

Cub Scout Parent Orientation Guide

Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouting!



NEW PARENT GUIDE

- Information for parents and boys about Cub Scouting
- Cub Scout Program Information
- Parental Expectations and Involvement



Cub Scouting: Where Character Counts and the Adventure Begins ...



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Your Son, Scouting, and You

Scouting ... 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, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values...We know that boys do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

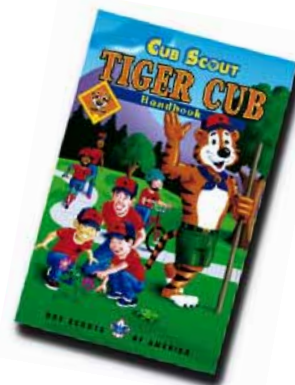


Scouting is fun with a purpose!

TIGER CUB PROGRAM

First Grade

1. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub den that:
 - A. Has three to eight boy/adult partner teams.
 - B. Meets at least twice each month in a den meeting.
 - C. Has one outing a month, called a "Go See It."
 - D. Attends the monthly pack meetings.
2. Each pack has a Tiger Cub Den Leader.
 - A. This person plans and carries out a year-round program of activities for the Tiger Cub den assisted by the other adult partners in the den.
 - B. Each month, the den leader works with a different boy/adult partner team to plan the two monthly den meetings, the Go See It, and the den's part in the pack meeting. This is called shared leadership.



CUB SCOUT & WEBELOS PROGRAM

Second Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a **den** that:
 - A. Has four to eight boys.
 - B. Meets once a week, regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience.
 - C. Is led by a den leader (usually a parent).
 - D. Has an assistant den leader, and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members) to assist the den leader.
 - E. Has games, crafts, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and periodic field trips.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First Through Fifth Grade

1. Your boy is a member of a **pack** that:
 - A. Is made up of one or more dens.
 - B. Meets once a month - all Tiger Cubs and Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
 - C. Has meetings led by the Cubmaster
 - D. Is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
 - E. Has games, skits, stunts, songs, and ceremonies at meetings, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month.

"TC," "Akela," and "Baloo" are the mascots who represent the levels of Cub Scouting.

