Welcome to Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting is the foundation of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). And while it is designed for youth in kindergarten through grade five, the program can involve the entire family, as parents may help plan and deliver activities.

Your time is valuable. Today’s families, more than ever, struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing opportunities to participate in adventurous, leadership-building activities together, that make a positive impact in our community.

- Cub Scouting provides your child the opportunity to spend time with youth in their age group, offering a sense of belonging that builds self-esteem and social skills. Your child will learn skills including citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. The BSA has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.
- In Cub Scouting winning is not everything. Youth are taught to do their best, and to be helpful to others.
- Scouting provides an abundance of resources including youth protection training, job training, and online and printed resources. An investment of your time in Scouting will have a lifelong impact on your family.

Mission
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.

Scout Oath
ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW; TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES; TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.

Scout Law
A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, AND REVERENT.
How Does Scouting Work?

The Cub Scouts program exists to help enrich family time together. Each grade level has a different handbook with suggested activities that are age-appropriate. As your child advances through these books by working on activities with you, they will earn badges and other recognition that can be worn on their uniforms.

The Cub Scout program takes place at two levels, den and pack. Your child will be a part of a den; a single-gender group of all boys or all girls in the same grade level who meet weekly. All dens, from grades K -5, make up the pack. Cub Scout Packs may now include a combination of all-girl or all-boy dens, and dens within a pack continue to be single gender – all girls or all boys. This allows the BSA to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model, while also meeting the requests of today’s families to make Scouting available as a family adventure.

Outstanding Summer Camps

We take great pride in our camping programs and facilities and annually have more than 10,000 youth attend camp. Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch (PV) is the larger property of the Council’s two outdoor camps. Located in Central Colorado on the edge of the Black Forest, PV is 65 miles southeast of Denver, near the town of Elbert. PV is home to Camp Cris Dobbins, Camp Dietler, Webelos Extreme Scouting Trek (W.E.S.T.), and Magness Adventure Camp.

Our other outdoor camp, Tahosa High Adventure Base, is nestled in the Rocky Mountains near the town of Ward, at an elevation of nearly 9,000 feet, making it one of the highest Scout camps in the United States. Tahosa is home to Eagle Point Base Camp, Tahosa Trek, Alpine Adventure, Mountaineer, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), and Angel Fire.

Day Camps

Donald E. Scott Colorado Adventure Point (CAP) offers a variety of day camps that are available to your child whether they are involved in Scouting or not. These camps combine hands-on learning with fun and adventure in a unique 20,000 square foot facility. CAP is an indoor facility located at the Frederic C. Hamilton Scout Headquarters in Lakewood. It offers a two-story rock-climbing wall, archery and air rifle shooting ranges, industrial fabrication lab, sustainability lab, and technology lab. CAP hosts summer day camps, Merit badge classes, adventure overnights, birthday parties, conferences, and school group programs. CAP also develops custom activities for groups.
**Cub Scouts Program Ranks**

**Bobcat**
All youth earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath and Law, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of Webelos. After receiving the Bobcat badge youth will work on requirements based on their grade level. With a parent or guardian, all Bobcat’s complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide.*

**Lion – Kindergarten**
The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures. The Lion’s adult parent or guardian participates throughout the program. A Lion den meets twice per month. With a parent or guardian, all Lions complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide.*

**Tiger – Grade One**
The Tiger badge is earned after completing six adventures and one Tiger elective adventure, which includes a family-based “Duty to God” adventure. It is estimated to take three den meetings to earn each adventure. Immediate recognition is earned after each completed adventure. With a parent or guardian, all Tigers complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide,* and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

**Wolf – Grade Two**
The Wolf badge is earned after completing six adventures, and one Wolf elective adventure, which includes a family-based “Duty to God” adventure. It is estimated to take three den meetings to earn each adventure. With a parent or guardian, all Wolves complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide,* and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

**Bear – Grade Three**
The Bear badge is earned after completing six required adventures, and one Bear elective adventure, which includes a family-based “Duty to God” adventure. It is estimated to take three den meetings to earn each adventure. With a parent or guardian, all Bears complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide,* and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

**Webelos – Grade Four**
Webelos must be an active member of the Webelos den for three months. The Webelos badge is earned after completing five required adventures and two Webelos elective adventures, which includes “Duty to God and You.” Immediate recognition is earned after each completed adventure. With a parent or guardian, all Webelos complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide,* and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

**Arrow of Light – Grade Five**
To earn the Arrow of Light, the Webelos Scout must complete four required adventures and three elective adventures. When joining in the fifth-grade year, a youth is not required to earn Webelos before earning Arrow of Light, but Bobcat is still required. With a parent or guardian, all Webelos and Arrow of Lights complete exercises in the pamphlet *How to protect your children from child abuse: A parent’s guide,* and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.
Meetings and Activities

Pack Meetings
The Cub Scout pack is made up of dens that meet monthly at a pack meeting, which is led by a Cubmaster. At these meetings Scouts are presented with badges they earned during the month, and games, skits, and songs are among other activities that take place.

Pack Activities
Scouting offers a variety of activities and events to build service hours, earn achievements, contribute to the success of all Denver Area Council (DAC) programs, and just have fun with family and friends!

Blue and Gold Banquet  Our birthday party for Cub Scouting is usually held at the February meeting. Scouts often receive their rank advancements at the banquet.

Camp Cards  Each spring DAC conducts its annual camp card sale designed to help units camping programs. Cards are sold to the public and include multiple food, service, and entertainment discounts to use throughout the year. The unit keeps up to 50 percent commission of the sales of each camp card sold.

