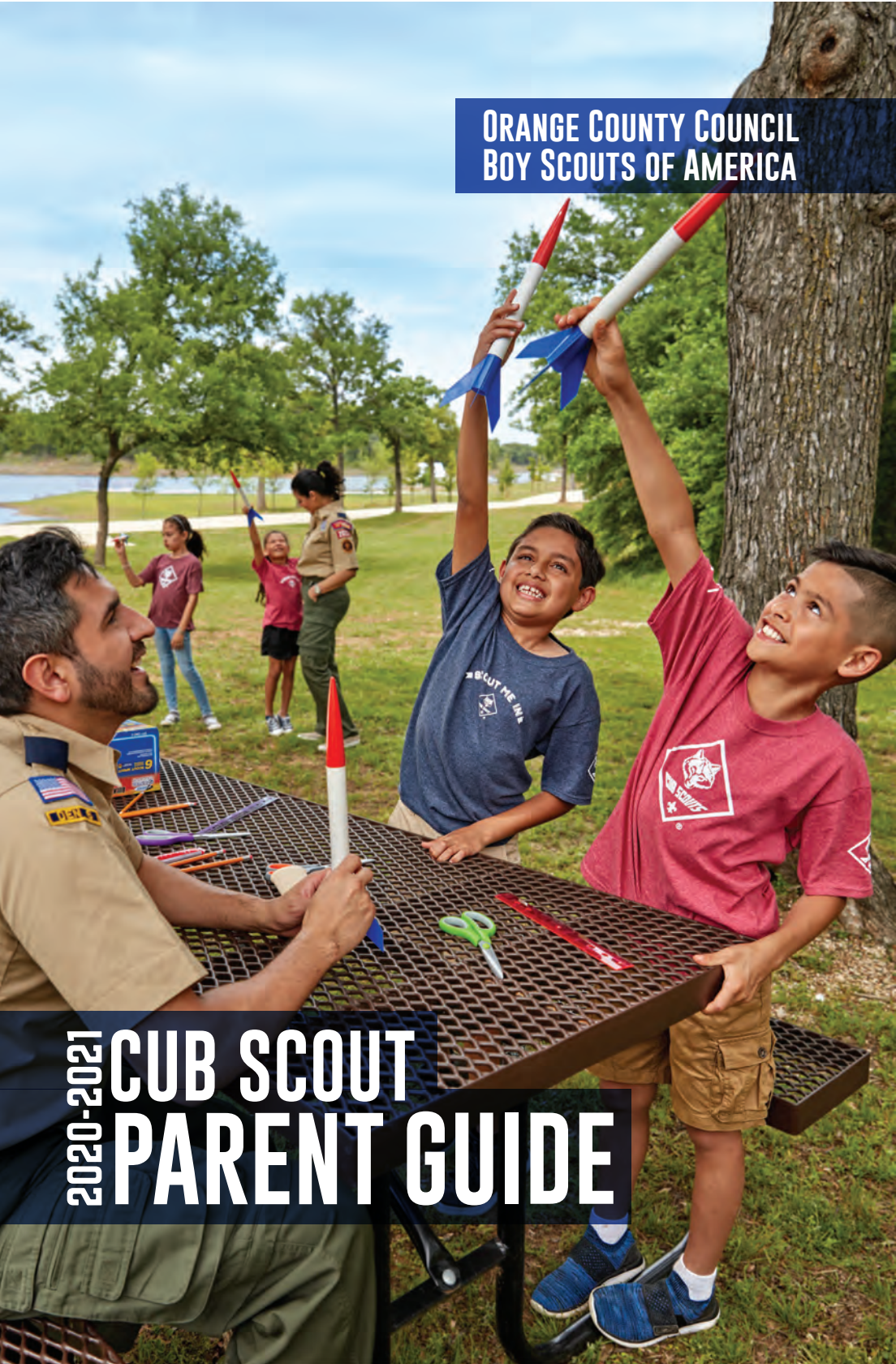


ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2020-2021 CUB SCOUT
PARENT GUIDE





