

Cub Scout New Parent Guide 2021-2022







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CUB SCOUT FUN

Thanks for joining us...

At our Cub Scout Orientation, we will:

- Inform you and your child about the basics of Scouting.
- Complete registriation with your child for Cub Scouts!
- Let you know how to get involved in your child's Cub Scout Pack.

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 character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth. Family values are abundant in Scouting. However, we know that children do not join Scouting to build their character. Kids join because it is fun.





THE BASICS

Youth development program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

- Builds character
- Teaches citizenship



WHY CUB SCOUTING?

- Bring the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn teamwork
- 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





THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Handbook
- Patches







THE BIG PICTURE

Den meetings

- Small groups organized by grade

Pack meetings & activities

- Family events combining all dens

District & Council events

- Community-wide activities



ADVANCEMENT

Age based rank

- Assigned by grade
- Awards & badges
- Connecting effort & success
- Recognition
- Celebrating achievement & building self-confidence



TRAINING

- Youth protection
- Job-specific training
- Printed resources





WHAT'S NEXT?

- Learn about your pack
- Register tonight!



ABOUT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL



Your Central Florida Council is one of the largest youth serving agencies in Central Florida, instilling timeless values of character, citizenship and leadership in each young boy or girl who enters the Scouting program. Your Central Florida Council provides educational-based skills and activities. The Central Florida Council also owns and operates the Leonard & Marjorie Williams Family Scout Reservation and provides an outstanding outdoor experience for youth and adults.

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 and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Cub Scout Motto Do Your Best

The Central Florida Council Vision

To provide unparalleled experiences for more youth. Unparalleled experiences create value, enthusiasm, robust growth and retention of program participants.

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.



WHICH DISTRICT

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DISTRICT NAME & District Number	AREA
Timuqua - 1	Volusia and Flagler Counties
Lake - 2	Lake County
Seminole - 3	Seminole County
Eagle Empire - 4	West Orlando, South Chase, Meadow Woods, Pine Bay Meadows, Dr. Phillips, Windermere, Ocoee, Winter Garden, Apopka, Plymouth, Oakland, Lockhart, Tangerine, Zellwood, College Park, Hunters Creek, Clarcona, Tangelo Park, Pine Hills, Paramore, Washington Shores, Eatonville
Colonial - 6	East Orlando, Bithlo, Christmas, Gabriella, Union Park, Bertha, Goldenrod, University Park, Winter Park, Richmond Heights, Maitland, Baldwin Park, Azalea Park, Conway, Pine Castle
Challenger - 7	North of the Pineda Causeway (Brevard County)
Osceola - 8	Osceola County
Riverside - 9	South of the Pineda Causeway (Brevard County)



THE CUB SCOUT PROGRAM



Cub Scouts learn respect for God, country, and other people, as well as other positive skills like:

- Teamwork
- Personal achievements
- Academic skills including STEM programming
- Citizenship awareness
- Independence & Leadership
- Positive decision-making
- Physical skills through sports, games and outdoor adventures
- Sportsmanship by "Doing Your Best"

Your child is a member of a Pack which:

- Is made up of one or more dens
- Meets once a month at the Pack meeting. All Cub Scout families are expected to participate
 - The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster
 - The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities
 - Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that youth earned that month

Our Pack is run by the Pack Committee

- Made up of Den Leaders, Pack Leaders, the Pack Trainer, and parents
- The committee meets once a month or more often if needed
- Led by the Committee Chairman
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities





THE CUB SCOUT PACK

LIONS KINDERGARTEN

Lion is a one-on-one program for youth and adults

- Each child/adult partner or guardian is a member of a Lion den which:
 - Has five to nine youth and adult partners
 - Meets two times each month
- Each den has a Lion Guide (usually a parent/guardian from your den)
 - A Lion Guide helps coordinate the Lion den meetings
 - Each child/adult partner takes a turn at shared leadership running the activities and working with the Lion Guide

TIGERS FIRST GRADE

Tiger is a one-on-one program for youth and adults

- Each child/adult partner or guardian is a member of a Tiger den which:
 - Has five to nine youth and adult partners
 - Meets two times each month in den meetings, and once a month with the entire Pack
- Each den has a Tiger den leader (usually a parent/quardian)
 - A Tiger den leader helps coordinate the Tiger den meetings
 - Each child/adult partner takes a turn at shared leadership running the activities and working with the Tiger den leader

