



SCOUT ME IN™



Parent Orientation Booklet

WELCOME TO SCOUTING

Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining our Scouting family! The Boy Scouts of America is committed to your success as a parent and/or volunteer while serving today's youth.

Scouting's programs and outdoor adventures give your Scout the opportunity and freedom to explore a world beyond the boundaries of everyday life. It presents them with opportunities to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence, and develop leadership skills. These experiences not only help Scouts while they are young, but also stay with them throughout their adult lives, growing into exceptional adults that respect their family, community, religion, country and themselves.

With schedules growing busier every day, Scouting makes the most of what little time parents have to positively impact their child's lives. To help you be successful as a parent/volunteer we want to highlight a few resources available to you through this guide.

In closing, we believe that Scouting is going to benefit your child on numerous levels: character development, enhanced life skills, developed sense of responsibility, and leadership skills to name a few, all while having FUN! During the Cub Scout program, children are at the age that parents have the most influence on the growth and development of their kids. In time, outside influences begin to take over. How our young people are shaped and molded is taking place right now, in Scouts. Take an active role in your Scout's experience. We assure you, you will not regret a second of it.

Feel free to reach out to our staff with any questions. You can reach us at (216) 861-6060.

Lake Erie Council

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our program provides youth a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles and make new discoveries. What makes Cub Scouts truly unique is it provides an opportunity for the entire family to be involved in each child's development.

In Cub Scouting, youth are organized into dens that are single-gender based on grade level. Cub Scout packs, meanwhile, can include any combination of all-boy or all-girl dens. The choice is left to individual pack leaders in consultation with their chartered organization.



Lion
Kindergarten



Tiger
1st Grade



Wolf
2nd Grade



Bear
3rd Grade



Webelos
4th - 5th Grade

SCOUT MOTTO

Do your best.

SCOUT OATH

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

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty,
brave, clean, and reverent.

HOW DOES CUB SCOUTING WORK?

YOUR SCOUT IS A MEMBER OF A DEN:

- A den is made up of no more than eight youth who are the same gender and in the same grade.
- The den meets two to three times a month. One of the den meetings each month is a “Go See It” or field trip.
- The den has a den leader, but the den leader shares the responsibility of planning the den meetings with the parents.
- In Lions and Tigers, Scouts must have an adult partner at all events and meetings.



GET READY FOR ADVENTURE

When your Scout becomes a member of a den, they will participate in monthly activities. Parents are expected to participate in planning meetings to make these activities possible.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

TIGER AND LION CUB SCOUT

Parents are most involved at the Lion and Tiger den levels. The youth and their parent or guardian join the den and attend all meetings and activities together.

Each den has a den leader (one of the parents) who helps coordinate the meetings. The den has at least three meetings a month: one is focused on advancement; one “Go See It” activity (the den, as a group visits a community place of interest); and the monthly pack meeting.

WOLF AND BEAR CUB SCOUT

Parents are vital to the Cub Scout dens, both in the role of home support and to help the den leader. At the Wolf and Bear level, the Scouts are beginning to be more independent, and not every youth needs a parent at every meeting. The den consists of four to eight youth, a den leader and assistant den leader (usually parents), and often a den chief (an older Scout or Venturer who helps the den leader). They usually meet once a week at a regularly scheduled time and also attend the pack meeting with their families.

WEBELOS SCOUT

The Webelos den is similar to the Wolf and Bear Cub Scout dens. However, more emphasis is placed on the youth learning to take leadership roles and preparing to become members of a Scouts BSA troop.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

LEADER RESOURCES

- Scouts use a handbook to work their way along the trail, completing advancements and adventures.
- The Cub Scout Leader Guide and the Den Leader Guides (available at the local Scout Shop and online) provide leaders with detailed information and themed monthly resources for den and pack meetings.
- Scout Book
- Den Leader Experience App
- Cub Scout Adventure Resources

YOUR SCOUT IS A MEMBER OF A PACK

- The Pack consists of several dens and meets once a month.
- The Cubmaster leads the monthly pack meeting, but each den will have a part in the pack meeting.
- Some months, the pack meeting will have special themes such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing the Scouts for the projects they have completed and achievements.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP



COMMITTEE CHAIR

Conducts the monthly Pack Leader Meeting to help plan the program. They ensure that committee members give adequate support to the Cubmaster and Den Leaders. They assist with the recruitment of additional leaders as needed.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Attend monthly Pack Leader Meeting to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, training needs and membership.



CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Conducts and emcees the monthly Pack meeting. Aids den leaders by conducting the monthly program. Attends monthly leader meeting.



DEN LEADER

Plans and runs den meetings and activities. Coordinates the den's involvement in pack activities, and facilitate and track the den's advancement.



HOW MUCH DOES SCOUTING COST?

***\$66 - YOUTH ANNUAL FEES FOR BSA MEMBERSHIP**

***\$42 - ADULT ANNUAL FEES FOR BSA MEMBERSHIP**

This is required annually for all registered youth and adults. An additional insurance fee of \$12 is also required for all registered youth and adults.

\$12 - MONTHLY MAGAZINE

The monthly magazine has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science and history. There are jokes, comics and short stories.

\$25 - ONE-TIME JOINING FEE FOR NEW YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

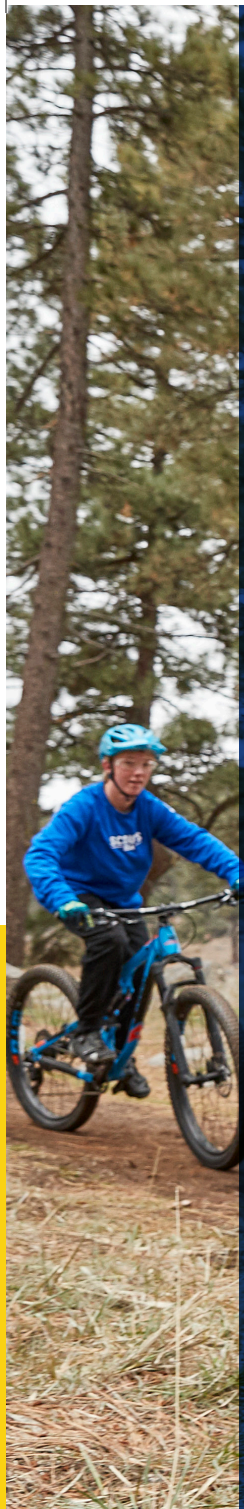
PACK DUES

This is an additional charge your pack will collect for patches, activities and outings it has planned for the year. The cost varies by the pack. There are multiple opportunities throughout the year for your youth to earn the money (i.e. popcorn sale and Scout's Own sale) needed to attend camp and participate in the other planned activities.

UNIFORM

The uniform and its cost varies by program for both youth and adults. The uniform is an essential part of the program. Wearing the uniform gives members a sense of identification and commitment.

***These are yearly fees that are prorated by the month.**



PACK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

This is Scouting's birthday party intended for all pack members and their families.

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP/ OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Lake Erie Council owns two amazing camp properties and offers several opportunities to explore the great outdoors and the adventure of making new friends along the way. Cub Scout overnight camping is offered with our Family Fun Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, and Webelos Exploration Camp.

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE CAMP

Adventure camp is typically a three to five day event where your youth can experience the wonderful outdoor activities Scouting has to offer. They may feature shooting sports, bouldering, games, Scout skills, crafts, and much more.

PINEWOOD DERBY

Scouts participate in the thrill of model car racing! The Pinewood Derby is a parent/youth project in which they build a race car from a block of wood. Scouts race their cars against one another in the Pack.

