



Welcome to Cub Scouts



2021 Cub Scout Orientation Night
Cub Scout Pack Guide

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BENEFITS OF CUB SCOUTING

The benefits of being a Cub Scout make a big difference in the course of a Scout's life. From developmental years to adulthood, research shows Scouts gain life skills that set them apart long after their days in pack meetings.

Aside from the fun and friendship of Cub Scouts, a Tufts University study of more than 2,000 Cub Scouts and non-Scouts showed there were other big wins for kids who were part of the program.

If you sign your child up for Cub Scouts, they'll benefit from these three key character-building attributes:

Goal Orientation – Scouting provides a clear path for kids to succeed at making and achieving tough goals. Whether working toward achieving a new Scouting rank or striving to gain a new skill, Scouts are constantly working toward reaching measurable goals. Not only do these achievements follow a Scout throughout life, but also establishes the habit of setting and striving for personal, academic, and professional goals as an adult.

Leadership – Scouting provides consistent opportunities for Scouts to learn and practice leadership skills. Leading projects and peers is the norm for kids in the program. As Scouts mature in rank, their leadership abilities continue to grow and they're offered even more opportunities to lead. This helps kids develop into adults who stand out as leaders in their workplaces and communities.

Preparedness – Scouting builds life skills (like learning to conquer hard tasks) by facing challenges head-on. The program is structured so that what once seemed impossible to a Scout becomes attainable, a positive cycle that prepares youth for the undoubted challenges they will meet in life.

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Mission, Vision & Promise

The Central Florida Council's Vision

Unparalleled experiences for more youth.

Unparalleled experiences create value, enthusiasm, robust growth and retention of program participants.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, Central Florida Council, 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.

Promise to Parents

Parents will say Scouting in Central Florida Council offers their family fun and adventurous things to do. This fun and adventure will help their son or daughter develop leadership skills and values important to good citizenship and service to others.



Cub Scout Orientation Night Information

Your first step towards hosting your Cub Scout Orientation Night is to work with your district executive and membership chair to tailor the best membership plan for your pack.

Conducting the best Cub Scout Orientation Night possible will help ensure the long-term success of your pack. The Cub Scout Orientation Night Drive makes up the largest youth recruiting drive held during the year.

They are conducted right after the school year begins each Fall. Why? If you wait too long, students are recruited into other programs and may not have the time to commit.



Your recruiting event should accomplish two things:

1. Register the youth who have been recruited through in-school rallies, back-to-school nights, and other events. Build Dens with the new Cub Scouts.
2. **Recruit adult leaders (very important!)**

Your pack should host two recruiting events. Your Cub Scout Orientation Night will occur sometime between August and September this will be scheduled by your District Executive. Hold a second recruitment event at your next pack meeting or fun pack activity sometime in October to give kids who were unable to attend your Cub Scout Orientation Night an opportunity to join.

All Cub Scout Orientation Night are held in elementary schools. If you are a pack that recruits out of multiple elementary schools, a Cub Scout Orientation Night should be conducted at each elementary school, where parents are familiar with the surroundings.

Work together with your District Executive and use this guide to host a special Cub Scout Orientation Night and welcome new members and their families into Cub Scouting. This is a very important event because it is the first impression new families will have of your pack and the Cub Scout program. Therefore, it is critical that you and your leaders conduct the best Cub Scout Orientation Night possible.

Your pack should have their first den meeting within two weeks after the Cub Scout Orientation Night. **Leaders should use their den roster and the electronic Cub Scout registration file to contact newly recruited Scouts.** Leaders can help engage the youth and get them excited about their first den meeting.

School Night Sign-Up for Scouting Timeline

June - July

- Pack leadership meets with your District Executive and District Cub Scout Orientation Night Chair to review your 2021 membership plan.
- Train volunteers how to execute Cub Scout Orientation Night at their elementary school.
- Pack recruits a Cub Scout Orientation Night chair who will work with your District Executive (DE) and District Cub Scout Orientation Night Chair on the tasks for active recruitment (found in your Cubmaster Fall Recruitment folder).

July - August

- Your Pack Cub Scout Orientation Night chair attends District School Night Sign-Up for Scouting training.
- Prepare for Cub Scout Orientation Night by implementing tasks with your DE.
- Assist in conducting Cub Scout Orientation Night.

September - October

- Conduct second recruitment event and invite families who were unable to attend the Cub Scout Orientation Night.

