

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Boy Scouts of America



Parents' Orientation Guide

Welcome to the Adventure of Scouting!!

**Where character counts
and
The adventure begins...**



This guide will:



Inform you about the Scouting programs



Provide you with ways you can be involved in the Scouting program

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Your Son, Scouting, and You An Aid to Parents



As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, the BSA has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been a sponsoring organization of the BSA since 1913.

Why has the church chosen the Boy Scouts of America?

“Since in 1913, we became the first partner to sponsor Scouting in the United States. We have remained strong and firm in our support of this great movement for boys and of the Oath and the Law which are at its center. To commit a boy to do his best—to do his duty to God, to his country, to his fellowmen, to true principles, and to himself—is to open avenues of vision and direction for him which can be critically important in his life. A young man who understands and is fully committed to the great principles of the Scout Law has his feet firmly planted on a path that can lead to a happy and constructive life. He will qualify for his own self-respect, and he will very likely form wholesome relationships with others and will establish an honorable family. Being true to Scout principles will help him in forming a companionship with his Heavenly Father that will strengthen all the other relationships and aspects of life. It is our understanding and belief that Scouting is still strongly centered in these duties and principles, and that there is a determination in its present leadership to strengthen them further. This being true, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints affirms the continued support of Scouting and will seek to provide leadership which will help boys keep close to their families and close to the Church as they develop the qualities of citizenship and character and fitness which Scouting represents.” Spencer W. Kimball

President Kimball spoke these words when he received international Scouting’s highest honor, the Silver World Award, from Arch Monson, president of the BSA. The methods of Scouting provide an effective means whereby boys can learn self-reliance, teamwork, duty to God and country, and respect for the beliefs and convictions of others—all by subscribing to the Scout Oath and Law and supporting it. In this way they develop a code of ethics and a sense of values by which they pattern their lives.

President Gordon B. Hinckley in November 2001 said “I make you a promise that God will not forsake you if you will walk in His paths with the guidance of His commandments.”

Priesthood Purpose

With these priesthood purposes at the core of all activities, the Aaronic Priesthood program is intended to help young men gain a testimony of Jesus Christ, recognize their particular gifts and the Lord's expectations for them, and prepare for worthy receipt of the Melchizedek Priesthood, for missions, for temple marriage, for fatherhood, and for a lifetime of service in the Church. Scouting is a valuable resource for accomplishing many of the objectives outlined for Aaronic Priesthood activities, but leaders should recognize that it may not be the best vehicle for accomplishing some priesthood purposes. Hence, a healthy balance of all seven of the activity areas is not only desirable but essential.

1. Learn the gospel and build testimonies of Jesus Christ.
2. Give welfare and temporal service.
3. Prepare for and give missionary service.
4. Give genealogical and temple service.
5. Strengthen families.
6. Build quorum brotherhood.
7. Activate young men of quorum age.
8. Build proper relationships with young women.
9. Prepare for eternal marriage and fatherhood.
10. Have leadership experiences.
11. Develop talents.

The Aaronic Priesthood purposes help you to:

- Become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and live its teachings.
- Serve faithfully in priesthood callings and fulfill the responsibilities of priesthood offices.
- Give meaningful service.
- Prepare and live worthily to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances.
- Prepare to serve an honorable full-time mission.
- Obtain as much education as possible.
- Prepare to become a worthy husband and father.
- Give proper respect to women, girls, and children.

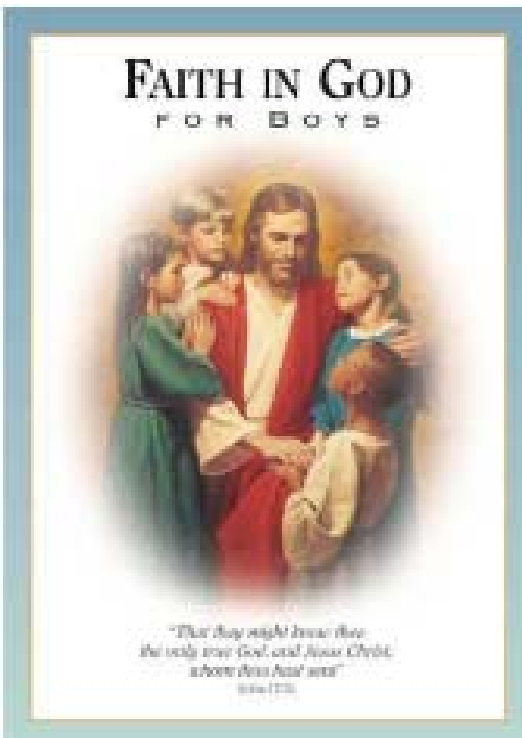
The Duty to God Award program will help you achieve these purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood. To qualify for the Duty to God Award, you need to achieve and complete Aaronic Priesthood purposes and also participate in family activities, specific quorum activities, a Duty to God service project, keeping a personal journal, and completing personal goals in each of four categories:

