy who should receive immediate recognition in today's den meeting.*

FOUNDATIONS OF SCOUTING AND THE BSA

Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting, said the objective of Scouting is “to bring about God’s kingdom on earth.”

The Duty of the Aaronic Priesthood is “to invite all men to come unto Christ.”

The Purpose of Primary is “to help children feel Heavenly Father’s love for them, learn and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ, feel and recognize the influence of the Holy Ghost, and prepare to make and keep sacred covenants.”

See the Role of the Primary in LDS Scouting Handbook 6.5

The Mission (compare to God’s Mission “To bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of men.”)

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.

The Scout Oath (On My Honor compares to making a promise or a covenant)

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.

The Scout Law (compare to the Attributes of Christ)

A Scout is:		Attributes of Christ:	
Trustworthy	Obedient	Faith	Patience
Loyal	Cheerful	Hope	Humility
Helpful	Thrifty	Charity and Love	Diligence
Friendly	Brave	Virtue	Obedience
Courteous	Clean	Knowledge	
Kind	Reverent		

The Vision (Vision of the Aaronic Priesthood “every worthy young man to serve a mission”)

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

The Aims of Scouting

- Character Development (Article of Faith 13)
- Citizenship Training (Article of Faith 10)
- Mental and Physical Fitness (Luke 2:52)

The Purposes of Cub Scouting (WHY we do Scouting)

All meeting plans should strive to fulfill these purposes

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

The Methods of Cub Scouting (HOW we do Scouting)

Baden Powell said “Scouting is a game with a purpose!” So....we use these fun ways to accomplish our purposes, vision, and mission of developing boys into men with sound character!

- Living the Ideals
- Belonging to a Den
- Advancement
- Family Involvement
- Participating in Activities
- Serving Home and neighborhood
- Wearing the Uniform

Character Compass (teaching the values thru adventure)

Character development should not be viewed as something done occasionally as part of a separate program, or as part of only one area of life. For in reality, character development is a part of everything a Cub Scout does. Character development lessons can be found in every aspect of the Cub Scouting experience.

As Cub Scouts work on the adventures in their handbooks, they will notice the Character Compass symbol.



A compass is a tool that guides a person from place to place. Character is how we act, and it guides our entire lives. This compass will be a guide to one or more of the 12 points of the Scout Law.

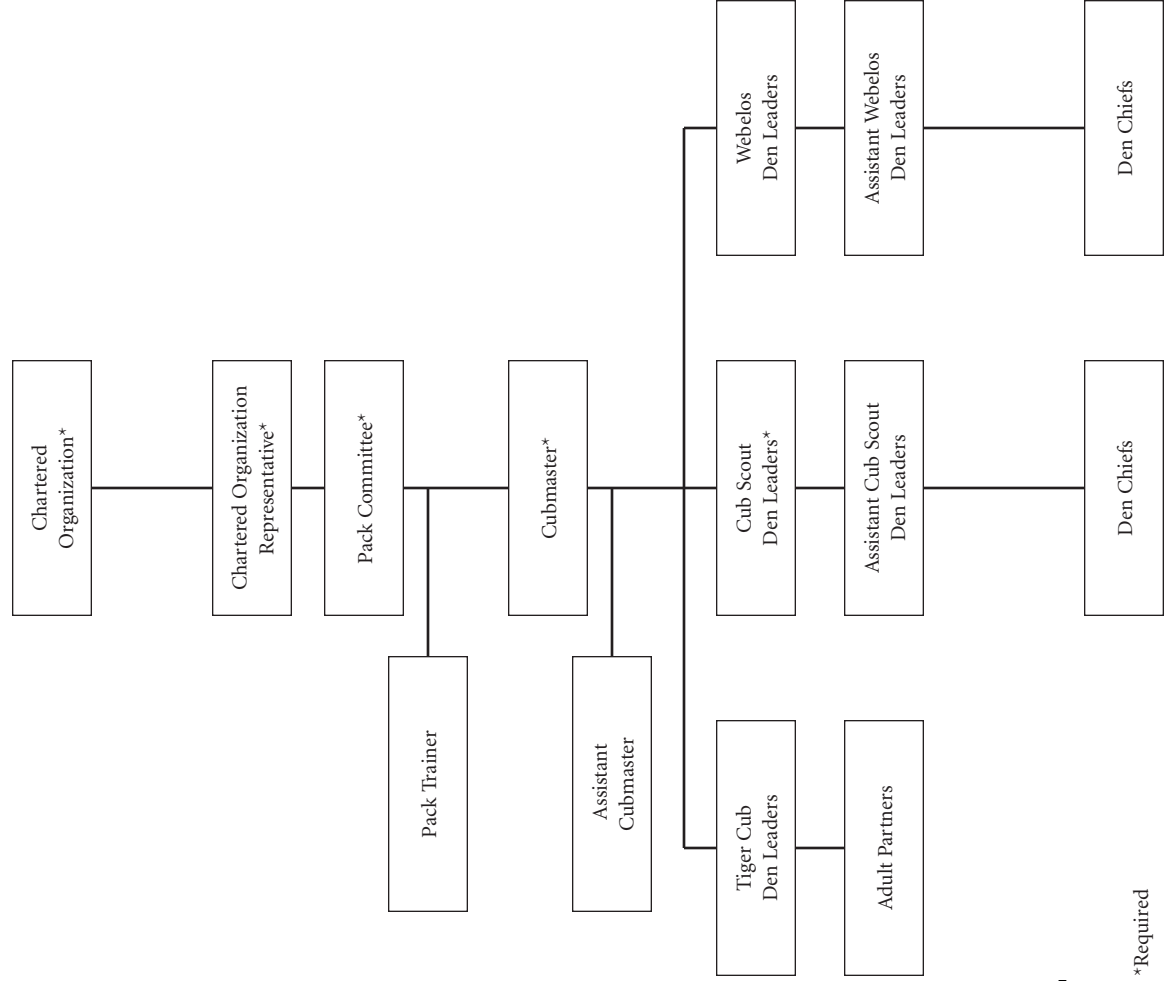
Every time Cub Scouts check the compass, it will remind them of how the activities in each adventure are related to the Scout Law. This may also help them think about how the points of the Scout Law guide their way in Cub Scouting and in daily life. Those points are all different, and each one is a treasure for Scouts to find.