WOLF - BEAR - WEBELOS - ARROW OF LIGHT SECOND - FIFTH GRADE

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

- · Your child is a member of a den, which:
 - Has five to nine youth
 - Meets two times each month in den meetings and once a month with the entire Pack
 - Has one outing / "field trip" a month
 - Is led by a den leader (usually a parent), who is assisted by an assistant den leader

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

LION (Kindergarten): The Lion badge is earned after completing required adventures. Each adventure takes about two meetings to complete. Lions meet twice a month, once for a den meeting and the second meeting for a den outing or a pack meeting. The youth will be recognized for completing an adventure by being awarded a sticker. After completing the requirements for the Lion badge, youth will be presented with a badge to be worn on their uniform

BOBCAT (1st-5th grade): All youth earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath and Law, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and the meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the youth work on requirements based on their grade level. With a parent or guardian, all Bobcats complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide-Bobcat Requirements.

TIGER (1st grade): The Tiger badge is earned after completing required adventures, and one Tiger elective adventure, which includes a family-based "Duty to God" adventure. It takes about three den meetings to earn each adventure. Immediate recognition is earned after each completed adventure (belt loop). With a parent or quardian, all Tigers complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

WOLF (2nd grade): The Wolf badge is earned after completing required adventures, and one Wolf elective adventure, which includes a family-based "Duty to God" adventure. It takes about three den meetings to earn each adventure (belt loop). With a parent or guardian, all Wolves complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

BEAR (3rd grade): The Bear badge is earned after completing required adventures, and one Bear elective adventure, which includes a family-based "Duty to God" adventure. It takes about three den meetings to earn each adventure. Immediate recognition is earned after each completed adventure (belt loop). With a parent or quardian, all Bears complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

WEBELOS (4th grade): The Webelos badge is earned after completing required adventures and two Webelos/Arrow of Light elective adventures, which includes "Duty to God and You." Immediate recognition is earned after each completed adventure (pin). With a parent or guardian, all Webelos complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

ARROW OF LIGHT (5th grade): To earn the Arrow of Light, the Scout must complete required adventures and elective adventures. When joining in the 5th grade year, a child is not required to earn Webelos first before earning Arrow of Light. Bobcat is still required. With a parent or guardian, all Arrow of Light Scouts complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide, and earn the Cyber Chip award for their age.

In a Scout's 5th grade year, he or she graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Scouts BSA at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every Cub Scout deserves an opportunity to be a Scout.



Cub Scout Campina

There are many camping opportunities for Cub Scouts and their families in the Central Florida Council. Cub Scout camps offer exciting activities that include games, nature study, sports, crafts, songs and skits - all in the theme. For additional information on Cub camping, visit www.camplanoche.com.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Five consecutive days of fun and adventure. These are offered in many locations as a daytime program. Cub Scouts will have an adventure building on the skills and friendships experienced each day. Day Camps are available throughout the summer.

Council Camp Adventures: Bring your Den, Cub Scout Pack, or just your Cub Scout to the Camp La-No-Che located in the Leonard & Mariorie Williams Scout Reservation. Parents and Scouts will spend three days and two nights camping. Each age group will have activities tailored to their program. Council Camp Adventures are available and take place in October, December, February, March and April.

District Cub Family Weekends: An outdoor experience for the whole family! Give your family a taste of the Cub camping adventure with shooting sports, nature hikes, and family-friendly activities. Cub Scout Family Weekends are fun ways to build comfort in the areat outdoors and are held in various locations in the Central Florida Council in the Fall.

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.

& ACTIVITIES



Fundraisina

Cub Scouts participate in annual fundraisers. In addition to boosting confidence, earning prizes, and helping their Pack, their participation in these sales helps pay for their Scouting program. A commission of their sales goes directly to the Pack to help with payment for activities, badges, and day camp fees. The commission from these sales reduces out-of-pocket spending and helps your family save money for Scouting. In addition, the popcorn and camp card sales can earn your Cub Scout a FREE camp experience, plus commission. This year's popcorn sale will begin in the Fall of 2021. The camp card sale happens in the Spring of 2022.





Blue and Gold Banquets

The Blue and Gold Banquet is a birthday party for Scouting in February and Packs hold an annual family celebration. Many times. Cub Scouts receive their rank advancements at this event.

