

LDS Scouting Positions

Cub Scout Den Leader (Wolf & Bear Dens)

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. D&C 107:99

The Purposes of Your Calling: Through your ward-outlined Scouting Program, help the assigned young men in your ward ages 8 and 9 achieve the purposes of LDS Cub Scouting.

The Purposes of LDS Cub Scouting

- (1) Character development.
- (2) Spiritual Growth.
- (3) Good citizenship.
- (4) Sportsmanship and fitness.
- (5) Family understanding.
- (6) Respectful relations.
- (7) Personal achievement.
- (8) Friendly service.
- (9) Fun and adventure.
- (10) Preparation for Boy Scouting.
- (11) Preparing to receive the Aaronic Priesthood.

Guidelines of Your Stewardship

Qualifications

- Be a U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age and of good moral character.
- Register with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader.
- Wear a full Cub Scout leader uniform with appropriate insignia.
- All Wolf (age 8) and/or Bear (age 9) Cub Scouts in your pack.
- Attend Fast Start Training; Cub Scout Leader Basic Training; monthly Roundtable
- Plan, direct, and conduct weekly den meetings.
- Get to know and become aware of all Wolf and/or Bear Cub Scouts in your ward.
- Supervise a working advancement program for Wolf and/or Bear Cub Scouts in your den(s).
- Utilize den chief as activities assistant; assign other responsibilities to den chief as needed.
- Encourage the importance of earning the Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear ranks.
- Encourage the importance of earning the Arrow of Light Award as a Webelos Scout.
- Encourage the Cub Scouts to wear a full uniform and set the example.
- Read and follow the manuals fully.
- Maintain the standards of the chartered organization and the BSA.
- Secure adult assistance and resources as needed through your Pack Trainer and pack committee
- Encourage parent involvement in you den(s).
- Meet regularly with the Den Chief. Let him help plan den meetings and den activities, and allow him to serve as den activities assistant.
- Provide meaningful jobs for the Denner and Assistant Denner so they can learn responsibility and gain satisfaction from their efforts.
- Help the den and pack earn the National Summertime Pack Award.
- Help establish a close working relationship with the Assistant Den Leader and Den Chief, functioning as a Den Leadership team.
- Develop a good working relationship with den parents and families. Use their talents to help enrich the den program. Hold den parents' meetings as often as needed to get acquainted and strengthen den operation. Have open communications with den families.

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- Involve den fathers, uncles, and grandfathers in outings and other den activities so boys will have additional male role models.
- See that a leader is available for all den meetings and activities. Call on the Assistant Den Leader or Pack Trainer to fill in when necessary.
- Take part in the annual pack program planning conference and pack leaders' meetings (or Den Leader-Pack Trainer meetings).
- Help set a good example for the boys by behavior, attitude, and proper uniforming.
- Encourage *Boys' Life* subscription coming into the home of each Cub Scout family; Cub Scout Program Helps, the boys' program books, and other Cub Scouting literature as sources for program ideas
- Maintain two-deep leadership in all activities.
- Report regularly to Pack Trainer and Pack Committee Chair.
- **Rule One: KISMIF - Keep it simple, make it FUN!**

The responsibilities can be boiled down to the following:

- Work directly with other den and pack leaders to ensure their den is an active and successful part of the pack.
- Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the Assistant Den Leader and Den Chief.
- Attend the pack leaders' meetings.
- Lead the den at the monthly pack activity.

Qualities you should develop:

- Ability to work closely with boys ages 8 and 9
- Ability to organize time effectively
- Ability to develop leadership, team spirit, and follow the Cub Scout program as outlined
- A testimony and good relationship with the Lord

Meetings/Activities to attend:

- Weekly den meetings
- Monthly pack leaders meeting
- Monthly pack meeting
- Monthly district Roundtable
- Annual Pack Program Planning Conference
- Cub Scout Leader PowWow or Council Training Day
- Other district and council activities
- General church meetings

Average amount of time spent in your calling per week: 4-6 hours

Handbooks and other literature you should have to fulfill your calling

- Scouting Handbook (LDS)
- Cub Scout Leader Book
- Cub Scout Program Helps (annual publication)
- Cub Scout Leader How-To Book
- Wolf Cub Scout Book, Big Bear Cub Scout Book