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL OUTINGS

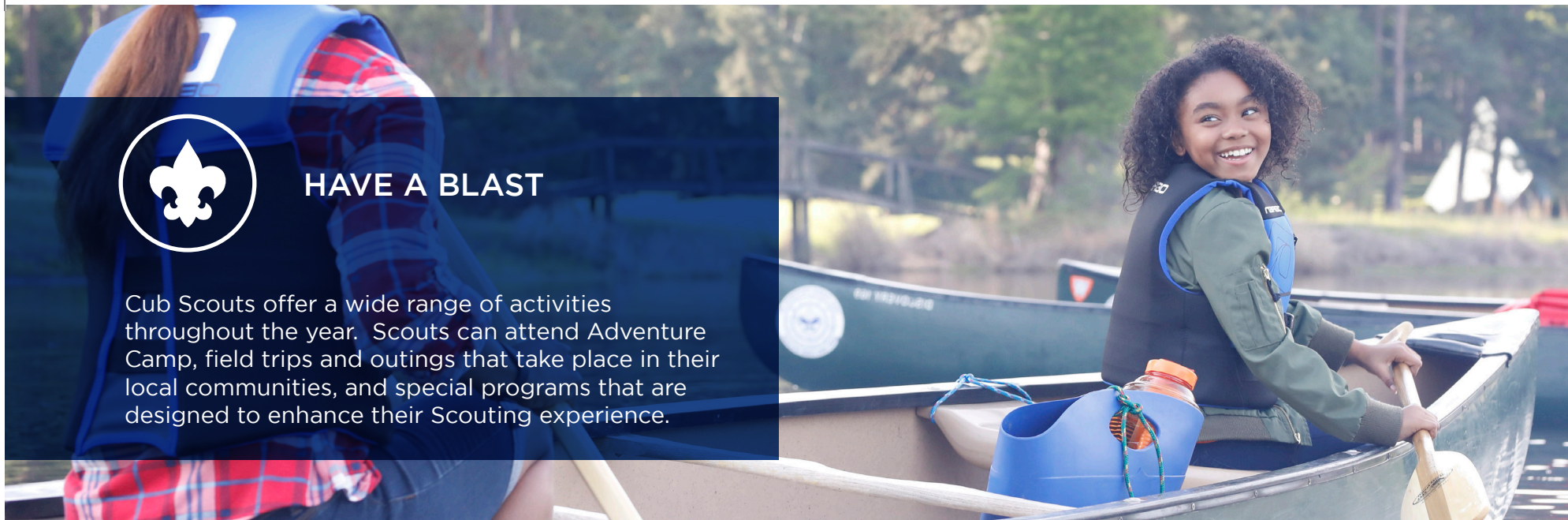
These are great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Throughout the year special programs and adventures are offered for Cub Scouts. Activities include such programs as Red, White & Boom!, Cub Haunted, Cub Rally, Scout Days at major and minor league sporting events, and more.

EARNING RANK ADVANCEMENTS & ACTIVITY BADGES

Earn activity badges and rank advancements in themes based around education, outdoors, sports, health and fitness!



HAVE A BLAST

Cub Scouts offer a wide range of activities throughout the year. Scouts can attend Adventure Camp, field trips and outings that take place in their local communities, and special programs that are designed to enhance their Scouting experience.

SCOUTBOOK - *The Whole Scouting Experience Rolled Into One Great Web App*

Leading young Scouts through the many adventures Scouting has to offer is one of the most fulfilling roles in the organization, but sometimes the act of leading can get lost in the act of reporting, limiting the amount of time spent with Scouts.

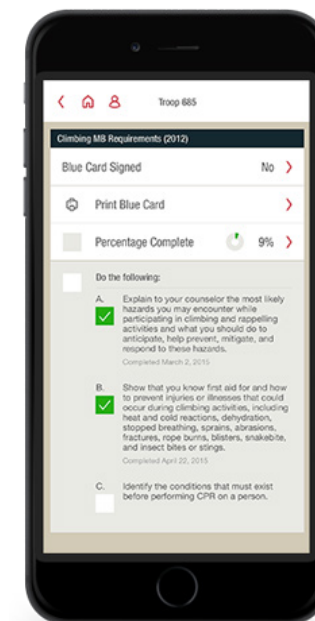
From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements, and all the fun along the way.

Scoutbook provides access to valuable tools and resources that will help with the day-to-day management of a unit, giving every leader and parent more of what they need most: TIME.