Scouting For Food 2021

Scouting for Food is an annual food collection drive that helps provide meals for families in need in our service area. Cub Scouts go out on Saturday, November 6 to give notice to residential homes and return the following Saturday, November 13, to collect food donations.

Friends of Scoutina

Friends of Scouting is our annual giving campaign. Scouting families, businesses, and civic-minded citizens are asked to support the Central Florida Council in providing the Scouting program to thousands of young people in our service area.

Golden Eagle Events - Annual Community Fundraising Campaign



SCOUTLIFE IS RECOMMENDED

This magazine has been around almost as long as children have been Scouts. It is the only magazine especially designed for the Scout.

The mission of Scout 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.

Scout Life is an entertaining blend of exciting stories and valuable information. Parents can always be confident that the content of the magazine is wholesome, entertaining, and educational. Scout Life follows the Cub Scoutingrecommended program themes each month. Scout Life subscribers achieve rank advancements faster and more often than nonsubscribers.







HOW TO GET STARTED... BASIC NEEDS

Contrary to what your child may tell you, the first thing he/she will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to age. A kindergartner will need a Lion Adventure Book, a first-grader will need the Tiger Book, a second-grader will need a Wolf Book, a third-grader needs a Bear Book, and a fourth or fifth grader will need the Webelos Book. These books contain the basics he/she will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for that particular advancement award.

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 want to buy a uniform, staff at our Scout Shop can help get your Scout fitted in the right uniform.

Wayne Densch Scout Service Center Scout Shop 1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, FL 32703 Ph: 407-814-1040

Cub Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on the day of their Scouting meetings.

FREQUENTLY **ASKED QUESTIONS**



WHY SHOULD I JOIN CUB SCOUTS?

- Your child can learn skills and about teamwork in sports and music. However, Scouting's strength is that it provides a well-rounded program and your child works at their own pace.
- As a parent, you will enjoy joining your child in fun and constructive activities.
- When you serve as a leader, you are helping youth achieve their full potential.

PARENT EXPECTATION

- Your child's pack cannot exist without your involvement on some level.
- You will find that the time you spend as an active Scouting parent will be quality time spent with your child.
- You will create cherished memories that last a lifetime.
- As parents, you have a short time to influence the life of your child. Scouting coincides with that time, so make the most of it and join today!





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You have resources! The handbook provides terrific overviews of how the program works. In addition, your Pack has information and the Central Florida Council will always answer questions. Visit our website for more information (www.cflscouting.org) or call 407.889.4403.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PACK AND DEN?

A Pack consists of many individual dens. Dens are formed by rank or grade. Typically, dens have six to eight children.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PACK MEETING?

FUN! This is where the achievements of Scouts are recognized as they progress towards rank, where they can show off a little (games, songs and skits) and information is distributed to parents and Scouts.

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL INFORMATION?

You can sign up for our e-newsletter. All you need to do is visit www.joinscoutsfl.com. You can safely remove your contact information at any time. We keep your information private.

I NEED MORE HELP!

Don't worry! Bring your questions forward to adult leaders and continue to have fun with your child - things will fall into place! Call 407.889.4403 for any questions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for the children. Trained leaders are more effective in their roles and have a better understanding of available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for their Scouts.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources.

Youth Protection Training is available online at My.Scouting.org. In order for an adult to remain a registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Youth Protection Training is required every two years.

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

Position specific training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. Training is available online. To complete training courses online, go to My. Scouting. org and create an account.

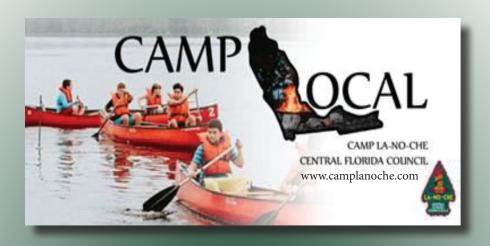


YOUR **CUB SCOUT PACK**



District:
Council: Central Florida Council
Council website: www.cflscouting.org
Pack number:
Pack website:
Pack meeting day & time:
Pack meeting location:
Cubmaster: Cubmaster phone:
Cubmaster email:
My child's den meeting day & time is:
My child's den meeting location is:
My child's den leader is:
Den leader phone:
Den leader email:
District Executive name:
Phone: 407.889.4403
District Executive email:

For more information visit JoinScoutsFL.com For camping information visit Camplanoche.com







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