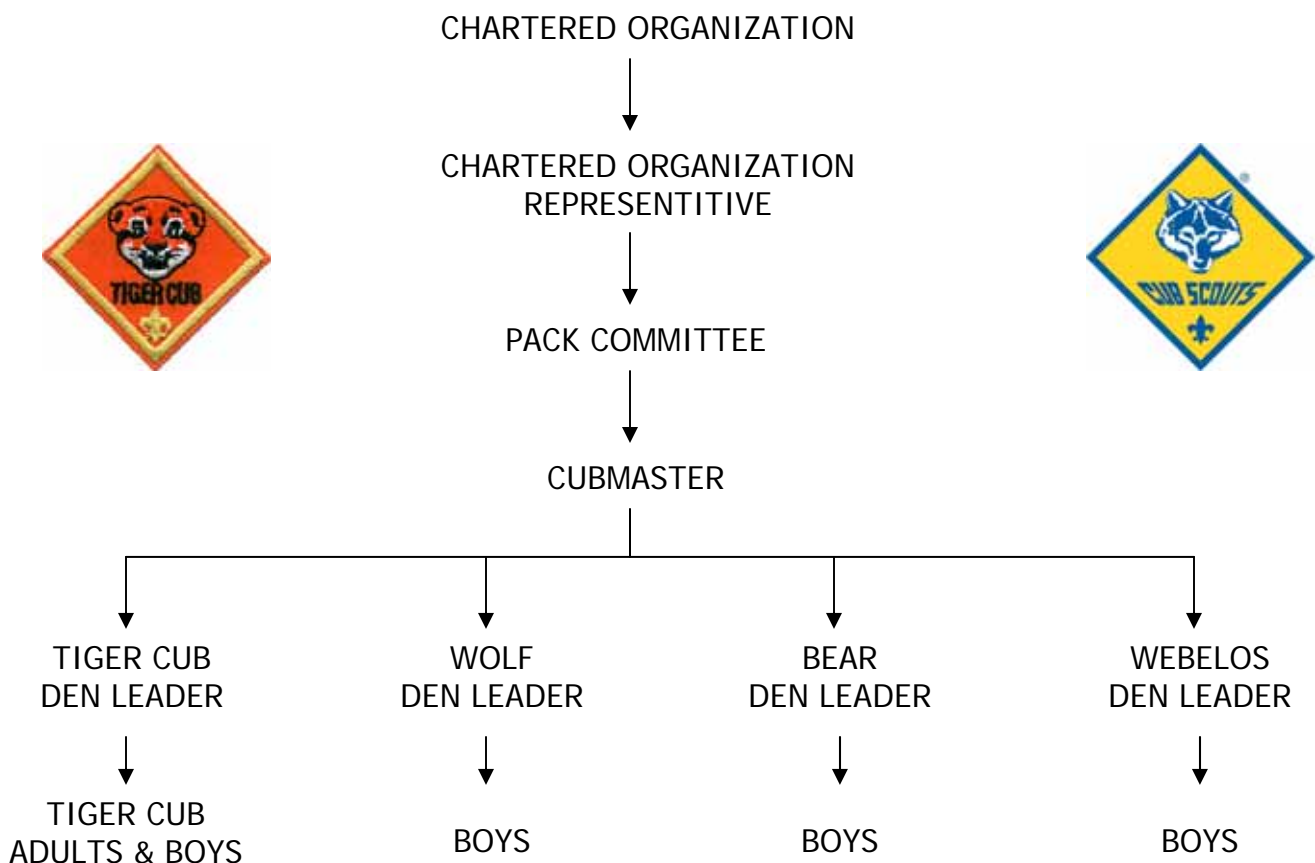


2. Our pack is run by the **Pack Committee**, which:

- A. Is made up of den leaders, pack leaders, the pack trainer, and all parents.
- B. Meets once a month or more often if needed.
- C. Is led by a committee chairman.
- D. Selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs recordkeeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

3. Our pack is owned by a **Chartered Organization**, which:

- A. Includes schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B. Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps pack within sponsor's and Boy Scout guidelines and policies.
- C. Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).



Tiger Cub - BSA Motto



Search, Discover, Share

Tiger Cubs, BSA, is a one-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include activities from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and an opportunity do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub den whom you see at monthly meetings.

Cub Scout - BSA Motto

Do Your Best

In our society, 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 in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

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



Cub Scout Promise

*I, _____, 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.*

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family.



Bobcat

All boys in first through fifth grade earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.

Tiger Cubs

There are five achievements in Tiger Cubs to earn the Tiger Cub badge:



- Making My Family Special
- Where I Live
- Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe
- How I Tell It
- Let's Go Outdoors

Each achievement has three parts: a family activity, a den activity, and a Go See It outing. A boy receives totem beads as he completes each part:

- A **white bead** for each required family activity part he completes
- An **orange bead** for each required den activity part he completes
- A **black bead** for each required Go See It part he completes



Wolf

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 12 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.



Arrow Points

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.

Bear

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 12 of 24 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.

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he is able.



Webelos

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 20 activity badges, and the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth-grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.

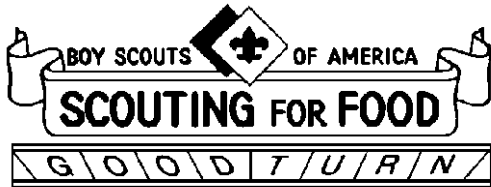


Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

Special Programs

Pinewood Derby

Parent/son project to build a race car made from a block of wood. Car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Be there the day of the big race!



Scouting for Food

Food drive held to benefit local food-banks. Part of our program to help the hungry. Usually held in April.