All Cub Scout packs are registered with the Boy Scouts of America and are part of the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting. Each pack belongs to a chartered organization, and families are an important part of that chartered organization. The following organization chart shows how Cub Scouting is structured and the responsibilities of its leadership.



Pack Organization Chart



Leaders' Responsibilities

Chartered organization: Every Cub Scout pack belongs to an organization with interests similar to those of the BSA. This organization might be a religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other group that has applied for and received a charter from the BSA to operate a Scouting unit. The chartered organization provides a suitable meeting place, adult leadership, supervision, and opportunities for a healthy Scouting life for the boys under its care.

Chartered organization representative: A member of the organization who is the liaison between the chartered organization and the pack. Represents the organization on the local council level.

Pack committee: A group of qualified adults appointed by the chartered organization to administer the affairs of the pack.

Pack trainer: A member of the pack committee and registered leader of the pack, at least 21 years old, who is responsible for orienting new parents as well as seeking the goal of having 100 percent of pack leadership trained in their position responsibilities.

Cubmaster: A registered member leader of the pack, 21 or older. Emcees monthly pack meetings, aids den leaders by coordinating the monthly program, helps the committee recruit new leaders as needed, and attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Den leader: A registered leader of the pack, at least 21 years old, who leads a Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout den of five to eight boys at weekly den meetings.

Assistant den leader: A registered leader of the pack, 18 or older, who assists the Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout den leaders at the weekly den meetings.

Adult partner: The adult partner is a parent or other adult who co-registers with a boy as part of a Tiger Cub team. Each boy-adult partner team assumes the responsibility of hosting one or more months of den meetings with the den leader. The host team and the den leader plan the meeting program and the location.

Den chief: An older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer appointed to help direct the activities of a Cub Scout den.

*Required

Glossary of Scouting Terms

Chartered Organization: A community organization that has been granted an annual charter by the Boy Scouts of America to use the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Responsible for the selection of leaders in the organization's Scouting programs.

Commissioner: A volunteer Scouter, representing the district or council, who works as a friend and mentor to Scouting units to help them succeed.

Council: A geographically defined administrative organization, tasked with delivering the programs of the Boy Scouts of America to the community organizations within its borders.

Cubmaster: The top volunteer position in every Cub Scout pack. Responsible for planning the monthly pack meetings and working with the pack committee to make sure the pack is moving together and in the right direction.

Den: This is the name given to smaller, working groups of Cub Scouts (typically six to eight boys). Dens are organized by age and/or grade. In large packs, there may be more than one same-age and/or -grade den. Dens usually have a number (Den 1, Den 2, etc.).

Den Chief: A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer selected by the Cubmaster to help the den leader lead the activities of a Cub Scout den.

Denner: A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout who is elected or selected to be the temporary youth leader of his den. Denners can change every few weeks, monthly, or other term so every Scout gets leadership experience.

District: A geographic administrative committee of volunteers within a council, organized to serve the Scouting units within its borders.

District Executive: A career Scouting professional who works as a staff member for the local council. They are assigned specific communities within the council. Sometimes a district executive is referred to as a "DE."

Pack: The larger group a Cub Scout belongs to beyond the den. All packs have numbers that identify them ("Pack 125," for example). Packs usually consist of more than one den and are commonly referred to as a Scouting unit.