- Spiritual Development
- Physical Development
- Educational, Personal, and Career Development
- Citizenship and Social Development

Scouting is Fun with a Purpose!

When a boy turns eight he becomes a Cub Scout and joining the Ward Pack. When he turns eleven he becomes a Boy Scout in a EYOS (Eleven Year Old Scout) Patrol.

Scouting in Primary! Cub Scouts and EYOS



Cub Scout and Eleven Year Old Scout (EYOS) are the Activity Day programs for boys in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the United States where Scouting is part of the Church program, boys work on Faith in God along with Cub Scouting. Many of the Cub Scout activities can fulfill requirements for the Faith in God Award. Completion of all activities in the Faith in God guidebook marked with a knot qualifies a boy for the Scouting Religious Square Knot patch.

Activity days are designed to provide children age eight through eleven with opportunities to work on activities in the Faith in God program.

Parents have the responsibility to help their children learn and live the gospel. Primary leaders and teachers assist parents in this important responsibility.








Primary prepares children for baptism and subsequently to be worthy to receive the Aaronic Priesthood.

The goal of Cub Scouts and the Primary is to earn the Arrow of Light and the Faith in God Award. The goal of Boy Scouts and the Aaronic Priesthood is for every Young Man to become an Eagle Scout and earn his Duty to God. The Scouting requirements fill necessary expectations for the Duty to God Award. Both Duty to God and Scouting activities teach us to “be prepared” in “every needful thing.” Achieving the Duty to God and Eagle Scout Awards are complementary, not competitive.

Important: The Scouting program is not just for your son. It is a family program to help the family grow closer together and return to our Heavenly Father. Fathers participate in all of the Boy Scout activities to assist their sons in achieving the objectives of the Church and Scouting. Few sons become an Eagle Scout or receive their Duty to God, without their father actively participating in the program with them.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for Cub Scouting Religious Award

Complete each of the following requirements:

-  Give a family home evening lesson on Joseph Smith's First Vision (see Joseph Smith—History 1:1–20). Discuss how Heavenly Father answers our sincere prayers.
-  Give an opening and a closing prayer in family home evening or at Primary. Share your feelings about how prayer protects us and helps us to stay close to Heavenly Father and the Savior.
-  Tell a story from the Book of Mormon that teaches about faith in Jesus Christ. Share your testimony of the Savior.
-  Prepare a pedigree chart with your name and your parents' and grandparents' names. Prepare a family group record for your family and share a family story. Discuss how performing temple work blesses families.
-  Write a letter to a teacher, your parents, or your grandparents telling them what you appreciate and respect about them.
-  Write a poem, story, or short play that teaches a principle of the gospel or is about Heavenly Father's creations.
-  Help your Primary leaders plan and carry out an upcoming quarterly activity.

Cub Scout Program

Your boy is a member of a Den which:

1. Includes four to eight boys.
2. Meets once a week. Regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience held in the daytime at the meetinghouse, in a home, or in an outdoor setting.
3. Includes games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies, and periodic field trips.
4. Is led by a Den Leader called by the Bishopric.
5. Is assisted by an Assistant Den Leader, a Den Chief (an older Boy Scout), and a Denner (a Cub Scout).
6. Wears a uniform.

The Cub Scout Pack

Your boy is a member of a Pack which:

1. Is made up of one or more dens.
2. Meets once a month at the Pack Meeting – all Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
3. Includes games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that the boys earned that month.
4. Is led by the Cubmaster called by the Bishopric.
5. Is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
6. Wears a uniform.
7. Provides recognition for Cub Scouts.
8. Involves all family members.