MY SCOUT DIRECTORY

COMPLETE THIS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO SAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PACK AND LEADERS

MY PACK CHARTERED ORGANIZATION IS _____

MY PACK NUMBER IS _____

MY DEN NUMBER IS _____

MY SCOUTING DISTRICT IS _____

MY DEN LEADER'S NAME _____

MY DEN LEADER'S PHONE NUMBER _____

MY DEN LEADER'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MY DEN MEETS DAY _____ TIME _____

MY DEN MEETS AT _____

MY CUBMASTER'S NAME _____

MY CUBMASTER'S PHONE NUMBER _____

MY CUBMASTER'S EMAIL _____

MY PACK MEETS DAY _____ TIME _____

MY PACK MEETS AT _____

MY COUNCIL IS:

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL, #39
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SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind. Since 1910, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening leadership, character, good citizenship, and physical fitness for youth.

Scouting is about **positive youth development**. However, we know that kids do not join Scouting to get their character built. They join because it is fun!

- **Your time is valuable.** More than ever, today's families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing **ready-made adventures and activities** for you and your child to enjoy together.
- Your child needs comradery with their peers. With an emphasis on **fostering friendships**, kids will build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness in a **safe environment**.
- Scouting teaches **family values** and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities can provide added value to the time you have with your child. It also provides activities for the **whole family** to enjoy.
- Don't just take our word for it. See what other parents say about their Scouting experience. Go to **bsaparents.com** for parent testimonials.





CUB SCOUTS
DO YOUR BEST.
HAVE FUN DOING IT.

The best way to find out what you do best is to do it. Kick a ball. Pitch a tent. Build a Pinewood Derby car. Cub Scouts are at that magical age where everything is new and fun. They live in a world of “firsts” — first home run, first campfire, first checkered flag — where their game plan is their imagination. Their most valuable rewards are the friends they make for life and a parent’s proud smile. These are the invaluable experiences that can be had in Scouting.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE 5 C’S OF POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ARE WOVEN THROUGHOUT THE SCOUTING PROGRAM?

COMPETENCE
CONFIDENCE
CHARACTER
CONNECTION
CARING

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A DEN

Cub Scouts is a family-centered program for kids and adults

- A Den is a single gender group of six to ten children who meet with adult leaders to play games, learn skills, complete adventures, perform skits and songs, and take field trips.
- Dens meet at the convenience of leaders and families, at least twice a month, perhaps weekly.
- A Den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer) who is helped by an assistant Den Leader and parent helpers who share the fun.

YOUR CHILD AND THE DEN ARE PART OF A PACK

- Each Pack is made up of one or more Dens.
- Once a month, Cub Scout families attend a Pack meeting with games, skits, songs, ceremonies and presentations of recognition badges earned that month.
- The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster with help from other parents.
- The Pack families will also have other activities, like Pack Family Camping, Pinewood Derbies, and field trips.

YOUR PACK IS OWNED BY A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

- Chartered Organizations include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- Your Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place and ensures the Pack operates within both their guidelines and policies and those of the BSA.
- Your Chartered Organization selects a Representative as a liaison between the Pack and the Chartered Organization.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

AS A CUB SCOUT, YOUR CHILD WILL PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AND ADVENTURES THAT WILL ACHIEVE FIVE KEY OUTCOMES:

| DESIRED OUTCOME | SCOUTING PROGRAM COMPONENTS |
|----------------------------|---|
| Character Development | Scout Oath and Scout Law Duty to God |
| Participatory Citizenship | Civic Awareness and Patriotism Service Stewardship |
| Outdoor Skills & Awareness | Comfort, Safety, & Adventure in the Outdoors Nature and Outdoor Ethics Emergency Skills |
| Personal Fitness | Physical Fitness Healthy Eating Wellness and Healthy Habits |
| Leadership | Supporting Leaders Leadership Training |



ABOUT THE ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA

The Orange County Council is a leading youth serving agency in Orange County, instilling timeless values of character, citizenship and leadership in each young person who enters the Scouting program. The Council provides education-based skills and activities. The Council also operates four camps that provide outstanding outdoor experiences for youth and adults.

