

A Parent's Guide to Cub Scouts

**This packet contains all you need to know to help make your Cub Scout
adventure a fun and valuable learning experience!**



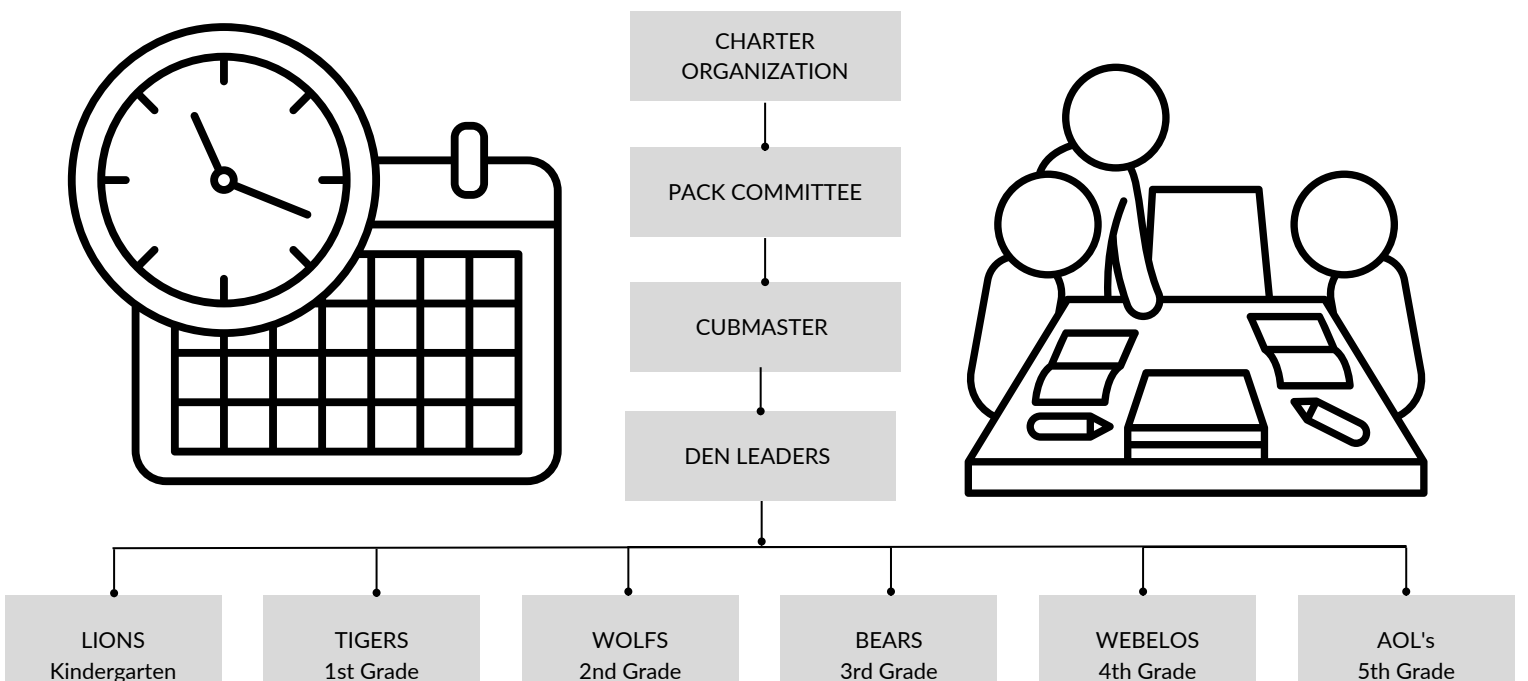
**WELCOME TO THE
ADVENTURE OF
CUB SCOUTING!**

What is Cub Scouting?

- Cub Scouting helps kids grow in self-esteem and character as they learn new skills and conquer new challenges. For many, Cub Scouting is their first opportunity to experience the fun of the outdoors on fun weekend camping outings.
- The Cub Scout Motto is “Do Your Best” - In a society where your child is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches them to “do your best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.
- A Cub Scout den connects your child with a group of kids their own age where they can make friends and earn recognition. In the den, they will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills they learn.

How is Cub Scouting Organized?

DEN	PACK	PACK COMMITTEE	CHARTER ORGANIZATION
Your Scout and friends from their class make a “Den.” They will progress through Scouting together as a group and hold a couple of small group meetings a month.	All the Dens together make up the “Pack.” Once a month there will be a pack meeting. This meeting usually includes skits, songs, ceremonies, and awards will be presented.	The committee consists of the parents of the Scouts. This committee plans events, organizes awards, and provides training. All families are encouraged to participate!	The Charter Organization is the sponsor of the pack, often also providing a meeting place for the Scouts. The Charter Organization Representative approves all adult leadership.