Camping

Exciting summertime activities that include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, skits, swimming, boating, bb guns, and archery. A wide variety of camping opportunities are offered throughout the spring & summer such as Day Camp, Weekend Resident Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Webelos Resident Camp.

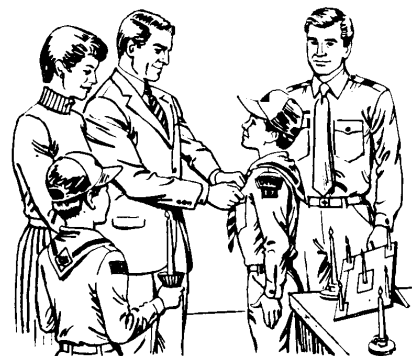


Boys' Life Magazine

A magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Your son's subscription is included with his registration and is good for 12 issues/year.

Blue & Gold Banquet

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. 2nd Year Webelos typically graduate into the Boy Scout program. The annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation made. Happy Birthday Cub Scouts!



How Can You Help?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your 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, talent, 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 that 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 means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pack Volunteer Leadership

Den Leaders

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

Cubmaster & Assistants

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



Pack Committee

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

Committee Chairman



Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.



Advancement Chairman

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

Committee Members/Parent Helpers

Pack event chairman positions to perform "one-shot" program jobs, such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Day Camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

You Are Not Alone!

- Our staff at the Lake Huron Area Council Scout Service Center can help or get you in touch with someone who can.

Service Center	989-662-4464 or 989-695-5593 / FAX 989-662-4465
Scout Shop	989-662-0242 / FAX 989-662-0351
Council Web Site	www.lhacbsa.org
National Web Site	www.scouting.org

- Roundtable, a monthly leaders' 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
- Program Helps contain meeting plans for den and pack meetings and show you how to do crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders.
- Most packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee that develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "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 your unit.
- Your district has fast-start training videos and leader basic training available. Fast-start training and other supplemental leader training is available at www.olc.scouting.org any time you are ready. Every boy deserves a trained leader!
- We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.
- Here are just some of the services provided by the Lake Huron Area Council:
 1. A year-round Scout Shop stocked with books, uniforms, insignia, and much more!
 2. Year-round Leadership Training and Commissioner support for all volunteers/units.
 3. Two Nationally accredited Boy Scout Camps: Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation located between Mio and Rose City and Camp Rotary near Clare.
 4. Accident, sickness, and primary liability insurance.
 5. *The Scouter* newsletter published free for our leaders.
 6. The Service Center providing year-round program support, registration, record keeping, and much more!
 7. A professional staff to provide support to all of our council's units and volunteers.
 8. Fundraising support for units provided by the Trail's End Popcorn Sale.



The Lake Huron Area Council

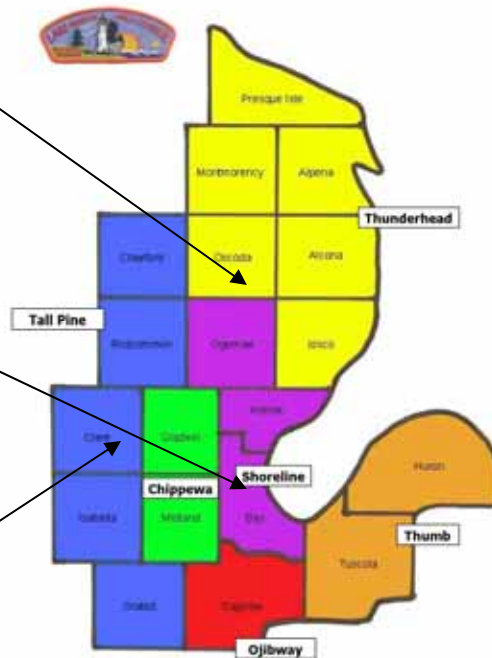
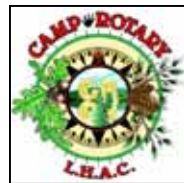
Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation



Lake Huron Area Council Service Center



Camp Rotary



The Lake Huron Area Council covers a 19 county service area and provides direct support to nearly 14,000 youth and 3,000 adult leaders. Young people today face unprecedented challenges. But thanks to thousands of dedicated Scouting volunteers and supporters, youth involved in the Lake Huron Area Council's programs have more opportunities to learn how to meet challenges, choose wisely and grow strong.