The Council is divided into smaller service areas called Districts. The purpose of the District is to organize and support successful Scout units by working through chartered organizations.

THE 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.

THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best; to do my duty to God and my Country; to obey the Scout Law and to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is, Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

THE CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Do Your Best.

A PROMISE TO PARENTS

Parents will say that Scouting in Orange County Council offered their family fun and adventurous things to do. Through the structured and safe environments, Scouting helped their son or daughter develop leadership skills and values important to good citizenship and service to others.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

A Cub Scout Den provides your child with a group of boys or girls their own age in which they can earn awards and recognition. In the Den, kids will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills they learn. Each Cub Scout learns to respect their home, country, God, and other people. Most advancement requirements will be done at Den meetings, but many can be done at home with the family.



LION

Lion is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for kindergarten-age children. The Lion program encourages kids to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities.



BOBCAT

All Scouts earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Scout Oath and Law, handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the Scouts work on requirements based on their grade level.



1ST GRADE - TIGER

The Tiger badge is earned after completing six adventures and one elective adventure. Adventures can be a den activity, family activity, or a field trip. After completing the Tiger rank, Scouts may do more adventures. Adventure loops are worn on the Tiger belt.



2ND GRADE - WOLF

The Wolf badge is earned after completing six adventures and one elective adventure. Adventures can be a den activity, family activity, or a field trip. After completing the Wolf rank, Scouts may do more adventures. Adventure loops are worn on the Wolf belt.



3RD GRADE - BEAR

The Bear badge is earned after completing six adventures and one elective adventure. Adventures can be a den activity, family activity, or a field trip. After completing the Bear rank, Scouts may do more adventures. Adventure loops are worn on the Bear belt.



4TH GRADE - WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), the child works on requirements for the Webelos badge. The Webelos badge is earned after completing five adventures and two elective adventures. Scouts earn adventure pins to be worn on the uniform.



5TH GRADE - ARROW OF LIGHT

When a Scout completes the fourth grade, the child works on requirements for the Arrow of Light badge. The Arrow of Light badge is earned after completing four adventures and three elective adventures. Scouts earn adventure pins to be worn on the uniform.



When a Cub Scout reaches 11 years of age, and completed the fifth grade, they graduate from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA at an impressive graduation ceremony. We aim to graduate every Cub Scout into Scouts BSA. Generally, your child will be prepared to join a troop in February or March of their fifth grade year in time to plan for their first Scout summer camp experience. Separate Scouts BSA troops are organized for boys and girls.

DID YOU KNOW?

SCOUTING HAS CO-ED PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!



Career/Hobby
Interest Programs



Work Force Development
Programs for Law Enforcement,
Fire Services, and Medical



Nautical/Marine
Programs



FUNDING FUN, FRIENDSHIPS & FUTURES

Funding Scouting is a shared responsibility between the family, the Pack, and the Council. It takes more than \$10 million per year to ensure that the programs, properties, and personnel are in place to make Scouting the premier choice for families in Orange County.

The Family – members buy their own uniforms, handbooks, personal equipment and typically pay their own camp fees. Family dues help defray Pack costs. Families are also invited to invest in the Council operation by making an annual donation. Participation in Pack fundraisers can reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

The Pack – creates a budget to cover the expenses necessary to deliver a quality program for its members. Income sources include money-earning projects and family dues.

The Council – financial support for the Council comes from a variety of income sources including: annual donor campaigns, grants, fees, product sales and special events. Friends of Scouting provides families the opportunity to invest in Scouting's impact in Orange County.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) - the annual charitable campaign of the Orange County Council. Parents and leaders are encouraged to make a gift that will help expand the council's mission, outreach efforts, facility improvements and expand the Scouting program to serve more youth.