Pack Committee: A group of registered Scouting volunteers, selected by the chartered organization, who serve as the administrative support for the Cub Scout pack. It consists of at least three members, including a committee chair. The committee assists with tasks such as program planning, record keeping, correspondence, finances, advancement, training, public relations, and membership and registration.

Roundtable: A monthly gathering of adult Scouting leaders designed to provide help with program planning, training, and other useful tools.

Webelos Scouts: The part of Cub Scouting for fourth- and fifth-grade (or 9- and 10-year-old) boys. The word comes from We'll Be Loyal Scouts.

Den Leader Responsibilities

Meetings

- Den Meeting (Wear uniform.)
 - Attend every den meeting.
 - If you cannot be at a den meeting for sickness, vacation, etc. you need to find a replacement for yourself. It is not okay to not show up or leave it in the hands of someone else to figure out. It is not okay to cancel a meeting. It is your responsibility to find someone to replace you. It must be an adult. You could ask one of the parents.
 - Plan in detail all steps to a successful den meeting being sure to keep in mind the value for the month and that scouting is a game with a purpose.
 - Keep a year record of den happenings (this information can be used as a resource the following year) be sure to include:
 - Detailed den plans for den meetings
 - Den leader minutes used at each den meeting
 - Emails sent
 - Field trip contact information
- Pack Meeting (Wear uniform.)
 - Attend every Pack Meeting.
 - If you cannot be at pack meeting for sickness, vacation, etc. you need to find a replacement for yourself. You could ask the den chief.
 - During Pack Meeting your responsibilities include:
 - Assignments you accepted at monthly planning meeting.
 - Say hello to and welcome the boys in our den and their families.
 - Take Attendance
 - Den Flag and Advancement Chart – display them
 - Den Yell – participate with enthusiasm
 - Lead the den in the pack meeting assignment (song, skit, flag).
 - Newsletter
 - Put together the monthly newsletter
 - Include calendar, permission slips, awards, and other important information that will keep families updated on the happenings in the den/pack.
 - Distribute newsletter at pack meeting.
 - Mail or deliver newsletters to those not in attendance at pack meeting
- Monthly Planning Meeting (Wear uniform unless held on a Sunday then church attire is acceptable.)
 - Attend every monthly planning meeting.
 - Prepare thought as assigned by committee chair.
 - Listen, participate, volunteer, and accept assignments throughout the meeting.
 - Give advancement chair, the month's award list detailing which boy has earned which awards.
 - Be prepared to discuss the den.
 - Share any concerns you have with the boys in the den.
 - Share any triumphs, successes, exciting things that are happening.
- Roundtable. (Wear uniform.)
 - Held monthly on the second Thursday of the month 7:00pm.
- Annual Planning Meeting (Wear uniform unless held on a Sunday then church attire is acceptable.)
 - Held in August.
 - Bring den's annual plan.
 - Prepare ahead of time.
 - Include dates for the upcoming year.
 - Make any necessary changes to the curriculum from the previous year.
 - Listen and participate by offering suggestions and ideas.

Awards

- Record on the den record what the boys complete at den meeting.
 - Often the boys don't bring their books to den meeting so it is not possible to sign it off in their book right then. When you keep track on the den record we know what the boys have completed at den meeting. You can sign it off in their books next time you see their book.
- Review books for things completed at home and record on the den record.
 - When the boys bring their books you can flip through their books and mark on the den record what they have completed at home.
- Sign and mark books.
 - Sign the books for things we complete at den meeting. Be sure to mark the back of the book as well.
- Turn in a list of awards that should be presented at Pack Meeting.
 - Make a list detailing which boy has earned which awards and turn it in to the advancement chair, at our monthly planning meeting.
- Contact Parents.
 - Occasionally contact parents to let them know how close their sons are to earning their rank and other awards. We have a year plan so we know what we will be accomplishing - let them know what they need to do at home.
 - Two months before a boy's birthday contact the parents and let them know how many requirements their son needs to complete and let them know we need to finish that before the end of the month their son's birthday is in.
 - After the end of the month of their son's birthday the opportunity to earn the rank award is gone. They will not be able to go back and earn the Bear or Wolf; they must move on to the next den.

CUB SCOUT

UNIFORM INSPECTION SHEET

Uniform Inspection.

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.



General Appearance. Allow 4 points for each:

20 pts

- Good posture
- Clean face and hands
- Combed hair
- Neatly dressed
- Clean fingernails

Shirt.

20 pts

Long or short sleeved navy blue official cub scout shirt. Cleaned, pressed, buttoned Tucked in and lined up with pant zipper.

Neckerchief.

10 pts

Triangular. Gold with blue border for Wolf Scouts. Light blue with dark blue border for Bear Scouts.

Neckerchief Slide.