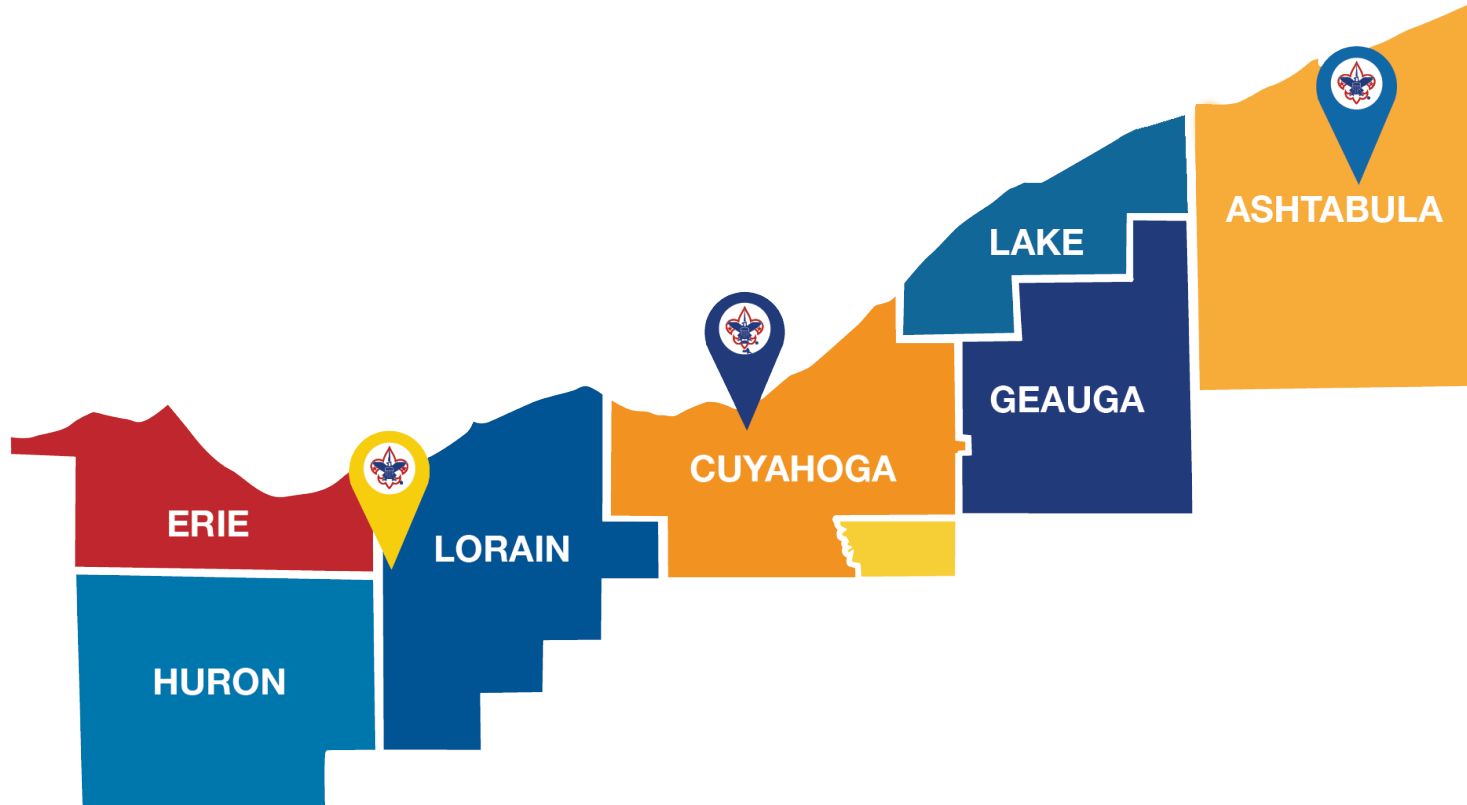
New features:

- Den Meeting planning
- Advancement completion tracking
- To-do list completion and status
- Log meeting attendance
- Provide consistent theme
- Quick launch calendar
- Pack to-dos/self reminders

For more information - www.scoutbook.com



LOCATIONS



Firelands Scout Reservation and Scout Shop
13782 Gore Orphanage Road
Wakeman, OH 44889



Beaumont Scout Reservation
2429 OH - 45
Rock Creek, OH 44084



Lake Erie Council Unit Service Center and Scout Shop
2241 Woodland Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115
216.861.6060

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

Every Cub Scout Pack needs volunteers to make the program happen. To be effective, these leaders need to be trained. This information explains what trainings are available for volunteers. Online trainings are available at <http://my.scouting.org>.

LEADER SPECIFIC

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Cub Scout leader training is a seamless program that helps leaders easily graduate through the courses, based on their role, quickly and with minimal duplication. Training is offered online or in person.