Pack Membership Chair

The pack membership chair is an important position, but we've tried to make easier. Just follow these steps, and you are on your way to a growing and thriving pack!

- ☐ Work with your DE and District Cub Scout Orientation Night Chair to ensure all tasks to grow are executed for your Cub Scout Pack.
- ☐ Attend Cub Scout Orientation Night training, executed by the District School Night Sign Up for Scouting team.
- ☐ Ensure that all children have been asked to join your Cub Scout Pack.
- ☐ Attend Cub Scout Orientation Night to see the results from all of your hard work.

What to Bring to Your Cub Scout Orientation Night

- ___ Cubmaster.
- ___ List of vacant leadership positions for the program planning conference.
- ___ Your display board with uniform examples.
- ___ Pack information sheet with leader contact information.
- ___ Copies of your Cub Scout Pack's calendar.
- ___ Adult volunteers and uniformed Scouts to help execute the activity during the School Night Sign-Up for Scouting event.
- ___ Enthusiasm and fun!





We Will Provide Support for You

- Your District Executive will support you in the membership plan.
- Applications
- Support you in recruiting adults.
- Assist in building dens at the School Night Sign Up for Scouting night.
- Application turn-in and support.
- New Cub Scout slime for each new Cub Scout that joins.
- Supply box for the School Night Sign Up for Scouting night.
- Support material for newly recruited leaders.

We Are Almost There!

Now you are ready to gain commitment from families. Check out the Cub Scout Orientation Night Floor Plan and Cub Scout Orientation Night agenda on the next pages. This will walk you step-by-step through the recruitment of youth and adults, application turn-in, activities for the kids and more!