Meetings & Outings

We want you and your Scout to be as involved as you can, but don't worry about missing a meeting or two. Scouting is a year-round program and there will always be opportunity to catch up later or catch up at home. Here is a standard meeting schedule:

DEN
Your Scout's small group or "den" will meet 2 or 3 times a month.

PACK
All the small groups will meet as a "pack" once a month.

OUTINGS
Your den & pack will work to plan at least 1 outdoor activity a month.

Contacts, Times, & Locations

MY DEN: _____	MY PACK #: _____	DISTRICT _____
DEN LEADER: _____	CUBMASTER: _____	DISTRICT EXECUTIVE: _____
PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____	EMAIL: _____	EMAIL: _____
MEETING TIME: _____	MEETING TIME: _____	LOCATION: _____
MEETING DAY: _____	MEETING DAY: _____	If you require any further assistance or have questions, please contact our Council at 601-582-2326 or visit our website: www.PineBurrScouts.org
LOCATION: _____	LOCATION: _____	

Activities & Events

Good Turn

This is a pack service project to benefit the community. One good turn that many packs participate in annually is “Scouting for Food,” a canned food drive to benefit local pantries. Scouting for Food is conducted in early February.

Pack Campout

Your Cub Scout Pack will have family campouts planned for the fall. These are fun activities where the whole family is invited to join in a camping experience!

Pinewood Derby

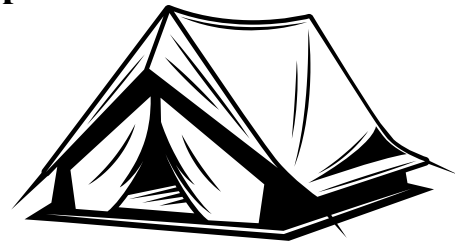
Parents and Scouts work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Most packs conduct the derby races annually.

Blue and Gold Banquet

This is a birthday party for your Cub Scout pack usually held in February. Most often it is a seated dinner, but sometimes it is a covered-dish supper. A special program or entertainment is customary.







Family Camp

Family camp is an exciting activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, sports, songs, and skits. This program, conducted under certified leadership, is held at Camp Tiak.



Awards & Advancements

Cub Scouts provides a place for kids to learn how to work hard and see their goals reached. Throughout the year each Scout will be working on their “Rank Badge.” Requirements for this rank can be found in their grade specific handbook. In addition to these ranks, there are also “Belt Loops.” These are fun awards that Scouts will earn for participating in activities and games.

 Kindergarten	 1 st Grade	 2 nd Grade	 3 rd Grade	  Webelos 4 th grade and continues until the Scout joins a Troop	
Lion's Honor	Games Tigers Play	Call of the Wild	Baloo The Builder	Cast Iron Chef	Building a Better World
Animal Kingdom	My Tiger Jungle	Council Fire	Bear Claws	Duty to God and You	Duty to God in Action
Mountain Lion	Team Tiger	Duty to God Footsteps	Bear Necessities	First Responder	Outdoor Adventurer
King of the Jungle	Tiger Bites	Howling at the Moon	Fellowship and Duty to God	Stronger, Faster, Higher	Scouting Adventure
Fun on the Run	Tiger Circles: Duty to God	Paws on the Path	Fur, Feathers, and Ferns	Webelos Walkabout	Elective
	Tigers in the Wild	Running with the Pack	Paws for Action	Elective	
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Your First Badge!!

Earn Your Bobcat Rank in just 7 Easy Steps! With exception to Lion Cubs, all other youth who join Cub Scouts must earn the Bobcat badge before advancing to the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or Arrow of Light. To complete the Bobcat requirements, a youth must:

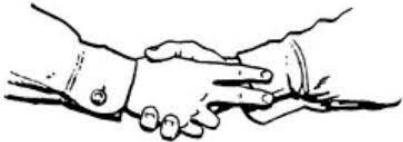
LEARN AND SAY THE SCOUT OATH, WITH HELP IF NEEDED:

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 & MORALLY STRAIGHT

LEARN AND SAY THE SCOUT LAW, WITH HELP IF NEEDED:

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, AND REVERENT.

LEARN THE CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE & WHAT IT MEANS:



"THE CUB HANDSHAKE MEANS THAT YOU "HELP" AND THAT YOU "OBEY" THE LAW OF THE PACK."

SHOW THE CUB SCOUT SALUTE & TELL WHAT IT MEANS:



TWO FINGERS TOGETHER HELD ABOVE THE BROW. "THE CUB SCOUTS SALUTE MEANS YOU RESPECT OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG. SALUTE WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND. IF YOU ARE WEARING YOUR CUB SCOUT CAP, PLACE YOUR TWO FINGERS ON THE BRIM. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CAP, PLACE YOUR TWO FINGERS OVER THE EYEBROW."