10 pts

Securing the neckerchief. Gold metal Cub Scout slide for Wolf or Bear Scouts. Decorated slide to match the theme or tied cord into a woggle.

Pants.

10 pts

Dark blue or black pants or jeans. Clean and free from holes

Socks and shoes.

10 pts

Neat and clean. Shoes tied if necessary, no holes.

Insignia. Correct placement - allow 5 points for each:

20 pts

See reverse side for scoring.

- Left pocket
- Right pocket
- Left sleeve
- Right sleeve

Official Cub Scout Cap -- BONUS

5 pts

TOTAL UNIFORM INSPECTION SCORE

A perfect score is 100 points with a 5 point BONUS



Name: _____

Pack #: _____ Date: _____

Official Placement of Insignia

◀ Right Sleeve

5 pts

Wear the US flag touching the shoulder seam. Den numeral if desired, touching the US flag. Centennial Quality Unit Award (if earned), as shown. Only the most recently earned Centennial Quality Unit Award may be worn.



◀ Left Sleeve

5 pts

Wear the council shoulder emblem touching the shoulder seam. Pack numeral (317) centered and touching the shoulder emblem.

The veteran unit insignia bar (if worn) is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem above and pack numeral below.

Denner cord is worn over left shoulder.

◀ Right Pocket

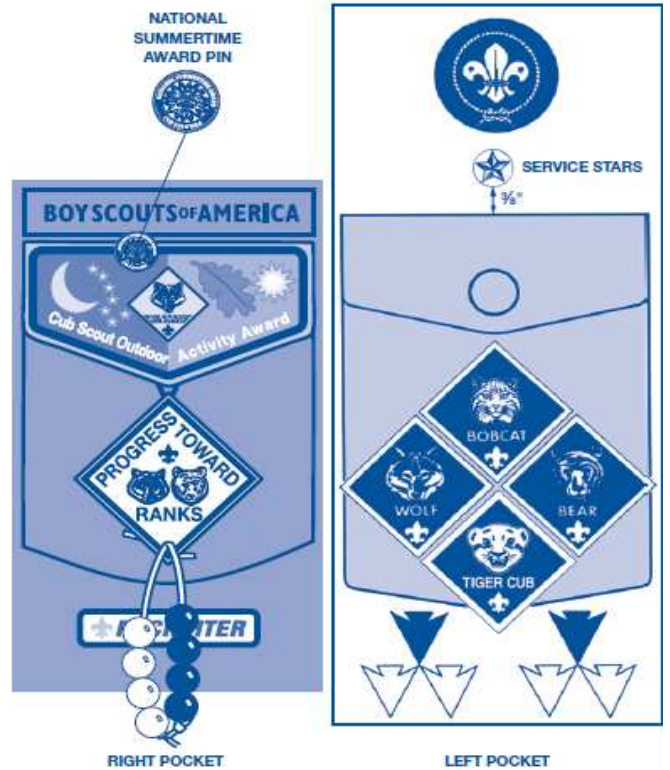
5 pts

Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.

Progress Toward Ranks is fastened to the button under the right pocket flap with the flap rebuttoned.

The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.

The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.



◀ Left Pocket

5 pts

Cub Scouts wear badges of rank as shown: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos in place of Tiger Cub.

Gold Arrow Points are worn beneath the pocket and below the badge for which they were earned.

Silver Arrow Points are worn below the Gold Arrow Points in double rows.

Wear medals just above the pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or 3/8 inch above seam if no medals are worn.

Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service.

Not more than five medals may be worn.

Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.

The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.

The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.

◀ TOTAL INSIGNIA SCORE (transfer to other side)

20 pts

WEBELOS SCOUT

UNIFORM INSPECTION SHEET

Uniform Inspection.

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

General Appearance. Allow 4 points for each:

20 pts

- Good posture
- Clean face and hands
- Combed hair
- Neatly dressed
- Clean fingernails

Shirt.

20 pts

Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing either the long or short sleeved navy blue shirt or the long or short sleeved tan shirt with the blue shoulder loops worn on epaulets.

Neckerchief.

10 pts

Triangular, plaid neckerchief.

Neckerchief Slide.

10 pts

Securing the neckerchief. Gold metal Webelos slide. Decorated slide to match the theme or tied cord into a woggle.

Pants.

10 pts

Dark blue or black pants or jeans with navy blue shirt. Olive green pants or jeans with tan shirt. Clean and free from holes

Socks and shoes.

10 pts

Neat and clean. Shoes tied if necessary, no holes.

Insignia. Correct placement - allow 5 points for each:

20 pts

See reverse side for scoring.