Pack and Troop Committees



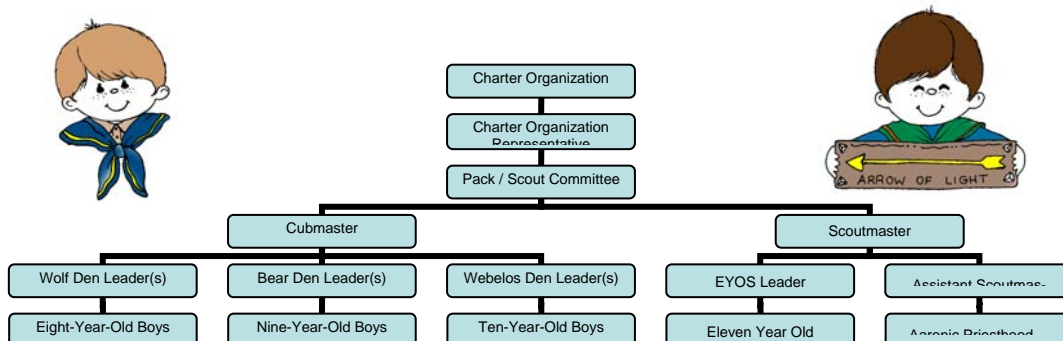
A Pack is run by the Pack Committee and the Aaronic Priesthood Scouts by a Scout Committee

1. The Pack is made up of Den Leaders, Pack Leaders, the Pack Trainer, the Primary Presidency, and all parents.
2. The Scout Committee includes leadership from the EYOS, Troop, Team and Crew.
3. Meets once a month or more often if needed.
4. Is led by a Committee Chairman called by the Bishopric.
5. Selects the meeting places and times, performs record keeping, manages finances, orders badges and other recognitions, maintains equipment, recommends leadership, trains leaders, and recognizes leaders.

Charter Organization

A Pack, Troop, Team, and Crew are sponsored by a Charter Organization

1. The Charter Organization is your Ward. Other Charter Organizations include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
2. The Bishopric approves and calls leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the unit within sponsor and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
3. The Bishopric selects qualified adults, whether members of the Church or not, to hold Scouting positions. All must maintain the Church standards. Members are set apart by a member of the Bishopric and nonmembers can receive a blessing from the Bishopric.
4. Men or women can serve in Scout positions for Primary age boys (Cub Scouting and Eleven Year Old Scouts) but only men are called to Aaronic Priesthood positions.
5. The Charter Organization Representative is the member of the Bishopric responsible for Scouting. The Charter Organization must assign the same Charter Organization Representative to all of the Ward Units.



The Cub Scout Motto



Do Your Best

In society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys from eight through ten years old. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his Home, Country, God, and other people.



The program helps boys this age to:

- ✿ Learn and live the gospel
- ✿ Serve others
- ✿ Use the talents Heavenly Father has given them to learn and do good
- ✿ Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games
- ✿ Learn how to get along with others through group activities
- ✿ Reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating
- ✿ Develop personal independence
- ✿ Work on activities in the Faith in God program

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

An EYOS patrol also provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn awards and recognition. In the EYOS patrol, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns. The EYOS organization and purpose are similar to the Cub Scout program but the Patrol is a unit in the Ward Boy Scout Troop. The EYOS leader is an Assistant Scoutmaster and participates in the Troop Committee Meeting. A woman can be the EYOS leader but she cannot participate on overnight activities. Boys enter and advance in Scouting by age but boys receive awards based on their achievements. While in Cub Scouts, boys work on rank based on their age (8 years – Wolf; 9 years – Bear; 10 years – Webelos.) In Boy Scouts, the boys work on any rank requirement at any time between ages eleven and eighteen. Advancement is based on time in the previous rank and completion of all of the requirements for the next rank:



Scout → Tenderfoot → 2nd Class → 1st Class → Star → Life → Eagle

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Scouting lies with the family. The Pack or Troop assists the family in helping the boys advance. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family. In Boy Scouts, many of the activities are done with the Patrol but it is very important that parents maintain good records and follow their son's progress.