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)

This course is designed as an introduction to the outdoor program for those leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

WOOD BADGE

An advanced training for adults designed to enhance leadership skills and develop more effective leaders. The training gives attendees a greater understanding of Scouting aims and methods, while developing true Scout Spirit.

ROUNDTABLE

A monthly leaders' meeting for adult volunteers. Roundtables provide leaders with program ideas and information on events and policies. It is a forum for sharing experiences and asking questions.

CUBCAST

Monthly audio podcasts designed to help leaders learn more about topics of interest.

ADULT LEADER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (ALDC)

The ALDC is a local conference held twice a year that is designed to provide adult leaders with resources that will make an immediate and positive impact on their unit's program. Interactive sessions create opportunities to learn best practices from fellow volunteers and Scouting professionals.

BSA PARENTS

A group formed and run by parents of Scouts to help tell the stories of Scouts and the important role Scouting plays in our communities and our country. Learn more at bsaparents.com.



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The BSA has put together an extensive program, training sessions, and resource tools to ensure that all Scouts remain safe. Staff and all registered volunteers are required to complete Youth Protection training.

YOUTH PROTECTION

The safety and protection of children is the most important priority of the Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to our mandatory reporting policy that removes perpetrators from Scouting and reports them to law enforcement, the BSA has established a multi-layered process of safeguards, including the following, all of which help to act as barriers to abuse:

- Ongoing mandatory youth-protection training for all volunteers, along with educational materials for parents and Scouts that is prominently featured in handbooks and integrated into our programs
- A formal leader selection process that includes criminal background checks and other screening efforts
- A leadership policy that requires at least two youth-protection trained adults be present with youth at all times, and prohibits one-on-one situations where adults would have any interactions alone with children – either in person, online, or via text
- A 24/7 Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871) and email contact address (scouts1st@scouting.org) to access counseling and help needed to report any suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior
- The Volunteer Screening Database, a tool the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for all youth-serving organizations, to prevent individuals that were removed from Scouting from re-registering

Youth Protection Training is required for ALL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS. Parents are also encouraged to complete the training. To complete the training visit: <http://my.scouting.org>.

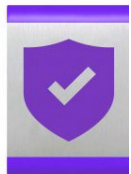
PROTECT YOURSELF RULES ADVENTURE



Barbara Sinatra Children's Center
FOUNDATION

The Boy Scouts of America is committed to creating safe environments for Scouts and leaders. Child abuse is an uncomfortable topic but an important one for us to cover to ensure the safety and well-being of our Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America has partnered with subject-matter experts from the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation to present the "Protect Yourself Rules".

Through animated age and grade-appropriate videos and learning material developed specifically for younger audiences, the program aims to help children recognize, respond to, and report abuse.



For completion of the Protect Yourself Rules Adventures, Scouts can receive credit towards badges of rank.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/protect-yourself-rules



YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Your **den** is in a **pack** that belongs to an organization chartered (a **chartered organization**) by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Scouting unit. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of the BSA.

Your pack is a member of a **service area**, a geographic area of the BSA local council that helps support the pack in providing a successful and high-quality program. An employee of the local council, a **unit serving executive**, is assigned to assist the packs in your area.

Your service area also has a volunteer team called the **commissioner** staff. They are a service team that checks on the program health of your pack, and they are a communication link between your pack and the local council. A commissioner is assigned specifically to assist your unit.

Your service area is one of several in the **Lake Erie Council**. The team at the Lake Erie Council is here to assist you.

SCOUT SHOP CHECKLIST

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

- Uniform Shirt
- Pants, Shorts or Skort
- Web Belt and Buckle
- Scout Socks
- Neckerchief
- Neckerchief Slide
- Shoulder Loops (Webelos only)
- Hat
- Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals
- Den Numeral Strip or Patrol Emblem
- World Crest Emblem
- Handbook - age/grade specific

Name: _____

Council: _____

Den Number: _____

Pack Number: _____

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13782 Gore Orphanage Rd.
Wakeman, Ohio 44889
Phone: 440-965-7054

Cleveland Scout Shop

2241 Woodland Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115
Phone: 216-274-0814

For additional resources and the most current hours, please visit LECBSA.org/Scout-Shop.



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