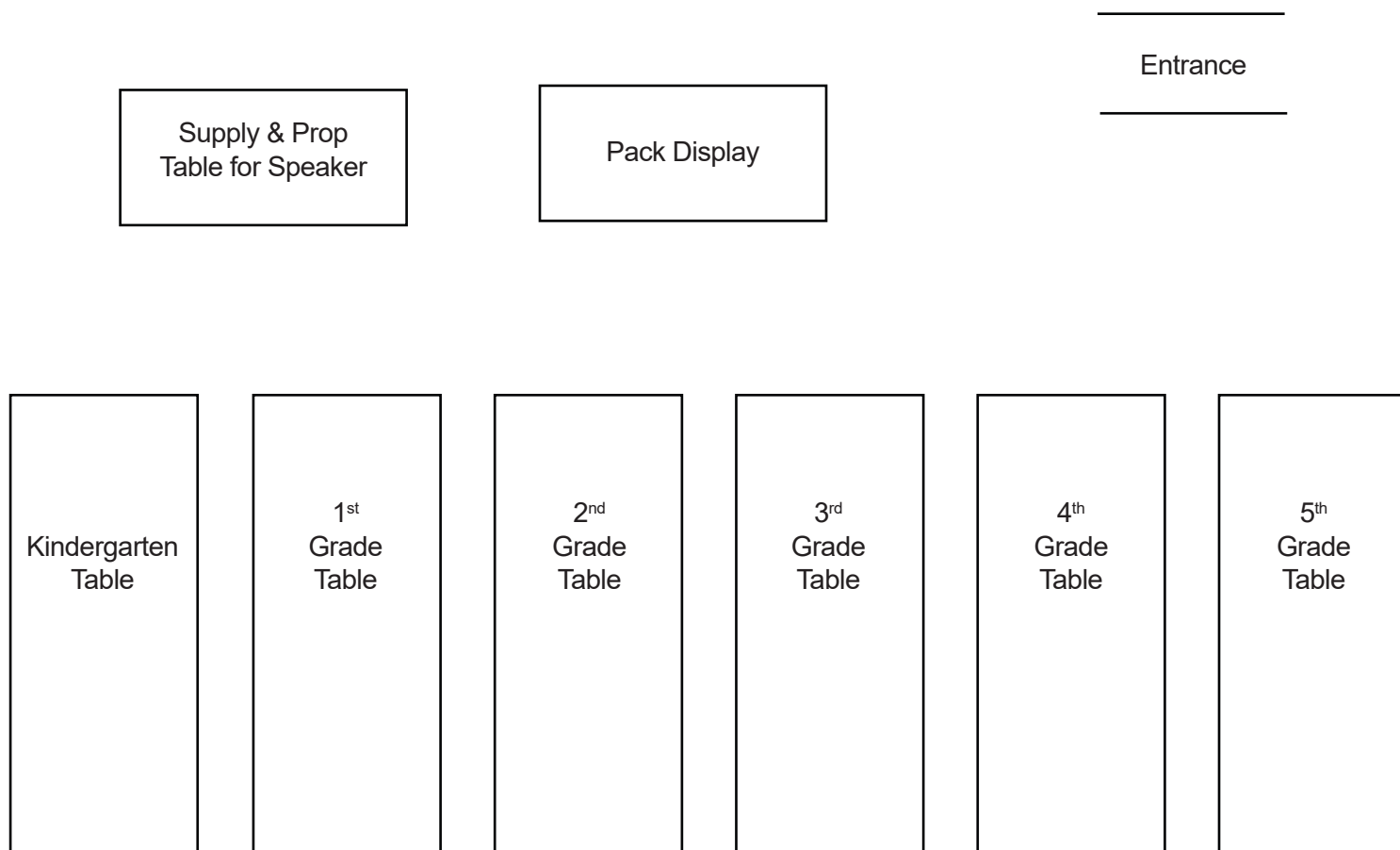
Cub Scout Orientation Night

Floor-Plan

This is a floor plan for a typical Cub Scout Orientation Night. Be sure all tables are clearly marked by grade. As parents and children enter, distribute the packets that include: youth application, the Parent Guide, to each family, and direct them to the appropriate tables to sign in.

Doing this simple task at the beginning will save a tremendous amount of time and organization later. Parents and youth will be sitting in “den areas” that will make the registration process go smoothly. Design a well laid out, professional presentation, with books and fliers at each table. This type of setup provides an eye-catching display.

Promote buying and wearing uniforms. This will help with year-round recruitment. A mini campsite setup in the entry area serves as a great visual for the Cub Scout outdoor program, as well as yard signs outside the entrance to help guide families where to go. Be sure to set up your pack display board so new parents can see the fun photos of your Pack.



Cub Scout Orientation Night Agenda

(*Indicates pack responsibilities)

- I. ***Introduction of Scouters Staffing the Cub Scout Orientation Night**
 - II. **Welcome to Cub Scouting.....Parent Guide Page 4**
2 minute explanation of Council and District services.
 - III. **Audience Participation Skit**
Show them Scouting with enthusiasm. They can refuse nothing when their child is grinning ear to ear!
 - IV. **The BSA Program.....Parent Guide Page 6**
Describe BSA program from Lions through Scouts with enthusiasm! Use handbooks and uniforms.
 - V. ***The Unit Program.....Unit Leader**
2 minute description of unit details, meeting times and locations, key events, unit traditional programs. Be positive and sell the unit program.
 - VI. **Scouting is Family.....District Consultant**
Stress that Scouting is a family organization. Let them know that this is the only time that the group will “break the rule” and baby-sit the children.
- *AT THIS TIME, SEPARATE YOUTH FROM ADULTS. THE PACK RECRUITMENT TEAM SHOULD HAVE A 20 MINUTE ACTIVITY STAFFED AND PREPARED OUT OF SIGHT AND SOUND OF THE ADULTS.
- VII. **Time.....District Consultant**
Explain time as the parent’s investment in their child. Use the living flowchart concept to demonstrate that it takes everyone’s help to make the unit successful. Adults should think about whether they would like to serve with the committee or with the den.
 - VIII. **Money.....District Consultant**
Explain registration fees and Boys’ Life subscriptions as a total integrated fee due that evening. Future costs such as uniforms, handbooks, etc. may be briefly covered. Avoid sticker shock.
 - IX. **Registration**
Walk through the child’s registration form. Parents may begin filling out forms incorrectly if handed out before this time.
 - X. **Adult Registration.....District Consultant**
Describe to parents how to fill out adult applications. Ask for one adult from each family to register. Trained Cub Scout Orientation Night staff should sit with dens and help with registration and recruit leaders. All other adults should be asked to join the unit committee. See the adult script and 100 point form on the following pages.
 - XI. **Administration (District and Pack volunteers)**
All applications and money should be turned over to the district and recorded on the turn-in envelope. The pack should keep the pack copy of the registration form. Adult applications should be kept by the pack for approval process.

Adult Recruiting Script

Hello, my name is _____ and I have the best job in the world. My job is to work with these leaders, your children, and to go to their activities and events. I'm here tonight to reinforce everything that you've been told already. We're all here—you, me, the leaders—because we want the very best for those children in there.