**Remember to keep all Scout Advancement records in a safe place!
You will need them later when your son completes his Eagle application!**

Bobcat

All boys ages eight through ten earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on his age group. They may also work on special awards including the Sports and Academic Belt Loops and Pins, Leave No Trace, Conservation Awards, and Anniversary recognition.



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.*

Law of the Pack

*The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.*

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best



Wolf



A Cub Scout who is eight years old is a member of the Wolf Den and works on twelve achievements to earn the Wolf Badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank. He can earn gold and silver arrow points as he completes electives.

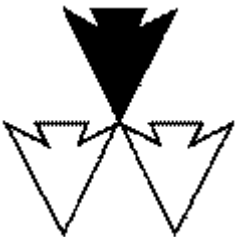
Bear

A Cub Scout who is nine years old is a member of the Bear Den and works to complete twelve of twenty-four achievements to earn the Bear Badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.



Arrow Points



For every ten electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn Arrow Points after he receives his Wolf and Bear Badges until his next birthday when he will start working on his next rank.

WEBELOS



When a Cub Scout is ten years old, he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, twenty activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouts.)



WEBELOS



To earn the Webelos badge the Cub Scout completes various requirements including three Activity badges (Fitness, Citizen, and one other.) The boy learns about the Boy Scout salute, sign, handshake, oath, law, slogan, and motto.

When the boy earns four additional Activity badges, he earns the Compass Point emblem. For each additional four Activity Badges, the Cub Scout earns an arrow point.

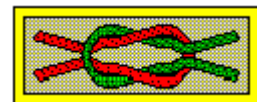


After your Cub Scout has been active in the Den for six months and has his Webelos badge, he can earn the Arrow of Light Award. He must earn a total of eight Activity Badges including the Fitness, Citizen, Readyman, and Outdoorsman and he must know more about becoming a Boy Scout.



To earn the Arrow of Light and Outdoorsman, the Cub Scout can participate in two Father and Son campouts or go on day hikes. No Scout-sponsored overnight camping should be planned for boys under eleven years old.

The Arrow of Light can be worn on his Boy Scout uniform and his adult uniform.



Boy Scouts

When a boy turns eleven, he completes the Boy Scout application and Health Form to join the Boy Scout Troop. If the new Boy Scout earned the Arrow of Light Award, he demonstrates that he knows how to tie a square knot to earn his Scout Badge.



EYOS



Boy 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 Motto

Be Prepared.

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

Scout Law

*A Scout Is:
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent*

Scouting provides many opportunities for boys to learn skills and take part in terrific adventures. The Boy Scouts of America recognizes the boy's achievement by awarding badges: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and the highest rank of Eagle.

When the Scout is eleven years old, he is a member of the Boy Scout Troop but in a special Patrol that focuses on the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. He may complete any of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class at any time. An active Scout will usually earn First Class when he is an EYOS.



Scout



Tenderfoot



Second Class



First Class



Star



Life



Eagle

VERY IMPORTANT: Keep all of your son's advancements records! You will need all dates and leadership positions to put on his Eagle application!! The Boy Scouts of America will verify EVERYTHING before an Eagle Rank is awarded!

The Trail to First Class



The goal of the EYOS Patrol is to attain the rank of First Class by the time the boy turns twelve years old. With good attendance at Troop Meetings and Activities this is a very realistic goal. While the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are awarded in order, scouts may work on the requirements for the three ranks simultaneously.

Scouts may also work on merit badges, but they are not recommended for the younger scouts, especially those in their first year of scouting. To complete the requirements for Star, Life and Eagle the Scout must pass off both required and elected Merit Badges that explore areas such as canoeing, swimming, camping, astronomy, citizenship, etc. Counselors are available to assist the boys in completing the requirements and teach them the skills outlined for the merit badge.

Key points in attaining the rank of First Class:

- Scouts participate in ten troop activities (five for Second Class) since joining the troop, excluding troop meetings. It is important to participate in as many activities as possible; many outdoor requirements can't be done at the troop meetings. Also, the ten activities requirement is almost always the hardest and the last completed for First Class.
- Three of these activities need to include camping overnight in a tent (one for each rank); it is important to take advantage of all the camping trips. Fathers should plan to go with their sons on camping trips until the boys turn twelve years old.
- Swimming and orienteering requirements are hard to pass off without the troop and it is hard for the troop to repeat; boys are encouraged to attend when the troop schedules these.
- Cooking requirements include menu planning and food procurement, as well as functioning as the head-cook. Scouts and parents are encouraged to sign-up for a trip of their choice with the troop leaders.
- Community service is required for Second Class rank advancement. Participation in the Eagle projects of the older scouts and the troop service events is very important.
- Plant and animal identification is difficult in the winter. Scouts are encouraged to pass these requirements on the Fall or Spring Nature Hike.
- Good attendance and attention at troop meetings and activities will ensure that each Scout masters the skills needed to earn the rank of First Class by his birthday.