The Scout - A Scout is Thrifty and earns their own way.

The Council hosts two fundraisers annually for Packs to help reduce costs to families.

Popcorn Sale

Scouts can earn great prizes, be invited to special events, and receive college scholarships by selling gourmet popcorn products exclusive to Scouting. The sale runs September to November.

Adventure Card Sale

Scouts sell discount cards with coupons from local businesses. Commissions earned on the sale help Packs reduce costs to the family including camp fees. Every Scout deserves to benefit from a summer camp experience; the Adventure Card Sale makes that possible. The sale runs from March to May.

ORANGE COUNTY SCOUT SHOPS

There are complete one-stop shops for Scout uniforms, insignia, literature, trophies, awards, crafts, camping equipment, gift certificates, and more. We have three locations to better serve you:

SANTA ANA

William Lyon Homes
Center for Scouting
1211 East Dyer Road
(714) 979-4554
Fax- (714) 979-4561

Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tue: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday

LAGUNA HILLS

25292 MacIntyre, Suite P
(949) 639-0320

Hours:

Mon thru Sat: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Sunday

ANAHEIM

1501 N. Raymond, Suite O
(714) 774-3270

Hours:

Mon thru Sat: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Sunday



BASIC UNIFORM PARTS TO PURCHASE

Kindergarten

- Lion T-shirt
- Lion Hat
- Lion Book

1st Grade

- Cub Scout Blue Uniform
- Tiger Hat
- Tiger Orange Neckerchief & Slide
- Tiger Book
- Tiger Belt

2nd Grade

- Cub Scout Blue Uniform
- Wolf Hat
- Wolf Gold Neckerchief & Slide
- Wolf Book
- Wolf Belt

3rd Grade

- Cub Scout Blue Uniform
- Bear Hat
- Bear Blue Neckerchief & Slide
- Bear Book
- Bear Belt

4th/5th Grade

- Scout Tan Uniform
- Webelos Hat
- Plaid Neckerchief & Slide
- Webelos Book
- Webelos Belt
- Webelos Colors

All Scouts Grade 1-5

- Insignia (patches for uniform)
- Switchback Shorts/Pants



SCOUT SHOP

Official Retailer of the BSA

Shop Online at ScoutShop.org



YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

THE BASICS

Youth Development Program for kids in grades K through fifth

- Builds Character
- Teaches Leadership & Citizenship
- Encourages "Do Your Best"



WHY CUB SCOUTING?

- Brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn teamwork and to get along
- Build self-confidence
- Service projects to help others
- FUN!

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
 - Pinewood Derby
 - Raingutter Regatta
 - Hiking, fishing, biking
 - Get active!
 - Cool field trips
- Just to name a few!



THE BIG PICTURE

- Small groups organized by grade and gender
- Family events combining all Dens
- Community-wide activities



ADVANCEMENT

- Assigned by grade and gender
- Connecting effort and success
- Celebrating achievement and building self-confidence



THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Handbook
- *Boys' Life* Magazine
- Patches

ADULT TRAINING

- Youth Protection
- Position specific training
- Printed and online resources



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Complete online Parent Talent Survey
- Learn about your Pack
- Add the Pack calendar to your family calendar
- Start your family adventure!



COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Camping contributes to good health, develops self-reliance and resourcefulness. Camping also enhances spiritual growth and contributes to social development. Scouts and non-Scouting groups alike are welcome to enjoy programs at these outstanding facilities. Start reaping the benefits of outdoor adventure, make your reservation today!



IRVINE RANCH OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

Operating year round for youth groups, schools and Scouts, kids learn how the early settlers lived at the Ranch Camp, explore constellations at the Aerospace/ Astronomy Camp or dig for ore at the Mining Camp. The center has recreational activities such as archery and BB gun ranges, climbing wall, ropes course, swimming pool with slide and zip line. Call 714-923-3191 or visit outdooreducationcenter.org.