- Left pocket
- Right pocket
- Left sleeve
- Right sleeve

Official Webelos Scout Cap -- BONUS

5 pts

TOTAL UNIFORM INSPECTION SCORE

A perfect score is 100 points with a 5 point BONUS

Name: _____

Pack #: _____ Date: _____



Official Placement of Insignia

◀ Right Sleeve

- 5 pts Wear the US flag touching the shoulder seam. Den numeral if desired, touching the US flag. Centennial Quality Unit Award (if earned), as shown. Only the most recently earned Centennial Quality Unit Award may be worn.
- The den emblem may be worn in place of the den numeral.
- The Webelos colors are worn directly below the US flag or den numeral or emblem.
- Activity badges are worn on the Webelos colors.

OPTIONS FOR RIGHT SLEEVE



WITH DEN NUMERAL



OPTIONS FOR LEFT SLEEVE

◀ Left Sleeve

- 5 pts Wear the council shoulder emblem touching the shoulder seam. Pack numeral (317) centered and touching the shoulder emblem.
- The veteran unit insignia bar (if worn) is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem above and pack numeral below.
- Denner cord is worn over left shoulder.



WITH DEN EMBLEM



LEFT POCKET, NAVY BLUE OR TAN SHIRT

◀ Right Pocket

- 5 pts Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
- Compass Point Emblem is fastened to the button under the right pocket flap with the flap rebuttoned.
- The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
- The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.



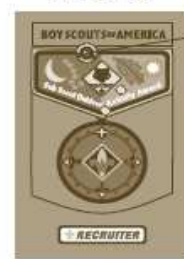
LEFT SLEEVE



LEFT POCKET, NAVY BLUE OR TAN SHIRT

◀ Left Pocket

- 5 pts Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing the oval shaped Webelos badge by itself on the tan shirt only or the diamond shaped Webelos badge alone on the tan shirt or alone or with other badges of rank on the navy blue shirt as shown.
- The Arrow of Light Award is worn centered below the pocket of the tan shirt or centered at the top of the pocket flap of the navy blue or tan shirt.
- Wear medals just above the pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or 3/8 inch above seam if no medals are worn.
- Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service.
- Not more than five medals may be worn.
- Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
- The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
- The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.



RIGHT POCKET



NATIONAL SUMMERTIME AWARD PIN



LEFT POCKET, (TAN SHIRT)

◀ TOTAL INSIGNIA SCORE (transfer to other side)

20 pts

CHARACTERISTICS OF CUB SCOUTS

Eight Year Old Boys

- He is full of energy but tires easily. He is restless and fidgety. He will develop some skill in activities and games played frequently.
- They seldom get into real fights. They usually resort to name-calling. They like responsibility and independence and want to do well. They usually play in groups but also like to play alone.
- They want adventure. If it isn't available, they make their own. They may exaggerate something real, imagine and experience, or simply brag. Remember that these tall tales are not lies. They are a reflection of a boy's need to be big, strong, and brave when in reality he is not. A den leader can use this thirst for adventure in helping boys explore new things.
- They are eager for learning and are beginning to solve more complex problems. They like to be challenged and take time in completing a task.
- Their attention span is good. They enjoy hobbies and like to collect anything and everything. Value is much less important than quantity. A few may organize their collections; others will merely mess up their rooms with assorted treasures.
- They dislike criticism and are eager for peer approval. They want to be like others of their age. They are often self-critical and perfectionists.
- They are sometimes dreamy, absorbed, and withdrawn. They are less impulsive than younger children.
- They enjoy learning and practicing moral values and are aware of right and wrong, good and bad.

Nine Year Old Boys

- They like active, rough play.
- They tend to have good body control and are interested in strength, skill, and speed.
- They tend to like more complicated crafts and work-related tasks. They like to collect things.
- They will be curious and have definite interests. Their attention spans become longer, and they can do more abstract thinking and reasoning.
- Individual differences in your Scouts will become more obvious.
- They might have some behavior problems, especially if not accepted by others.
- They are aware of right and wrong and want to do right.
- You will see them begin to test boundaries and exercise a great deal of independence.
- They enjoy team games and are very interested in friends and social activities. They like group adventures and cooperative play. They are competitive, and you will often hear "Not fair!"
- They are becoming very independent, dependable, and trustworthy.
- They have difficulty admitting they made mistakes, but they are becoming more capable of accepting mistakes and taking responsibility.
- They are acquiring consciences.

Ten Year Old Boys

- They are more active and rough with well-developed motor skills.
- They have many interests, often of a short duration, but they might begin to show talents.
- They are alert, poised, concerned with fads, argue logically, and are concerned with style.
- They are close and affectionate with their parents. They show pride in their fathers and consider their mothers all-important.
- They like privacy and are selective in friendships. A 10-year old might have one best friend.
- This is not an angry age. Anger, when it comes, is often violent and immediate.
- They worry mainly about school and peer relationships. It is important to be "in" with their peers.
- They tend to have a strong sense of justice and a strict moral code. They are usually more concerned with what is wrong than with what is right.