The advancement program is designed to provide the Boy Scout with a chance to achieve the aims of Scouting. As a Scout advances he is measured and grows in confidence and self-reliance. He must demonstrate that he is living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Law in his daily life. He must learn leadership by serving his troop in a position of responsibility and he must also serve his community through service projects and doing good turns daily.

After a Scoutmaster's conference and a board of review, the Boy is awarded the rank at a quarterly Court of Honor.

Special Cub Scout Programs

Summertime Camping



Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that includes: crafts, games, nature, sports, BB-guns, archery, songs, and skits. Each camp session runs for five days at the Council's local camp property.

Fun with Son / Father and Son: An overnight camping experience for Cub Scouts, EYOSs, and their fathers. Activities may include: sports, archery, swimming, crafts, and campfires.

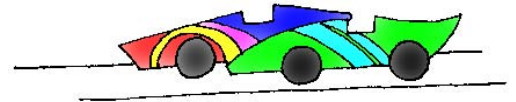
EYOS Camp: A three day summer program for 1st year Boy Scouts to learn and demonstrate proficiency in outdoor skills and safety. The program includes water safety, cooking, fires, knots, lashing, knife care, service, and other related outdoor requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. EYOS Scouts can attend three separate overnight campouts during the year but they are not invited to attend long-term campouts or Boy Scout Camp with the Ward Troop.

Long-term Camp: When the Scout is twelve he attends long-term camping and participates without his father, however, it is recommended that fathers continue to participate in activities and attend with their sons. Scouting activities are designed to support the family.

Important: No hiking or camping on Sunday.

Pinewood Derby

Parents and sons build racecars made from a block of wood then race their cars at the Pinewood Derby.



Blue and Gold / Scouting Banquet

The Boy Scout birthday is celebrated annually in an activity usually held in February. All Scouting units in the Ward can hold a Scouting Banquet or the Pack plans a Blue and Gold Banquet that recognizes Cub Scouts and their leaders. **The Ward should not observe Scout Sunday during Sacrament Meeting.**

Court of Honor

The Boy Scout Troop including EYOS holds a minimum of four formal courts of honor a year (one every three months) to recognize the Scouts in the troop. Presentation of merit badges and rank badges should not wait for a court of honor; awards and badges should be presented at the next meeting after they are earned, then scouts are recognized again at a formal court of honor. Families attend the Courts of Honor just as they did the Cub Scout Pack meeting.

Boy's Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults, Boy's Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The annual cost of the magazine (\$10.80) is the responsibility of the parent or Ward; it is an excellent magazine and worth the cost.

How can parents help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principles of service to others. Naturally, parents are a logical source of leaders in the Scouting program. Scouting needs every parent's help to be a successful program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to be a positive influence on the youth in your ward and community.

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, talents, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys, as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys 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 way of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Adult Religious Award – On My Honor



1. Be registered and participate in a Church-sponsored Scouting unit.
2. Be at least twenty-one years of age.
3. Have served a minimum of three years in the Aaronic Priesthood or Primary.
4. Be thoroughly familiar with the Aaronic Priesthood or Primary program as shown in an interview with the bishop.
5. Be worthy as shown in an interview with the bishop.
6. Complete the basic training for Scouting leaders.

Volunteer Leadership



Parents are key to a high functioning committee. They fulfill all of the tasks that support the Scouting program and the leaders. With the parent's assistance, their boys will advance and achieve the purposes of Scouting and the Church.

Pack / Troop Committee

Pack and Troop Committees perform administrative functions of the Pack and Troop.

Committee Chairman

Called by Bishopric. Presides at leader's committee meetings. Helps recruit and recommend adults leaders. Also attends the pack meeting / Court of Honor.