OSO LAKE SCOUT CAMP

With a 100-acre lake and 15 acres of land, located near Rancho Santa Margarita, Oso Lake is easily accessible to all units. Special weekends offered - Webelos Great Outdoors, Tiger Cub Safari, Partner and Pal, and Weekend Camping. Call 714-546-4990 or visit osolake.org.

Junior Adventure Camp

Campers, ages 6-10, participate in a variety of exciting activities including the pool, shooting ranges, mining camp, STEM activities, climbing, crafts, games, hikes and more at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center!

Open Activity Days

Come to the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center to enjoy an afternoon full of fun! Hit a bullseye with a bow and arrow, take aim with a BB gun, fly down the zip line – it's all up to you.

Cub Adventure Weekends

Join us at Oso Lake for a weekend of camping fun and advancement in our outdoor classroom setting. Bring the family and spend a relaxing weekend in camp, learning, doing, and experiencing the nature of Orange County.



NEWPORT SEA BASE

This is a place where sunlight, sailboats and sea lions are part of the day's agenda. Located on the Pacific Coast Highway, the Newport Sea Base offers maritime programming for all ages. Special events offered - Sailing programs, Aqua Cub, Fishing for Science, Twilight Canoe Tour, Junior Aquatics Camp. Call 949-642-5031 or visit newportseabase.org.



SCHOEPE SCOUT RESERVATION AT LOST VALLEY

Nearly everything a Scout could want is at Lost Valley, swimming, boating, archery, BB gun shooting, horseback riding and more. The camp is located off Highway 79, between Temecula and Warner Springs. Weekend events offered - Holiday Family Camps, Webelos Partner and Pal, Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Resident Camp. Call 714-546-4990 or visit ssrlv.org.

Squids

Excitement and learning await at Squids Camp! The program features Huck Finn Fishing, Harbor 20 sailing, wacky science, Nerf Arena Battles, arts and craft projects, building and racing a mini-sailboat and Sea Base Olympics!

Junior Aquatics Camp

The Newport Sea Base is the place to be for fun, science, challenging on-the-water activities, team competitions and prizes - plus Webelos pins! Activities feature water bottle rockets, and a visit by the Harbor Patrol fire boat.

Adventures In STEM

The Adventures in STEM day camps are designed to get campers engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, while also incorporating leadership, and critical thinking.

Unit Camping

Is your Crew, Troop, Pack, or Den looking for somewhere new for a weekend campout? There are no better places than the IROEC, Oso Lake Scout Camp, and Schoepe Scout Reservation. Pack up your Patrol Boxes, tents, and gear. It is time for a visit!

NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS

BOYS' LIFE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Boys' Life Magazine (formerly *Boys' Life*) has been around for almost as long as there have been Scouts. It is the only magazine especially designed for the Scout.



The mission of *Boys' Life* Magazine is to entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics and Scouting. A special edition is published for Cub Scouts with age and program specific content and feature articles.

Parents can always be confident that the content of the magazine is wholesome, entertaining, and educational. See a sample at www.boyslife.org/minimag.

SCOUT HANDBOOK

Contrary to what your child may tell you, the first thing they will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. Scout handbooks are number one bestsellers for developing life skills, leadership and character. The books in Cub Scouting are color coded for quick reference, are related to age and contain the basics needed for the coming year, especially the requirements for advancement awards.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

The uniform makes Scouting visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world-wide kinship of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they accomplish.

Scout uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for your child to grow into.

Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. Cub Scouts especially enjoy this, and the uniform serves as school clothing one day a week.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Cub Scouting means “doing.” Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have kids doing things. Activities are used to achieve citizenship training, character development, personal fitness and of course, fun. Build your adventure with these and many more programs available.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

The blue and gold banquet is a birthday party for Scouting and packs hold an annual family celebration. Many times, Scouts receive their rank advancements at this event.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Day Camp is the pinnacle of outdoor fun in Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts will have an adventure building on the skills and friendships experienced each day. Cub Day Camps are available throughout the summer.