To achieve our mission *"To prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law"* takes a dedicated team of volunteers and professionals working toward the common goal of providing our kids a quality Scouting program. Critical dollars are needed annually to operate and maintain our two camps, a Service Center, provide insurance, scholarships, camperships, year-round training and support activities council-wide. The single most important way that YOU can help maintain the high quality Scouting program that your son receives is through our annual Friends of Scouting campaign. Your gift is an investment that lasts a lifetime as today's Scouts become productive and healthy citizens. The Friends of Scouting campaign directly sustains the year-round activities of the Lake Huron Area Council. It funds approximately 16% of budget for the Council to operate Scouting and provides a support system for our volunteers and hundreds of community organizations that partner with the Council. The benefits of Scouting are borne out in national independent research studies. Each dollar donated to Scouting is multiplied many times over through the vast network of volunteers that provide weekly programs for youth. Scouting instills values for life.

Please consider a gift this year when your Pack Friends of Scouting presentation is made, typically at your Blue & Gold Banquet. Thank you in advance for your support of Scouting!

How Your Financial Support Helps

- **Serving:** Approximately one out of every five available youth in our 19 county service area is involved in Scouting programs. Our goal is to maintain and refine current programs while expanding our outreach.
- **Outreach Efforts:** Our Scoutreach program, which serves at-risk youth from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, has grown from 200 youth to more than 3,000 youth since 1994. This total represents growth of about 1500%!
- **Camping:** The out of doors is Scouting's "classroom". Camping and outdoor programs teach basic self-assurance, teamwork, and other life skills that help youth grow into productive and healthy adults. The Lake Huron Area Council operates two wonderful camps: Paul Bunyan Scout Reservation and Camp Rotary. Thousands of Scouts and non-Scouts use these facilities throughout the year.
- **Leadership:** Trained leaders are the best resources for delivering quality programming to youth. From Child Abuse training to in-depth high level on-site leadership development, a variety of courses are offered for our adult volunteers. Den Chief Training and National Youth Leadership Training are available for developing youth leaders.
- **Teaching Skills For Life:** Scouting provides hands-on learning and leadership opportunities for young people. Youth are recognized for their accomplishments while gaining self-confidence and having fun. More than 100 merit badges in a variety of career and hobby interest areas are available for Scouts to learn and master.
- **Services:** Our executive staff supports an average of 300 volunteers each, organizing events, developing programs and training leaders. Our support staff provides customer service, records management, and supplies through our Scout Shop for 3,000 adults. Liability insurance is provided free to all of our registered volunteers.

Please Also Consider:

- Scouting doesn't receive tax or governmental dollars.
- Our Friends of Scouting gift total is well below the "average" Scout council. As a matter of fact, FOS represents 21.5% of the budget in other Councils compared to just 15.6% in our Council.
- Registration and charter fees go directly to the National BSA.
- 100% of our budget is raised locally on an annual basis.
- Over the past six years, we have reduced our full time executive staff by 33%, cutting five positions over that time period.

My Important Information

My Pack number is _____

My Den number is _____

My Scouting District is _____

My Council is the Lake Huron Area Council #265

My Den Leader's name is _____

My Den Leader's phone number is _____

My Den Leader's e-mail address is _____

My Den meets on _____

My Den meets at _____

My Cubmaster's name is _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____

My Cubmaster's e-mail address is _____

My Pack meets on _____

My Pack meets at _____

My Unit Commissioner's name is _____

My District Executive's name is _____



What Will Scouting Cost Me?