Advancement Chairman

Maintains advancement records for the pack / troop. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings / Courts of Honor and leader's committee meetings.

Pack Trainer

Coordinates "Fast Start" training for adults, organizes the dens, and promotes leader training and Roundtable meeting attendance. Can be a member of the Primary Presidency.

Secretary / Treasurer

Keeps all records for the unit, coordinates financial records with Ward clerk. Attends pack / troop meetings and leader's committee meetings. Create Newsletter.

Safety Coordinator

Responsible to ensure safety standards are followed. Ensures Youth Protection is a unit priority.

Parent Support

Activity chairman to perform "one shot" program jobs such as coordinating participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, Scouting banquet, day camp, transportation, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

Den Leader

Called by Bishopric. Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends monthly committee meeting.

Cubmaster / Scoutmaster

Called by Bishopric. Helps plan and carry out the program with the help of the committee. Emcees monthly pack meeting / Court of Honors and attends the leader's committee meeting.

**Your Scouting units need you
to provide a quality program.**

You Are Not Alone!

Ward Primary and Young Men Presidency

The Primary Presidency is responsible for the Cub Scout and EYOS programs in the Ward. The Young Men Presidency is responsible for the Boy Scout programs and coordinates the boy's transition from Primary to Aaronic Priesthood. They are responsible to ensure that a quality program is maintained and the units are registered on time with the Boy Scouts of America.

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scout Service Center Staff can help or get you in touch with someone who can.

- 🇺🇸 Roundtable, a monthly leader's meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- 🇺🇸 Cub Scout Meeting Resource Guide, contains meeting plans for den, and pack meetings plus shows you how to do crafts and games. A guide to adapting the Meeting Resource Guide to an LDS program is available from www.lds-scouting.com.
- 🇺🇸 Packs should have a pack library that contains the leader books to enhance the activities.
- 🇺🇸 Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee, which develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate. The council newsletter and web site contains updated information about the activities planned for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.
- 🇺🇸 Your Unit Commissioner is assigned to check on the health of your pack and is a communication link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit. A member of the Stake may be assigned as your Unit Commissioner.
- 🇺🇸 Your district has fast start training videos for EYOS leaders and parents. Cub Scout fast start is located at www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart. All leaders and parents need training.
- 🇺🇸 Required Youth Protection Training is provided on-line, as is all required Cub Scout Training. See www.lds-scouting.com for more information.

What Will Scouting Cost?

Registration & Insurance Fee:	\$15.00 / Year	Fee paid by Stake.
Boy's Life Magazine:	\$12.00 / Year	Paid by Family or Ward
Scout Handbooks		
Wolf	\$8.99	
Bear	\$8.99	
Webelos	\$8.99	
Boy Scout	\$9.95	- Boy Scout can use the book for all ranks.

Note: Uniforms and Boy's Life are not required to join Scouts, but they are recommended. Check with your pack or troop leaders to see what they suggest and where uniforms can be purchased. Often uniforms can be purchased from a thrift shop or the unit may have a uniform exchange. Webelos can wear the khaki Boy Scouts shirt.

Note: The prices listed below are subject to change. Visit www.scoutstuff.org for additional items and information.

Sample Uniform Costs:

Wolf Neckerchief	\$5.99
Cub Scout/Webelos Blue Short-Sleeve Shirt - Small	\$22.99
Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide	\$3.99
Cub Scout Wolf Cap - Size SM/M	\$12.99
Boy Scout Long Sleeve Shirt	\$33.99
Boy Scout Trousers	\$36.30
Boy Scout Merit Badge Sash	\$5.15
Unit Numeral – 1	\$0.80
Unit Numeral – 4	\$0.80
Unit Numeral – 7	\$0.80
Council Strip Patch – Obtain from local council	\$2.50



Uniforms can be purchased at the Scout Shops located at Local Councils, at area merchants who sell BSA uniforms, or clothing resale shops.

NOTE: All prices are subject to change.

Other Scouting Costs

The primary source of funding for the Scouting program and activities is the Ward budget. Fund raising projects are approved for purchasing capital equipment and to pay for Boy Scout long-term camp or Cub Scout day camp. Wards can determine the cost of the program, using the estimates below. The Stake pays the annual registration and rechartering fees, the ward pays for activities and awards, and parents pay for Boy’s Life and their uniforms. Typical Cub Scout costs are listed below.