<Hold up a yard stick with markings at 9 inches and 18 inches>

If your child is 9-years-old today, you have very little time to make an impact on him/her before he/she turns 18. (Reference the distance between the 9 inch mark and the 18 inch mark.)

As I look around the room tonight, I would guess that the average age of the children would be about nine year's old.

We know that as we all get older, the time tends to slip away and go by faster each year.

Think for a moment about how fast that nine years has gone by. We are always commenting on "how fast they grow up" and "where does the time go?"

Your child is nine-years-old today. Just think how quickly the next nine years will go by. Before you know it, he/she will be 18 and going off to college and or moving away from home.

With that said, you have just nine quickly passing years to positively impact what type of young person your child will turn out to be.

By coming this evening, your son is simply asking that you spend an average of three hours a week helping him/her have a fun experience in Scouting. Is that too much for a nine-year-old to ask?

Now, I want to talk a bit about what makes a pack work. A Cub Scout pack is run by adults. We start with a committee chair. This pack has a great committee chair, _____. The next person is called the Cubmaster. You've met the Cubmaster for this pack _____.

Now, every one take a deep breath and say "oh good...they've got one of those, they aren't going to ask me to do that."

Let's talk about what else goes into a pack. We need to have a den for each grade. You are currently sitting with a den. Look at the other parents sitting with you. Now, consider this. I've never heard a parent say, "I wish I hadn't gotten involved in Cub Scouting with my child." But I hear many say, "I wish I would have spent more time with my kids when they were young." Which parent are you?

We need to select a den leader, assistant den leader, and parent helpers for your child's sake. These decisions must come from your den. When you have reached this decision, let me know, and we will register your leaders and your child.

I'm going to leave the room while you make these decisions. I'll be back in a few minutes.

(Consultant leaves and returns after 3-4 minutes.)

Ok, everybody, let's start recognizing the pack's new leadership.

Kindergarten, you are Lions. Who is our Lions Leader?

<applause and give the adults the youth applications to sign-up their kids.>

First graders, you are Tigers. Who is our Tiger leader?

<applause and give the adults the youth applications to sign-up their kids.>

Second graders, you are Wolves. Who is our Wolf leader?

<applause and give the adults the youth applications to sign-up their kids.>

Third graders, you are Bears. Who is our Bear leader?

<applause and give the adults the youth applications to sign-up their kids.>

Fourth and fifth graders, you are Webelos. Who is our Webelos leader?

<applause and give the adults the youth applications to sign-up their kids.>

Here's what we are going to do next. In your folder, you have a form called "the 100 point" sheet. We want every family to be a 100-point family. Please take a look at this form, and select one or more things your family can to do help the pack.

If you signed up to be a leader, you do need to answer the social security number, driver's license, and background questions on your application form. Here's why: because you want us to. Every one of us who works with your child has a background check. Each of us. No exceptions, not even me. So, you want us to make sure that your child is safe. The form goes straight from here to our office where it is entered and locked. That's it. No copies, no passing it around. It's safe. So please include that information with the form to register your child.

And that's it! 100 point form, adult leader form, and youth form. Once you are done, bring them up to the table here and the pack leaders will take care of the rest—and then we'll bring the children back in, wrap up the meeting, and call it a night.

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100 Point Adult Participation Form

For many years parents have made Cub Scouting an enriching experience for their children. The Cub Scout program has strengthened families, provided adventure and diversity, created fellowship, and instilled ideals in children. By volunteering for 100 points, you will help ensure that we can provide the best Cub Scout program for your child. Thank you for your support!

POINTS & POSITION DESCRIPTION

- 100 ____ DEN LEADER OR ASSISTANT: Run weekly den meetings, complete on-line training, attend monthly committee meeting, and monthly pack meetings.
- 100 ____ TITLED COMMITTEE PERSON: Perform titled job, complete on-line training, attend monthly committee meeting, and monthly pack meeting.
____ treasurer ____ secretary ____ advancement ____ outdoors ____ activities
- 80 ____ COMMITTEE MEMBER AT LARGE: Serve on at least one pack sub-committee, complete on-line training, attend monthly pack meetings, and at least four monthly committee meetings.
- 60 ____ DAY CAMP LEADER: June or July one week. Attend day camp training, register and supervise eight children through one week of activities during the day or evening.
- 40 ____ BLUE & GOLD BANQUET COMMITTEE: February. Annual pack celebration dinner.
- 40 ____ ROUNDTABLE: Attend monthly district roundtable and share information with the pack leadership and parents.
- 40 ____ PINEWOOD DERBY COMMITTEE: 1st quarter of the year.
- 40 ____ POPCORN SALES COMMITTEE: August through November.
- 20 ____ SCOUTING FOR FOOD COMMITTEE: Fall food collection drive.
- 20 ____ FOOD SERVICE: Serve food or concessions at dinners or events.
- 20 ____ BOOTH & EXHIBITS: Volunteer two hours in a booth at a back to school or open house activity.
- 20 ____ SPORTING EVENTS: Volunteer to organize and supervise a pack athletic competition.
- 20 ____ DRIVER: Provide transportation to selective non meeting events during the year.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ DATE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TOTAL POINTS _____ CHILD'S NAME _____