Effective January 1, 2010 the annual registration fee will be \$28.00 which includes traditional membership registration with the Boy Scouts of America and a subscription to *Boys' Life* magazine.

Some units do fund raising to decrease the amount of pack dues required. The council annual fundraiser is the sale of Trail's End Popcorn; please visit <http://www.trails-end.com> for more information.

Current uniform pricing and ordering can be made by calling the Scout Shop at 989-662-0242 or logging on to <http://www.lhacbsa.org/> and click on the ScoutStuff.org link.



SCOUTING UNIFORM CHECKLIST

Bring this checklist to the Scout shop, and we'll help outfit you in your first complete uniform.



NAME _____

COUNCIL _____

CUB SCOUTS: Den Number _____ Pack Number _____

Tiger Cub Wolf Bear Webelos Scout

BOY SCOUTS: Troop Number _____ Patrol Name _____

VENTURERS: Crew Number _____

TIGER CUBS AND CUB SCOUTS*



- Shirt—long or short sleeve
- Trousers
- Shorts
- Tiger Cub or Cub Scout Web Belt and Buckle



- Tiger Cub or Cub Scout Socks
- Neckerchief—Tiger, Wolf, or Bear
- Tiger Cub or Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide

- Cub Scout Cap—Tiger, Wolf, or Bear

- Insignia**
- Council Shoulder Patch
 - Unit Numerals (See your den leader.)
 - Den Numeral Strip (See your den leader.)
 - World Crest Emblem

Handbooks

- Tiger Cub Handbook
- Wolf Cub Scout Book
- Bear Cub Scout Book

Accessories

- Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Kit
- Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit

WEBELOS SCOUTS



- Webelos Belt Buckle (fits Cub Scout belt)
- Webelos Neckerchief
- Webelos Neckerchief Slide
- Webelos Cap

Insignia

- Shoulder Loops—Blue
- Council Shoulder Patch

- Unit Numerals (See your den leader.)
- Den Numeral Strip or Patrol Emblem** (See your den leader.)
- World Crest Emblem

Handbooks

- Webelos Handbook

Accessories

- Webelos Colors

**NOTE: Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing either the Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform. Each Webelos den decides whether a den numeral strip or a patrol emblem is worn.

BOY SCOUTS



- Shirt—long or short sleeve
- Trousers
- Shorts
- Boy Scout Web Belt and Buckle
- Boy Scout Socks—ankle, crew, or knee
- Neckerchief (See your troop leader.)

- Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide
- Boy Scout Cap

Insignia

- Shoulder Loops—Red
- Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals
- Patrol Emblem (See your troop leader.)

- World Crest Emblem

Handbooks

- Fieldbook
- The Boy Scout Handbook
- Boy Scout Requirements

Accessories

- Scout Advancement Trail Kit

VENTURING



- Shirt or Blouse
- Trousers
- Shorts
- Venturing Belt and Buckle
- Venturing Twill Cap or Hat

- Venturing Socks

Insignia

- Shoulder Loops—Green
- Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals

- World Crest Emblem

Handbooks

- Venturer/Ranger Guidebook

*Tiger Cub uniform effective August 1, 2004

Notes

Parent Help Positions

The following positions all need to be filled for our pack to have a successful year. Would you please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year? Some of these positions are short term and others are for the entire year. Each parent must be willing to assist if this program is to work. Please complete and turn in this form tonight.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Trainer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Parent's Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Holiday Party Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Song Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Sports Program Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pinewood Derby Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Den Leader /Assistant Den Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting for Food Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Campout Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue & Gold Banquet Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Popcorn Sale Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Day Camp Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Camp Weekend Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Hobbies _____

Sports Interests _____

Job _____ Work Shift _____

I have a Truck Van Trailer Station Wagon I have a workshop

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Scout's Name _____ Phone _____



Sign-up your son during our School Night to Join Scouting

Visit <http://www.lhacbsa.org/> for information on annual Fall sign-up locations & information.



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989-662-4464 or 989-695-5593.

Or check out this website: <http://www.joincubscouting.org/>