



New Family Information Guide

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Your Cub Scout Pack and Den

Cub Scout Pack # _____

Pack Meeting Information:

Location _____

Date/time _____ @ _____

(day of the month)

(time)

Pack Leader's Information:

Cubmaster _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Committee Chair _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Our Den: _____

Den Meeting Information:

Location _____

Date/time _____ @ _____

(days of the month)

(time)

Den Leader's Information:

Den Leader _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Asst. Den Leader _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Why Cub Scouts?

Your time is valuable. Today more than ever, families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps support your family by providing adventures for you to do together.

Cub Scouts builds lasting friendships. A strong sense of belonging builds confidence and teamwork.

Cub Scouts instills values including; character, citizenship, fitness, selfless service and a “do your best” attitude.

Cub Scouts is fun in the outdoors. Camping, hiking, fishing, shooting, swimming, STEM, sports and so much more. Cub Scouts is the place for outdoor adventures!



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Cub Scouts Basics

Cub Scouts is designed to involve children in group activities. Boys and girls earn recognition and awards while gaining a sense of personal achievement from each new skill they learn.

Your Cub Scout is Part of a Den

A den is made up of children who are the same age and gender. Dens meet two or three times a month to work on advancement activities. Den meetings typically last one hour and are run by a den leader, but parents attend and share in the planning of den meetings.



Lion Den
Kindergarten



Bear Den
Third Grade



Tiger Den
First Grade



Wolf Den
Second Grade



Webelos Den
Fourth & Fifth Grade

Your Cub Scout and Your Den are Part of the Pack

A pack consists of one or more dens and meets once a month. The cubmaster leads the pack meeting and each den participates with skits, games, songs, and ceremonies. Each meeting will also include awards and recognition for Cub Scouts.

Your Pack is Run by a Parent Committee

Led by a committee chair, the parent committee includes den leaders, pack leaders and parents. The committee selects leaders, finds meeting places, keeps records and finances, tracks youth advancement, and plans activities. The committee meets at least monthly, and as needed. The pack committee functions under the direction of the pack's chartering organization.

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Cub Scout Advancement - Recognition & Awards

Advancement is the process by which a Cub Scout meets certain age-appropriate requirements and earns recognition. The Cub Scout advancement program is a blend of activities Scouts do in their homes and activities they do in a den meeting. As requirements are completed, Scouts are awarded recognition items to mark their progress.



Cub Scouts first earn the **Bobcat** badge by demonstrating a basic understanding of the Cub Scout Motto, Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Bobcat badge should be earned within the first two weeks of joining Cub Scouts.

Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best!



How Much Does Cub Scouts Cost?

Basic Cub Scout Costs*

BSA Membership Fee:	\$75
New Member Joiner Fee:	\$25
Scout Life Magazine:	\$15 for 12 issues
Handbook:	\$19.99
Pack Dues:	\$_____
Uniform:	Cost varies – see uniform sheet

Cub Scout Uniform Essentials

A typical Cub Scout uniform includes a shirt with patches, neckerchief and pants. Several uniform accessories are also available. Uniforms can be purchased at the Samoset Council Scout Shop in person, by phone or by email. Check with your pack leaders to find out what uniform parts are recommended. The friendly staff at the Samoset Council Scout Shop will be happy to assist you in purchasing your Scout's uniform.

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*Scholarships

The costs to join Cub Scouts should not prevent your son or daughter from participating in this great program. Scholarship funds are available, based on family need, to cover all the basic Cub Scout costs listed above. Scholarship forms are available by contacting Samoset Council or at the council website, www.Samoset.org.

Cub Scout Program Highlights

Fall Cub Camp

Experience Cub Scout camp for the first time! Scouts will enjoy a wide variety of activities including archery, BB guns, sponge fight, games and other outdoor adventures.

Popcorn Sale

Scouts learn valuable skills as they earn money for summer camp and other amazing adventures by participating in the annual popcorn sale. This is also the easiest way to finance all of your yearly Scouting adventures.

Pinewood Derby

With a little help from an adult, Scouts build a race car from a block of wood and race their friends. The Pinewood Derby is a classic Cub Scout event and fun for the whole family.

Scouting for Food

Scouts learn the importance of serving others as they collect food items for community food banks.

Polar Cub Camp

Think camp is just for the summer? Think again! Polar Cubs is one of the largest Cub Scout Day Camp programs, with a variety of activities, including sledding, ice fishing, and more!

Akela's World — Cub Scout Summer Camp

The highlight of the year for Cub Scouts! Fun and adventure at one of the regions premier summer camps in Rhinelander, WI.



How Can I Help?

Successful dens and packs rely on active parent volunteers. Volunteer leaders help guide the Scouting adventure for their child and others. What could be more valuable than quality time spent with your Cub Scout? There are many ways you can help, here are just a few:

Working Directly with Scouts...

Den leaders - Den leaders lead the den at den and pack meetings. They also participate in the monthly pack parent committee meeting.

Cubmaster - Cubmasters work closely with the pack committee to plan and carry out the annual program. They run the monthly pack meeting.

Parent Committee: Planning, Communication, Support...

The pack's parent committee meets monthly, working together to give needed support to the cubmaster and den leaders. An active parent committee handles behind the scenes work so the cubmaster and den leaders can focus on working directly with the Cub Scouts.

Parent Helpers...

There are many opportunities for parents to help by taking on "one-shot" projects, such as coordinating the popcorn sale, service projects, picking up awards at the Scout office and more. Your willingness to help when you can will make all the difference in your child's experience.

Training for Volunteers - Online at [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org)

Specific Cub Scout leader training courses, which can be completed at your own pace, are available online for all volunteers.

Youth Protection Training, available online, is required for all volunteers and must be completed before submitting your volunteer application.