Cub Scout Orientation Night Resources

“The Crate”

Cub Scout Orientation Guide

The first thing you will need is this booklet. Know what will happen at your joining night by knowing the entire presentation that is to happen.

New Parent Guide

This is a resource book for newly recruited families - “Cub Scouting 101.”

100 Point Adult Participation Form

Use this form to get families committed to helping your pack succeed. Coupled with a motivational speech or poem, this form can generate more parental involvement for your pack. (That's in both registered and unregistered volunteer roles.)

Support Material for Newly Recruited Leaders

Create a My.Scouting account and get your leader training online. Go to My.Scouting.org.

Den Meeting Resources

First month's den meetings and more! – These are resources for all of your new den leaders that you will be recruiting. They can use this prior to you holding your new leader orientation. This will really help you retain your new Scouts by getting the den up and running right away.

Yard Signs

Yard signs promote joining Cub Scouts.

Nine Years Old, Going on 18.

A motivational poem used to invoke parent involvement.

Den Roster

Use this when organizing dens so that leaders have a roster of their members.

Adult & Youth Applications

Be sure to collect all applications and fees before people leave.

Table Tents/Arrows

Make sure that everybody sits where they should (by grade) when they arrive at the Cub Scout Orientation Night.

Report Envelopes

Place all of the new youth and adult applications (with appropriate signatures, and information completed - this includes the background check information and email address on adult applications) and money into the report envelope. Provide this to your district executive or district consultant before the end of the night.

Pens

In case you or the parents need them.

Program Events & Training Flyers

Promote District Cub Family Campouts, Adult Leader Trainings & Who To Call lists, along with La-No-Che events. This is a great way to get new Cub Scouts and their family's "feet wet". Start their scouting adventure with a bang!

Cub Scout Orientation Night Activity Materials

Materials for your activity will be provided in "The Crate".

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Invitation Methods for Cub Scouting

Ways to Find Tomorrow's Leaders™



Tomorrow's Leaders

*Look inside for exciting
ideas on marketing your
Cub Scout pack and inviting
new families to join!*

A message from the Central Florida Council

Greetings Cub Scout Pack leaders,

First, thank you for what you do, every day, to help out Cub Scout grow to become contributing members of our American society - our leaders of the future. Your gifts of time, talent and finance are truly valued.

Just as your current Cub Scouts and their families enjoy the exciting learning experiences you present, so can others in your community if you only extend the hand of welcome and friendship.

This booklet can help you do just that: as there truly are, many ways to find tomorrow's leaders." Some of these ideas will be just right for your Cub Scout Pack! Of course, brainstorming with the ideas you find here will lead to more ideas. The only limit is your imagination.

Good luck and good recruiting!

Your Central Florida Council Staff

A few guidelines for successful implementation

Learn about family resources and talents...

Throughout *Invitation Methods for Cub Scouting*, pack leaders are challenged to discover the talents and resources of their parents and families. If we know more about what people can do and what they might enjoy, our efforts to involve them will be far more successful. The *Family Talent Survey Sheet*, published by the Boy Scouts of America is a good place to start. Use it "as is," or create your own form. Either way, do take this important step!

Plan ahead...

One of the keys to a successful Cub Scouting program is planning ahead. Usually all that separates great activities and those just "so so," is thinking about them in advance. The same thing goes for inviting new families to join Cub Scouting. None of the steps are complicated, but they *do* require lead-time. Just getting the right people and materials in-place, on-time, requires careful planning. And then add to that, time for creating attractive materials; and for preparing parents, leaders, and Cub Scouts for their roles in the effort. You can see how last minute planning can severely limit results.

The most important methods for recruiting. All packs should consider them.