Boy’s Life	\$12.00		Leader’s Training	\$25.00
Advancement Awards	\$20.00		Leader’s Books	\$30.00
Weekly Den Meetings	\$72.00		Gas – Field Trips	\$20.00
Monthly Pack Meetings	\$32.00		Leader’s Uniform	\$97.30
Cub Scouts Day Camp	\$95.00		District Dinner	\$25.00
Pinewood Derby	\$10.00			
Blue and Gold Banquet	\$15.00			
Summer Project	\$12.00			
Uniform	\$88.30			

IMPORTANT: Boys should not feel excluded from participating in the program because they cannot afford to pay for activities. On the other hand, Den Leaders should not have to pay for den meeting supplies.

A Stake or Ward uniform exchange will keep the costs at a reasonable level as will a Ward resource library where Merit Badge books and equipment can be borrowed.



Friends of Scouting

With the changes in funding for the Boy Scouts of America, it is very important that we support the program through donations to Friends of Scouting. To maintain the quality programs we expect, we must provide the council with our financial support. When we support the activities like Cub Scout Day Camp and Boy Scout Camp, when we sell Popcorn, when we write a check to Friends of Scouting, we make a difference. In February when you hold your Scout Banquet, invite a District representative to provide a short (very short) presentation on the Friends of Scouting.

LDS Scouting

Scouting in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints follows guidelines from Church Headquarters in Salt Lake City. The 1997 Scouting Handbook printed by the Church describes the Church's relationship to Cub Scouting and how to use the program as the youth program for boys 8 – 10 years old. It also explains the Boy Scouting program for boys 11 – 18. The most significant difference between the BSA program and the Church program are: the Church Packs do not participate in Tiger Cubs and the Cub Scout Pack does not support over-night camping even for Webelos. A Ward Father and Son campout or an all day hike will meet the requirement for Arrow of Light.

LDS Purpose

The Scouting activities provide boys with the opportunity to put into practice the gospel principles they have learned at home and at Church.

LDS Methods

- ☺ Cub Scout meetings should be held in the daytime at the meetinghouse, in a home, or in an outdoor setting.
- ☺ All Scout meetings and activities should open and close with prayer.
- ☺ Boys enter and advance in Scout programs by age.
- ☺ The Cub Scout Program in the Church begins at age 8; therefore. It does not include a Tiger Cub Program.
- ☺ The LDS Webelos Program is one year with a focus on achieving the Webelos Rank and Arrow of Light. A day hike rather than an overnight campout meets the Arrow of Light requirement.
- ☺ LDS boys are not recruited. Their membership in Cub Scouts is automatic. The Church considers Scouting a Church activity and makes it available to all LDS boys age 8 – 18. The goal is 100% participation. Boys who are not LDS are welcome to register with the Ward's Pack.
- ☺ The Church does not sponsor Scouting for girls or young women.
- ☺ Qualified adults, whether members of the Church or not, may hold Scouting positions. All must maintain the Church standards.
- ☺ Leaders are not recruited, however, families and parents are always welcomed to volunteer in many supportive roles.
- ☺ Members are set apart by a member of the Bishopric.
- ☺ Other Leaders can receive a blessing from the Bishopric.
- ☺ Where leadership is limited, one committee may be called to service all Scouting needs.