Pinewood Derby  You can build and race a model car from a block of wood with your Scout at the Pinewood Derby. Most packs conduct the derby races annually.

Popcorn  Each fall the DAC begins its annual popcorn sale to benefit all Scouting programs. The sale teaches Scouts the value of earning and helping to fund DAC programs.

Service Projects  Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.

Scout Show  This is a family event at the National Western Complex that includes archery, games, camping demonstrations, obstacle courses, Pinewood Derby races, and activities for all ages.
**Getting Started**

The first thing you will need to get started is a handbook. The handbooks in Cub Scouting are specific to the age of the Scout. A kindergartner will need the Lion handbook, grade one will need the Tiger handbook, grade two will need the Wolf handbook, grade three will need the Bear handbook, and grade four and five will need the Webelos handbook. These handbooks contain the basics needed for the upcoming year, especially the requirements for advancement.

**Training**

Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to implement a quality program for youth. Leaders who clearly understand the program are more effective and have a better understanding of how to access and use all available resources to provide an exciting worthwhile program for Scouts.

**Youth Protection Training**

The BSA places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources.

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is available online at My.Scouting.org and in each district throughout the year. YPT is required every two years for an adult to remain a registered leader.

**Position Specific Training**

Position specific training is designed to present new leaders with in-depth information on specific leadership positions such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. Courses may be presented several times a year in your district or online. Online training courses are available at My.Scouting.org. To participate in a local training visit DenverBoyScouts.org/training for information.

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**Pack Volunteer Leadership**

The following positions are essential to providing effective Scouting programs.

**Cubmaster** Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack leaders’ meeting.

**Committee Chair** Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and attends the monthly pack meeting.

**Den Leader(s)** Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders’ meeting.

**Adult Partner(s)** Assists the den leader with planning and location of the pack meeting. Hosts one or more months of den meetings.

**Pack Committee** Members perform administrative functions of the pack.

**Secretary/Treasurer** Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends the monthly pack and committee meetings.

**Advancement Chair** Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends the monthly pack and committee meetings.

**Outdoor Activity Chair** Helps the Cubmaster plan and arrange outdoor activities that will help Scouts develop a love for the outdoors.

**New Member Coordinator** Along with the Cubmaster and pack committee, develops and implements a plan for year-round membership growth.

**Pack Trainer** Ensures that all leaders of the pack are trained and attends pack and committee meetings.

**Parent Helpers** Each year, the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed to help with activities such as pack fundraisers (popcorn sale), Scouting for Food, Pack Good Turn, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Investment in Character, Pack Graduation, and Day Camp. These jobs are short term and still enable all families to assist with important pack responsibilities.
The District Committee is a group of volunteers who help develop programs that their district can participate in. The District Committee also participates in the budgeting process to finance Scouting programs in their district.

The purpose of the District is to organize and support successful Cub Scout Packs and work with chartered organizations. Effective District support results in continued membership growth and quality programs.

Districts are responsible for carrying our four standard functions:

1. Membership
2. Fundraising
3. Program
   a. Camping
   b. Outdoor promotions
   c. Activities and civic service
   d. Training
   e. Advancement and recognition
4. Unit Service
### Resources

Please take advantage of the numerous resources available to ensure your success as a leader:

- **The Frederic C. Hamilton Scout Headquarters**
  10455 W. 6th Ave., Suite 100, Denver, CO 80215
  Phone: 303.455.5522
  Fax: 303.455.4689
  En Español: 720.266.2114
  Website: DenverBoyScouts.org

- **Roundtable**
  A monthly leaders’ meeting for all adult volunteers in each district. At roundtables you may acquire help with crafts, games, skits, and songs to use at den and pack meetings. It is also a great place to ask questions and share ideas. Visit DenverBoyScouts.org for more information.

- **District Committee**
  A team of volunteers in your district who help develop quality district-wide programs in which you can participate.

- **Commissioner Staff**
  District volunteer team, or your “service team.” They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A Commissioner is assigned to assist each unit.

- **Website for Boy Scouts of America:** Scouting.org
- **Boys’ Life magazine:** BoysLife.org
- **Scouting magazine:** ScoutingMagazine.org
- **Religious award information:** PrayPub.org
- **Online uniform catalogue and ordering:** ScoutShop.org
- **Cub Scouts Learning Library and other resources:** CubScouts.org
- **BSA Learning Center & Cub Scout leadership training:** My.Scouting.org
- **Tracking for Scouting from Tiger to Eagle Scout:** ScoutBook.com
- **Find a unit near you:** BeAScout.org

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### How Much Does Scouting Cost?

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<td><strong>Boys’ Life magazine</strong></td>
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The Scout shop also has hiking gear, unit leader materials, Merit Badges and more!

[DenverBoyScouts.org/Scout-Shop](https://www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Scout-Shop)
Important Information

My Pack number ________________________________________________

My Den number _______________________________________________

My Scouting district _____________________________________________

My Council  Denver Area Council

My Den Leader’s name __________________________________________

My Den Leader’s phone number ___________________________________

My Den Leader’s email __________________________________________

My Den meets on (day)_________________________________________________________________

My Den meets at (time & place) __________________________________________

My Cubmaster’s name ___________________________________________

My Cubmaster’s phone number _____________________________________

My Cubmaster’s email ___________________________________________

My Pack meets on (day)__________________________________________

My Pack meets at (time & place) __________________________________

My Unit Commissioner’s name ____________________________________