Pack information sheet

- ☉ Every pack should develop and distribute a Pack Information Sheet that includes meeting dates, times, and places; a pack calendar; a list of leaders' contact information; and other exciting information about events and activities.
- ☉ Give copies to your chartered partner, pack families, local schools, churches, and other organizations—then they can answer questions and help people get in touch with you.
- ☉ It's your chance to brag on your pack! Make it look smart. Keep a supply on hand.

Chartered partner organization visit

- ☉ Before school begins, schedule a face-to-face meeting with your chartered partner. This important meeting gives you the opportunity to thank the organization for its support, and to outline ideas and requests for your recruitment effort.
- ☉ Take your Pack Information Sheet and perhaps a yearbook-style photo album of activities. Be prepared to explain how Cub Scouting benefits the organization.
- ☉ A can of popcorn or other appropriate gift for the head of the chartered partner and his or her assistant, can go a long way.

Wear the uniform

- ☉ What a simple way to market Cub Scouting. The uniform is a walking billboard!
- ☉ Ask Cub Scouts to wear their uniforms not only on the days of den and pack meetings, but also on those of joining nights and other school events like back-to-school night.
- ☉ At your meetings, provide recognition for every boy who wore his uniform that day.
- ☉ Leaders should also consider wearing their uniforms at school events.
- ☉ Design a cool pack t-shirt for Cub Scouts to wear on a more regular basis.

Yard signs

- ☉ Before joining night, put signs at school entrances and exits, and high traffic areas.
- ☉ Distribute signs to parents to post at their homes and perhaps places of business.
- ☉ Use council-provided signs or create your own.
- ☉ Include date, time, and place for joining night, plus a phone number and web site address. If you design your own sign use LARGE, DARK print.

Personal letters of invitation

- ☉ Use a formal invitation letter or card to invite all families in the school to your joining night.
- ☉ Work with pack families to gather names and addresses, or use a school directory if available.
- ☉ Invitations should be mailed two weeks ahead.

“Business” or “buddy” cards

- ☉ Design and print attractive “business cards” for parents and Cub Scouts to distribute to friends and other families. The cards also work well as a “takeaway” at school, church, and community functions.
- ☉ Perhaps use a child-oriented version—a “buddy card”—for the Cub Scouts to use with their friends.
- ☉ Think about creating a special version to pass out with candy on Halloween.
- ☉ Include pack meeting date, time, and place; leadership contact information; and perhaps a catchy slogan that alludes to the fun new families will enjoy. Print upcoming activities on the reverse side.
- ☉ Use a commercial print shop or a business card template on your home computer.

Personal phone calls/email invitations

- ☉ Ask each family to brainstorm other families they could personally call or email with an invitation to join.
- ☉ The pack should provide each family with copies of the Pack Information Sheet, business card, and other items to help spread the excitement of Cub Scouting.
- ☉ Pack leadership could also create an email “newsletter” or other promotional copy for families to forward to their brainstormed list.
- ☉ Have an incentive for the family inviting the most new members.

Pack web site

- ☉ Check with your parents and find talent to set up and maintain your own pack web site. This is getting to be the “norm” these days; most packs seem to have them.
- ☉ The site should be designed for members of your pack; as well as for the community to learn about what we have to offer and that we are developing tomorrow’s leaders.
- ☉ Limit what the public can see, to information about joining nights and pack activities in general. Provide a link to the National Council, <http://www.Scouting.org>, for information about Cub Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America.
- ☉ Provide password protected access that allows pack families to see the more detailed information about activities and events.
- ☉ Think logically about youth protection issues. For example, refer to boys only by their first names. Check with your local council about the rules for a pack web site.
- ☉ Check with your council, your school, and other community organizations to see if they will provide links from their sites to yours.
- ☉ Include your web site address on all pack promotional materials.

Phone calls

- ☉ Personally call each family at the school, and any additional prospects you might have listed through discussions with others in the pack. Share a few details about your activities, and invite them to the joining night.
- ☉ This is a great opportunity to answer questions and share stories about the program.
- ☉ Calls should be made at least one week in advance.
- ☉ Ask other pack families to help with the calls.

PTA/PTO presentations

- ☞ At the beginning of each school year, it is a good idea to schedule a brief presentation to your school's parent teacher organization.
- ☞ Share information about the number of families in your pack, recent and planned activities, and the benefits of Cub Scouting for both boys and families.
- ☞ Distribute Pack Information Sheets and business cards.
- ☞ Take a few cans of popcorn to pass around in thanks for their ongoing support.
- ☞ Offer the pack's assistance and involvement in PTA/PTO events and projects.
- ☞ It is extremely helpful if several pack leaders and parents are active in the PTA/PTO.