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL OUTINGS

These are great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.

PINEWOOD DERBY

The Pinewood Derby is an annual parent-child project where you can design and build a race car from a block of wood. Cub Scouts learn the valuable lesson of sportsmanship by racing their cars on a gravity track against their fellow Scouts.

DAY OF SERVICE

A Scout is helpful. The Day of Service is a one-day, county-wide effort to conduct service projects to benefit our communities.

SCOUT-O-RAMA

This is an annual showcase of Scouting in a carnival style atmosphere for the whole family. Fun things at Scout-O-Rama include archery, games, camping and cooking demonstrations, obstacle courses, climbing towers, and much more.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities, including projects at school through the BSA Adopt-A-School program.



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 fill a role in Scouting, but also to help your child and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO YOU GET 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, fellowship with other families, AND sharing your pride in the kids' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help children learn good citizenship and to help shape them into adults who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of youth as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both kids 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.

CUB SCOUT LEARNING LIBRARY

Whether you are a parent helper, a committee chair, Cubmaster or Den Leader, the Learning Library at **CubScouts.org** is the chief location online for finding everything you need to get the most out of Scouting. This site is packed with helpful and important information designed to make your experience great!



PARENT VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Your child's Pack is lead by parent volunteers who provide leadership to a variety of key positions that ensure every youth and family has a quality Scouting experience. It is for this reason we encourage at least one parent to participate in a leadership role.

DEN LEADER(S)

Leads the Den at Den and monthly Pack meetings. Participates in Pack leaders' meetings.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of others. Emceeds the monthly Pack meeting and attends the Pack leaders' meetings.

PACK COMMITTEE

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

Committee Chair

Overall coordination of Pack plan and volunteers. Presides at all Pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders.

Parent Helpers /Committee Members

"One shot" program jobs of short duration coordinating pack participation in sales events, Day of Service, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, day camp, etc.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps records of Pack funds (collections and expenses) and reports to the Committee. Handles applications and recharter paperwork.

There is a task for every family. Don't sit on the sideline cheering; get in the game and enjoy Scouting with your child!

Advancement Chair

Maintains advancement records for the Scouts. Orders and obtains all badges and recognition.

PARENT TALENT SURVEY

All parents are asked to complete a short online survey that will help the Pack leadership identify resources available to help deliver a stronger more exciting program for the youth.

Pack Trainer

Guides leaders and parents to training resources and classes (online and in person).

Complete the survey online at bit.ly/octalentsurvey



TRAINING

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

Being a volunteer in your child's Cub Scout Pack is an exciting journey where you and your family will share many lifelong memories. The first step in that journey is to complete training. Training provides you with the tools and resources you will need to lead a quality program for Scouts.

STEP 1 - YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

All registered adult leaders must take Youth Protection Training (YPT). YPT covers the BSA's youth protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. YPT is required every two years.

- Take the course online through my.scouting.org (if you are new to Scouting, you will be asked to create an account).
- For frequently asked questions: ocbsa.org/training-faqs.

STEP 2 - LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

All registered adult leaders must complete the training required for their specific position. All direct contact leaders must also complete Hazardous Weather Training. Hazardous Weather teaches how to provide Scouting in a safe outdoor environment.

- Take the course for your position. (for example, if you are a Tiger Den Leader, take Tiger Den Leader Training. If you are an Assistant Scoutmaster, take Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training)
- Even if you change positions during your tenure, you must take the training required for your position
- Go to my.scouting.org then go to the BSA Learning Center to take the training online

STEP 3 - BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

After completing Leader Specific Training and Hazardous Weather Training, you may opt to take the following:

- In order for a Pack to go camping, at least one adult must take Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). Visit ocbsa.org/calendar to register or any upcoming courses offered.