Den Annual Planning

MONTH	THEME (Scout Law)	ADVENTURE
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		

- Discuss with the Cub Committee which Scout Law characteristic will be the theme for each month
- Review the Adventure Requirements in the Den Leader Guide or online at www.cubscout.org.
- Assign each Required Adventure to a month and then fill in the rest of the months with Elective Adventures.

Wolf – Required:

- Call of the Wild
- Council Fire
- Duty to God Footsteps
- Howling at the Moon
- Paws on the Path
- Running with the Pack

Bear – Required:

- Bear Claws
- Bear Necessities
- Fellowship & Duty to God
- Fur, Feathers, Ferns
- Grin and Bear It
- Paws for Action

Webelos – Required:

- Cast Iron Chef
- Duty to God and You
- First Responder
- Stronger, Faster, Higher
- Webelos Walkabout

Arrow of Light – Required:

- Building a Better World
- Camper
- Duty to God in Action
- Scouting Adventure

**Both Duty to God could be done at home*

Pack # _____ Annual Program Plan for _____ (year)

Month & Theme	Pack Meeting Ideas	Flag	Song	Skit
September Trustworthy	The Great Race Let the Games Begin	Wolves	Bears	Webelos
October Loyal	Scout Salute Our National Treasures	Webelos	Wolves	Bears
November Helpful		Bears	Webelos	Wolves
December Friendly		Wolves	Bears	Webelos
January Courteous	Pine Wood Derby	Webelos	Wolves	Bears
February Kind	Blue and Gold Banquet	Bears	Webelos	Wolves
March Obedient		Wolves	Bears	Webelos
April Cheerful		Webelos	Wolves	Bears
May Thrifty		Bears	Webelos	Wolves
June Brave		Wolves	Bears	Webelos
July Clean		Webelos	Wolves	Bears
August Reverent		Bears	Webelos	Wolves

How Cub Scouts Works...

- **Cub Scout Year.** Scouting begins in September and runs through August. Boys advance into each den on their birthday. If you use the same plan each year then boys will experience the complete program regardless of when they begin and end.
- **Cub Scout Month.** Each Cub Scout month includes:
 - Weekly Den Meetings (except the week of Pack Meeting)
 - Monthly Pack Meeting
 - Monthly Cub Scout Committee Meeting
 - Any extra Den or Pack Planning Meeting

Helpful Hints When Planning

- **Have a written plan.** This is a useful tool to help keep track of the parts of the meeting.
- **Involve parents.** Even parents who don't think they have time to be leaders have some time and talent to contribute. Find out their skills and talents—and use them!
- **Frequency.** Packs should meet monthly. Dens should meet weekly (except for the week of Pack Meeting) unless special circumstances such as foul weather or significant calendar conflicts (ie holidays) prevent meeting. A consistent meeting pattern will help families remember and keep them coming back. Dens meet year-round, Summer months may limit den meetings to twice each month.
- **Time and location.** Scouting activities and meetings may be scheduled whenever it is convenient for the boys and their families. *LDS Handbook states “Scouting activities and meetings for Primary age boys are preferably held in the daytime. Scouting meetings may be held at the meetinghouse, in a home, or in an outdoor setting and should open and close with prayer.”* It is helpful when den and pack meetings are held at the same location each time so boys and parents can easily remember where to go. This is also true in regard to the time of the meeting.
- **Length of meeting.** Cub Scout–age boys have short attention spans, and they also have family, school, or other community activities that take their time. Meetings should last about an hour. Stop while they are still having fun, so they want to come back. Some special pack meetings may need to run longer such as the Blue and Gold Banquet or the Pinewood Derby.
- **The purposes of Cub Scouting.** All den activities should be measured against these standards.
- **Age-appropriate.** Scouting is designed to meet the needs and abilities of boys as they grow and mature. It is important that as much as we might want to do something more, we need to stay within that range. (See Age-Appropriate Guidelines.)
- **Fun, fun, fun.** For both boys and leaders! Creating a fun environment for your Cub Scouts is an important skill of a cub leader.
- **KISMIF.** Keep It Simple, Make It Fun!

We are going on a Scouting Outing!

We are going to _____ on _____.

Please meet at _____ at _____ AM/PM. Your son will be riding with _____. If there is an emergency while we are out, you can call _____ at _____.

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Yes! I want my son to go on this trip. Date: _____

Boy's Name _____ Phone _____

I hereby authorize any hospital, Licensed Physician to administer emergency treatment to my child in case of accidental injury or sudden illness. This authorization is valid only if I cannot be reached personally.