Involvement in school activities

- ☞ Back-to-school nights, carnivals, fund-raisers, and other school activities represent excellent opportunities for pack parents and leaders to volunteer, and thus pay the school back for its support—or sew good will toward developing it.
- ☞ The pack's participation will help the school see the pack as a positive resource and committed ally, for they too are developing future leaders.
- ☞ If parents cannot volunteer, they should at least attend and otherwise support school functions, and be on the lookout for prospective new families.
- ☞ Be sure especially, to be available for flag ceremonies throughout the year.

After-school promotional activity

- ☞ Work with the school administration to set up an activity on school grounds.
- ☞ If you have volunteers willing to get food handler permits and meet other regulations, make it a hot dog BBQ! Nothing attracts attention like free food.
- ☞ Have uniformed Cub Scouts participating along with other children. Make it co-ed and allow all ages to join in. The younger boys will soon be ready for Tiger Cubs.
- ☞ Take the games and activities straight out of Cub Scouting literature.
- ☞ Have a picture board, displays, stickers, flyers, and copies of your Pack Information Sheet; and watch for parents stopping to pick up their sons.

School service projects

- ☞ If the pack supports the school the school is more likely to support the pack.
- ☞ Make sure service projects are based on what the school needs.
- ☞ Boys and leaders should be in uniform as they work.
- ☞ Do projects at times when a maximum of boys and parents will see the action.
- ☞ Seek coverage in the school newsletter and the local newspaper (see item #46)
- ☞ Ask to have pictures and a description displayed on a bulletin board in a hallway.

Follow-up joining nights

- ☞ It is highly unlikely that all the boys who want to join will make it to one recruitment night. There is just too much going on these days for both boys and parents. As a result many packs hold two or even more joining nights per year.

Churches

There is a reason so many churches serve as Scouting chartered partners. Most appreciate our family values and our stand on duty to God. Contact the local minister, priest, bishop, rabbi, or other pastor, and establish a mutually beneficial relationship!

Bulletin inserts, articles, & calendars

- ☎ Create an attractive insert, and encourage churches in your pack's drawing area to include it with their weekly bulletin. Handle all the printing, and offer to help with the inserting process as well.
- ☎ Submit regular articles for churches to include within the text of their bulletins.
- ☎ Include pack leader contact information and details about your joining nights and upcoming activities.
- ☎ Make articles brief with no long paragraphs. Bold and underline all contact information and activity dates so they will stand out. Inserts should look like an advertisement that guides the eye to critical information.
- ☎ If the church produces a weekly or annual calendar, be sure to get all your pack activities listed in it.

Church service projects

- ☎ Take a look at item #30, covering school service projects. Same suggestions apply.
- ☎ If we support the church in this way, then while our Cub Scouts are learning the valuable lessons of service, the pack will be earning the respect of the church.

Sunday school presentations

- ☎ Ask to make a brief presentation at local religious education classes ("Sunday school").
- ☎ Take a few Cub Scouts with you, and be sure to be in uniform.
- ☎ Promote and explain the religious awards program for that faith.
- ☎ Participate in Scout Sunday services; wear the uniform; set up an information table.

Messages from the pulpit

- ☎ Though this is especially appropriate for Scout Sunday, many pastors are willing to promote Cub Scouting at other times as well. Our values are an important factor.
- ☎ Schedule a meeting with the pastor and follow the same guidelines indicated in item #3 for a meeting with a principal. Pay special attention to the appropriate Religious Awards Program.
- ☎ Ask if he or she would be willing to deliver a message along with the sermon and to preach about the values of Cub Scouting.
- ☎ Provide a brief summary of important points that might be covered.
- ☎ Investigate the possibility of a pack leader delivering a brief message during the part of a service reserved for announcements; cover the joining night or other pack event.

Invitation Methods for Cub Scouting

“Welcome to Cub Scouts” table

- ☉ Secure permission to set up a display that boys and parents can stop by as they enter or exit the church. Perhaps it will make a “future leader” feel welcome!
- ☉ Use some of the same ideas indicated previously for a school display (see item #23): lots of pictures, the Pack Information Sheet, and so forth.
- ☉ Have the table staffed by uniformed pack leaders and Cub Scouts.
- ☉ Do this the day messages are delivered from the pulpit, and yes, on Scout Sunday.