- ☺ Men or women can serve in Scout positions for Primary age boys (Cub Scouting and Eleven Year Old Scouts) but only men are called to Aaronic Priesthood positions.
- ☺ No Scout-sponsored overnight camping should be planned for boys under eleven years old.
- ☺ Cub Scouts should participate in the Council Day Camp program.
- ☺ The Ward should not observe Scout Sunday during a Sacrament Meeting.
- ☺ No hiking or camping on Sunday. Cub Scouts should not travel to or from camps on Sunday. Sunday is the Sabbath day for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is considered a day of rest.
- ☺ Faith In God is the Cub Scout Religious Award.
- ☺ Leaders should follow the guidelines contained in the Budget Allowance Guidelines to finance their Scouting program. It is important to turn in all receipts.
- ☺ Registration and unit chartering expenses are paid from the Stake general checking account.
- ☺ Boys' Life is paid by the parents or Ward budget.
- ☺ Awards/activities come from the Ward budget allowance.
- ☺ Dues are not collected. All programs are paid out of the Ward budget.
- ☺ The Church encourages the participation in one Annual Day Camp. It is funded by the Ward budget. If the Ward does not have funds, then the participant's parents are asked to pay for part or all of the camp.
- ☺ Lack of personal funds should not prohibit participation.
- ☺ One fund raiser per year is permitted to purchase capital equipment and pay for long-term camping.
- ☺ Tour permits should be filed with both the BSA Council office as well as the Bishop for meetings held away from the regular meeting place.
- ☺ No activities on Monday evenings. The Church sets aside Monday evening for Family Home Evening. This is an activity that the family does together and is intended to strengthen the family unit.
- ☺ Adult Scouters should not participate in training on Sunday, or when overnight camping involves mixed groups of men and women.
- ☺ No caffeinated drinks or alcoholic beverages at activities or smoking on Church property (including the parking lot).
- ☺ To prevent fire hazards and follow Church practices, the use of candles in pack ceremonies is prohibited.



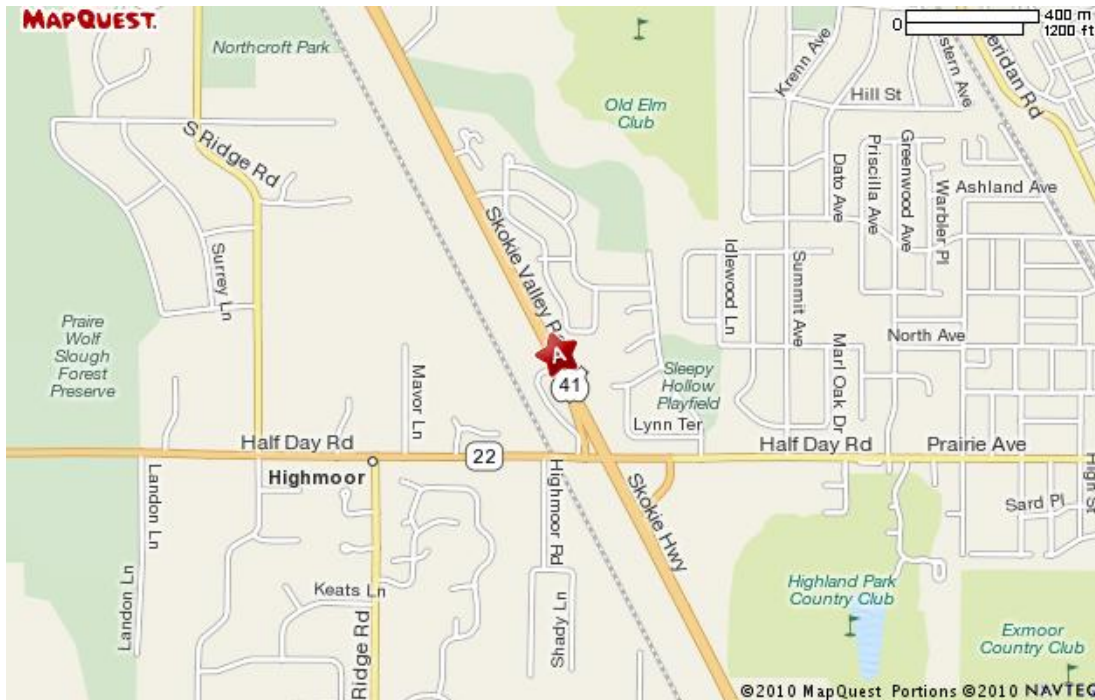
BSA Council Office

Registration and advancement forms are turned into the council service center for the Northeast Illinois Council. Uniforms, patches, books, and program materials are available at the Scout Shop which is also located at the Council Service Center.



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Unit Information

Pack Number / Troop Number _____

Den Number / Patrol Name _____

Scouting District _____

Boy Scout Council _____

Den Leader's Name _____

Den Leader's Phone # _____

Patrol Leader's Name _____

Patrol Leader's Phone # _____

Cubmaster's Name _____

Cubmaster's Phone # _____

Den / Patrol Meeting – Day / Time _____

Den / Patrol Meeting – Location _____

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