Parent Signature _____

Where I can be reached during this trip _____

Emergency Phone _____

Insurance Co. _____ Policy _____

Allergies _____

Medications Taken Regularly _____

Additional Information _____

(Return this portion to Scout Leader)

Unauthorized and Restricted Scout Activities

The policies and guidelines set forth in BSA's *Guide to Safe Scouting* have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through 100 years of experience. As you complete your scouting activities this year and plan your activities for 2013, please note that the following activities have specifically been declared unauthorized and restricted by the Boy Scouts of America:*

- All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are banned from program use. ATVs are defined as motorized recreational cycles with three or four large, soft tires, designed for off-road use on a variety of terrains.
- Boxing, karate, and related martial arts—except judo, aikido, and Tai Chi—are not authorized activities.
- Exploration of abandoned mines is an unauthorized activity.
- Fireworks secured, used, or displayed in conjunction with program and activities is unauthorized except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert
- Flying in hang gliders, ultralights, experimental aircraft, or hot-air balloons (nontethered); parachuting; and flying in aircraft as part of a search and rescue mission are unauthorized activities. Tethered hot-air balloon flights are authorized, and a flying plan must be submitted.
- Motorized go-carts and motorbike activities are unauthorized for Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. Go-carting conducted at a commercial facility that provides equipment and supervision of cart operation is authorized upon submittal of a completed tour and activity plan. Participating in motorized speed events, including motorcycles, boats, drag racing, demolition derbies, and related events are not authorized activities for any program level.
- Participation in amateur or professional rodeo events and council or district sponsorship of rodeos are not authorized.
- Pointing any type of firearm or simulated firearm at any individual is unauthorized. Scout units may plan or participate in paintball, laser tag or similar events where participants shoot at targets that are neither living nor human representations. Units with council approval may participate in formally organized historical reenactment events, where firearms are used and intentionally aimed over the heads of the reenactment participants. The use of paintball guns, laser guns or similar devices may be utilized in target shooting events with council approval and following the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety. Council approval means the approval of the Scout Executive or his designee on a tour permit specifically outlining details of the event. (However, law enforcement departments and agencies using firearms in standard officer/agent training may use their training agenda when accompanied with appropriate safety equipment in the Law Enforcement Exploring program.)
- Hunting is not an authorized Cub Scout or Boy Scout activity, although hunting safety is part of the program curriculum. (The purpose of this policy is to restrict chartered packs, troops, and teams from conducting hunting trips. However, this policy does not restrict Venturing crews from conducting hunting trips or special adult hunting expeditions provided that adequate safety procedures are followed and that all participants have obtained necessary permits and/or licenses from either state or federal agencies. While hunter safety education might not be required prior to obtaining a hunting license, successful completion of the respective state voluntary program is required before participating in the activity.)
- Motorized personal watercraft, such as Jet-Skis®, are not authorized for use in Scouting aquatics, and their use should not be permitted in or near BSA program areas.
- Except for (1) law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, and (2) circumstances within the scope of the BSA hunting policy statement, firearms should not be in the possession of any person engaged in camping, hiking, backpacking, or any other Scouting activity other than those specifically planned for target shooting under the supervision of a certified firearms instructor. (Among the purposes of this policy is to prohibit adult leaders from bringing firearms on BSA camping and hiking activities or to unit meetings.
- All activities related to bungee cord jumping (sometimes called shock cord jumping) are unauthorized.
- Technical tree-climbing with ropes or harnesses is not authorized as an activity.
- Water chugging and related activities are not authorized for any program level.
- Downhill skiing, snowboarding and operating snowmobiles without a helmet. Appropriate personal protective equipment is required for all activities. This includes the recommended use of helmets for all participants engaged in winter sports, such as sledding and riding other sliding devices. The use of helmets is required for the following activities: downhill skiing, snowboarding and operating snowmobiles (requires full face helmets).
- Driving more than 10 hours in one 24-hour period. Driving is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one -24-hour period and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food and recreation stops.
- Allowing passengers to ride in the bed of a truck. Safety belts are provided and must be used by all passengers and drivers. (Exception: A school or commercial bus, when required by law.) Passengers will ride only in the cab if trucks are used.
- Citizenship activities are encouraged, but partisan political activities are prohibited.
- The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire.

***The list of unauthorized and restricted activities is regularly reviewed, updated and modified by the BSA. For the most up-to-date list, please consult: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>**

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(WITH ADULT PARTNER)



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WEBELOS SCOUTS



BOY SCOUTS



OLDER BOY SCOUTS, VARSITY SCOUTS, AND VENTURERS



OUTDOOR SKILLS

Camporees			Visit Only		
Conservation Projects					
Cooking Outdoors					
Fire Building					
Fishing					
Fueled Devices (Stoves and lanterns)					
Hiking—Day					
Hiking—Multiple Day					
Horseback Riding					
Hunting					Venturers Only
Map and Compass	Map Only				
Mountain Boards					
Mountaineering/Scrambling/Cross-Country Travel					
Orienteering					
Pioneering					
Rope Bridges/Pioneering Towers (Check requirements for height restrictions.)					
Survival Training					
Winter Camping					