After-church promotional activity

- ☉ This would be just like item #29 covering the after-school promotional activity.
- ☉ It could be done in a “fellowship hall” or on church grounds, depending on the weather, facilities, and available space.



CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

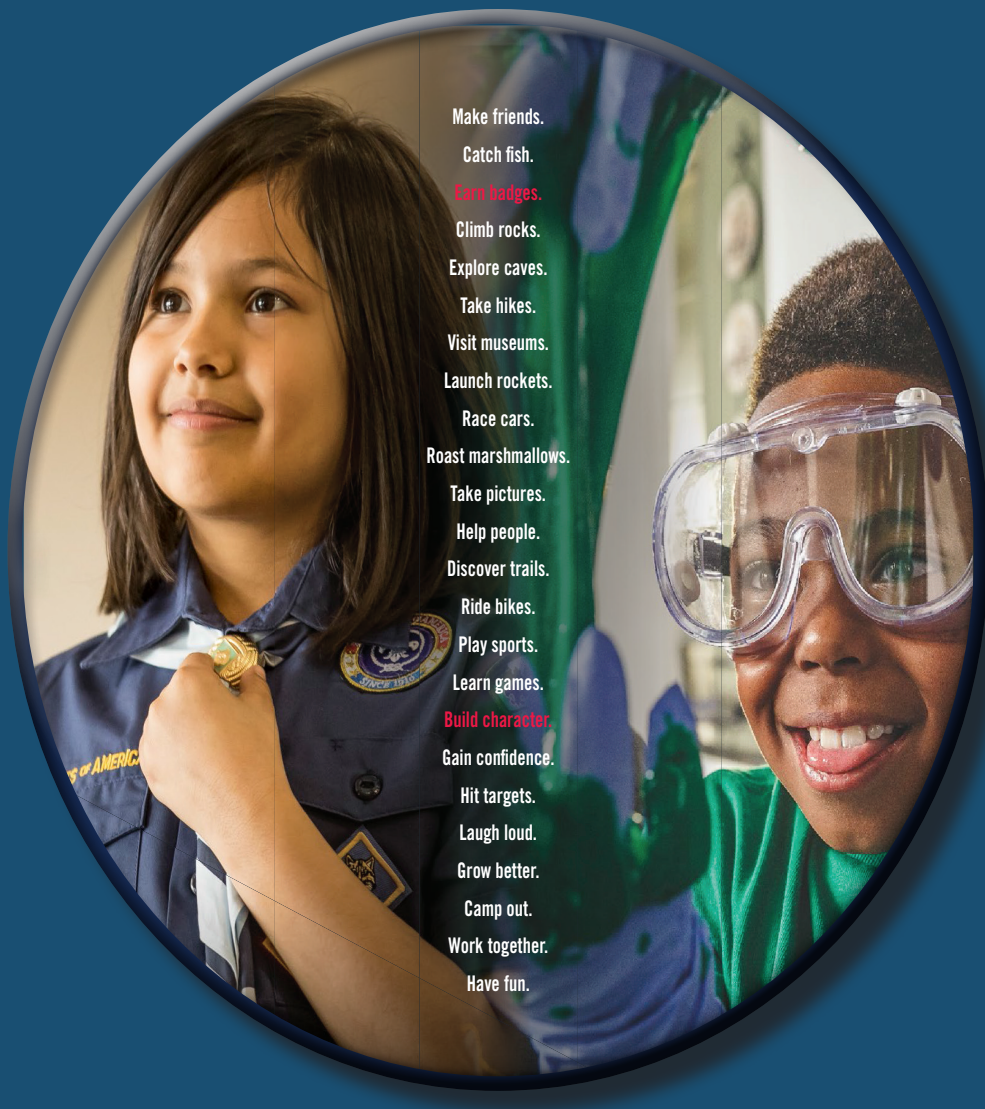
The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents an investment on your part. Our uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for your child to grow into.

If you can find an 'experienced' uniform in good shape, you can use that too. Many of these 'experienced' uniforms will be just like new and can be purchased for a very low cost.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and staff at our Scout Shops can help get your Scout fitted and on his/her way in the right uniform.

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Make friends.
Catch fish.
Earn badges.
Climb rocks.
Explore caves.
Take hikes.
Visit museums.
Launch rockets.
Race cars.
Roast marshmallows.
Take pictures.
Help people.
Discover trails.
Ride bikes.
Play sports.
Learn games.
Build character.
Gain confidence.
Hit targets.
Laugh loud.
Grow better.
Camp out.
Work together.
Have fun.



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