Thank you for taking the time to make Scouting in your unit the strongest it can be. Every youth deserves a trained leader.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Being a volunteer leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. But you don't have to do it all by yourself. Your Pack, District, and Council have many people and resources to give you and your child the best Scouting experience possible.

- The staff at the Orange County Council Scout Service Center can help you, or they will find someone who can.

- **Phone: (714) 546-4990**
- **Website: www.ocbsa.org**
- **Email: communication@ocbsa.org** (Includes online chat)

• Publications

- Volunteers are informed of national Scouting news and events through *Scouting Magazine*, included with the adult registration fee.
- A weekly online newsletter, *ScoutWeek*, and other e-news are e-mailed to every family to keep them abreast of upcoming programs, good news stories, and other important information to ensure a quality experience.
- Many Packs have a library that contains leader books you can use.

• Volunteer Support

- Your District has a team of volunteers called the District Committee, which develops quality district-wide programs Scouts can participate in. They have people who specialize in recruitment, fundraising, training and outdoor properties.
- Each Pack has a Commissioner assigned to serve as a Pack coach.

ONLINE RESOURCES

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Orange County Council: | ocbsa.org | * Local Information |
| Cub Scout Program: | cubscouts.org | * Everything Cub Scouts |
| Individual Leader Portal: | my.scouting.org | * Training and Tools |
| Boy Scouts of America: | scouting.org | * National Site |
| <i>Boys' Life Magazine</i> : | boyslife.org | * Youth Magazine |
| <i>Scouting Magazine</i> : | scoutingmagazine.org | * Leader Magazine |
| Religious Awards: | praypub.org | * Religious Resources |
| BSA Supply Catalog: | scoutshop.org | * Online Orders |

SPECIAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Cub Scout program provides a variety of ways to engage and recognize youth. Here are a few additional awards that can be earned while your child is a Cub Scout.

| AWARDS |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
|  <p>RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS Duty to God is an important principle in Scouting. Age appropriate learning with recognition by all faiths. www.praypub.org</p> | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  <p>CYBERCHIP To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online. Renewed annually.</p> | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  <p>OUTDOOR ACTIVITY Scout participates in key outdoor events. Award available for each year in program.</p> | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  <p>NATIONAL SUMMERTIME For participation in Pack activities held in June, July and August.</p> | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  <p>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS This award allows all Scouts to become informed, be prepared, and act promptly in the event of emergencies.</p> | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  <p>STEM/NOVA Learn more about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Various levels of recognition are available.</p> | | Y | Y | Y |
|  <p>WORLD CONSERVATION “Think globally” and “act locally” to preserve and improve the environment.</p> | | Y | Y | Y |



CREATE A SOCIAL MOMENT

The first night a child joins Scouting is a memorable experience for both the Scout and parents. It is likely remembered long after your child is active in Scouting. Capture the first night and share the enthusiasm with your family and friends.

The second big Scout moment comes when a child first puts on their new uniform. Don't let these memories go by without a little celebration! We hope you will join with other parents by posting to your Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts these special moments in their childhood.

Joining the Boy Scouts of America is an important step for your family and we hope it will be the beginning of a wonderful partnership in developing your child into the person you dream of.

Let's Be Social!

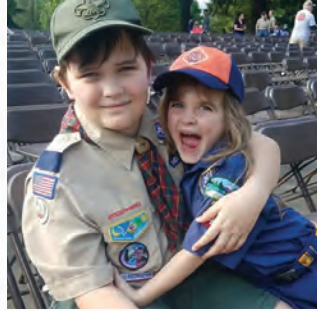
Find OCBoyScouts on these sites:



BRING A BUDDY

Scouting is about building new friendships and creating a strong bond with current friends. Please encourage your family and friends to join with your child and share in the adventure! Kids can join Scouting at any time during the year.





ADVENTURE IS WAITING. LET'S GET STARTED!



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL



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