SPORTS

Field/Wide Games					
Flag Football					
Gymnastics					
Ice Hockey					
Ice Skating					
Martial Arts—Defensive					
Roller Blades/Skates					
Scooters—Nonmotorized					
Skateboarding					
Skiing/Snowboarding					
Sledding/Tubing					
Soccer					
Street Hockey					



TOOLS

Axes					
Bow Saws					
Hand Ax					
Hand Tools					
Pocketknife					



TREKKING

Backpacking—Overnight, Backcountry					
Bike Treks—Day Ride					
Bike Treks—Multiple Overnights					
BMX Biking					
Day Hikes					
Horse Treks					
Mountain Biking					
Search and Rescue Missions					
Search and Rescue Practice					
Ski Touring—Multiple Days and Nights Carrying Gear					



AIRCRAFT

Commercial Flight Experience					
Ground School					
Hands-On Flying Experience					
Hot-Air Balloons (Tethered only)					
Orientation Flight					
Soaring (Orientation flights only)					

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VEHICLES

Dirt Bikes

Venturers Only

Driving Derbies

Snowmobiles



SHOOTING

.22 Rifle

Air Rifle (Pellet Guns)

Webelos Resident Camp Only

Archery—Field

Archery—Target, Action (Moving targets)

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

BB Guns

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Catapults

Large-Bore Rifles

Venturers Only

Muzzleloaders

Pistols

Venturers Only

Shotguns

Slingshots

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only



CLIMBING

Belaying

Bouldering

Canopy Tours

Caving (Other than simple novice activities)

Climbing—Commercial or Horizontal Wall

Climbing—Rock

Climbing—Vertical Wall or Tower

Initiative Games

Lead Climbing

Project COPE

A Few Low-Course and High-Course Activities

Rappelling

Snow and Ice Climbing



AQUATICS

Canoeing—Flat Water

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Canoeing—Flowing Water

Kayaking—Flat Water

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Kayaking—Flowing Water

Motorboating—Adult Operated

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Motorboating—Youth Operated

Rafting—Flat Water

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Rafting—Flowing Water

Rowing—Flat Water

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Rowing—Flowing Water

Sailboarding

Sailing—Adult Operated

Council/District Outdoor Programs Only

Sailing—Youth Operated

Scuba

Snorkeling (In clear, confined waters, all ages and abilities can use snorkeling equipment. Snorkeling in open water is limited to Boy Scouts with Snorkeling BSA or equivalent.)

Surfing

Swimming

Tubing (Floating in an inner tube)

Tow Sports (including waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, and tubing)



CAMPING

Day Camp

Den Overnights

Camporees

Family Camping

High Adventure

Jamboree

Parent/Son Overnights

Resident Camp

Weekend Overnights

CUB SCOUT RESOURCES

Publications:

Cub Scout Leader Book
Den Leader Guide
How-To Book
Group Meeting Sparklers
Cub Scout Songbook
Guide to Safe Scouting
Den Chief Handbook
Ceremonies for Dens and Packs
Scouting Magazine
Boy's Life

These resources can be purchased at the Local Scout Service Center or online at scoutstuff.org. Some can be viewed online by searching for the title of the book or cubscouts.org.

LDS Church Resources

LDS Scouting Handbook
Scouting and the Church pdf
www.ldsbsa.org

National Websites

www.myscouting.org
www.scouting.org
www.scoutingmagazine.org
www.scoutstuff.org
www.cubscouts.org

Council Website

www.tetonscouts.org

Other Helpful Websites

Bryan on Scouting
www.blog.scoutingmagazine.org
Michelle Davidson
www.sugarcub.blogspot.com
Baloo's Bugle
<http://usscouts.org/bbugle.asp>
www.boyscouttrail.com
www.usscouts.org
www.insanescouter.com
www.macscouter.com
Pinterest

Local Cub Scouting Resources

Local Council Service Center
2306 Pocatello Creek Road
233-4600 (Hours 9-6, Sat 10-2)

District Executive and staff
Dan Deakin 233-4600

Scout Executive
Clark Farer 522-5155

Training:

Required Training

Youth Protection (online) 2yrs
Cub Scout Position Specific Training 5yrs

Required Training for All Tour Plans

Hazardous Weather (online) 2yrs

Required Training for Overnight Tour Plans

BALOO-OWLS: Offered annually in May at Krupp
(Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)
(Cub Scout Outdoor Leader Skills)

Advanced Adult Leadership Training

Wood Badge: Offered 5 times per year

Ongoing Training

Monthly Roundtable
2nd Thursday, 7:00, Caldwell Park Bldg
For all leaders & interested parents
Conducted by the district
Program ideas and fun