LEARN & SAY THE CUB SCOUT MOTTO:

DO YOUR BEST!

LEARN THE CUB SCOUT SIGN:



IN CUB SCOUTING, WE USE THE TWO-FINGER SIGN AND SALUTE.

WHEN: GIVE THE CUB SCOUT SIGN EACH TIME YOU SAY THE SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW. IT'S ALSO HANDY WHEN YOU WANT TO QUIET A ROOM QUICKLY.

HOW: HOLD YOUR RIGHT ARM STRAIGHT UP, WITH YOUR INDEX AND MIDDLE FINGER SEPARATED, LIKE A PEACE SIGN.

WHY: THE TWO RAISED FINGERS STAND FOR THE SCOUT OATH AND THE SCOUT LAW. THE FINGERS LOOK LIKE THE SHARP EARS OF THE WOLF, READY TO LISTEN TO AKELA.

YOUTH PROTECTION:

WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN, COMPLETE THE EXERCISES IN THE PAMPHLET "HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM CHILD ABUSE: A PARENT'S GUIDE"

LET YOUR DEN LEADER KNOW WHEN YOU ARE READY TO SHOW THEM WHAT YOU LEARNED SO YOU CAN OFFICIALLY EARN YOUR BOBCAT RANK!

What Does A Year of Cub Scouting Cost?

YEARLY FEE

The yearly registration is \$120. This comes out to only \$10 a month to be registered in the Boy Scouts of America.

OTHER COSTS

There are minimal fees for participation in activities at the pack, district, or council levels. You only pay these fees if you choose to participate. Some packs have yearly "dues" to assist with these costs.

HANDBOOK

Every Scout needs a handbook. Handbooks normally cost \$25, except tonight where you will have the option to purchase one for the discounted price of \$20.

UNIFORM

Every pack has a standard for uniforms. Please consult with your unit leader for more information. A general uniform shirt with patches will cost approximately \$50.

MAGAZINE

This optional magazine for Scouts and adults has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The price is \$15 per year.

ADULT LEADER FEE

This fee covers liability insurance as a leader. Some cub packs or chartered organizations have the resources to pay these fees for the leaders. The yearly fee to register as an adult volunteer is \$60. (1st year is free)

PAY SCOUTING COSTS WITH POPCORN!

Most of your Scout's Scouting costs can be financed by participating in the annual popcorn sale. Please find an order form for selling Popcorn in your packet.



Youth Protection Policies

The BSA has adopted the following policies to provide additional security for our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

- (1) **Two-deep leadership.** Two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and either a parent of a participant or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
- (2) **No one-on-one contact.** One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults.
- (3) **Respect of privacy.** Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- (4) **Cameras, imaging, and digital devices.** While most campers and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants.
- (5) **Separate accommodations.** When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers.
- (6) **Proper preparation for high-adventure activities.** Activities with elements of risk should never be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- (7) **No secret organizations.** The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- (8) **Appropriate attire.** Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate as part of Scouting.
- (9) **Constructive discipline.** Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- (10) **Hazing prohibited.** Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- (11) **Youth leader training and supervision.** Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by youth leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed.
- (12) **Member responsibilities.** All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership in the unit.
- (13) **Unit responsibilities.** Adult leaders of Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. Parents of youth members who misbehave should be informed and asked for assistance in dealing with it.

Information on the prevention of child abuse can be found in the front of every Cub Scout Handbook.



Other Sources of Child Abuse Prevention Information

Child Welfare Information Gateway

Phone: 800-394-3366

E-mail: info@childwelfare.gov

www.childwelfare.gov

Prevent Child Abuse America

312-663-3520; fax: 312-939-8962

www.preventchildabuse.org

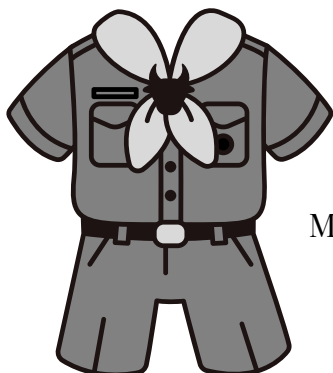
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

800-843-5678

www.missingkids.com

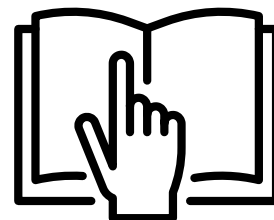
Where Can I Get My Cub Scout's Uniform & Handbook?

The Pine Burr Area Council Scout Shops offer uniforms, advancements, literature, gifts, t-shirts, pinewood derby equipment, and more! If we do not have it in stock, we can order it for you & have it at the store in about a week. We also take over the phone orders and are happy to coordinate shipping!



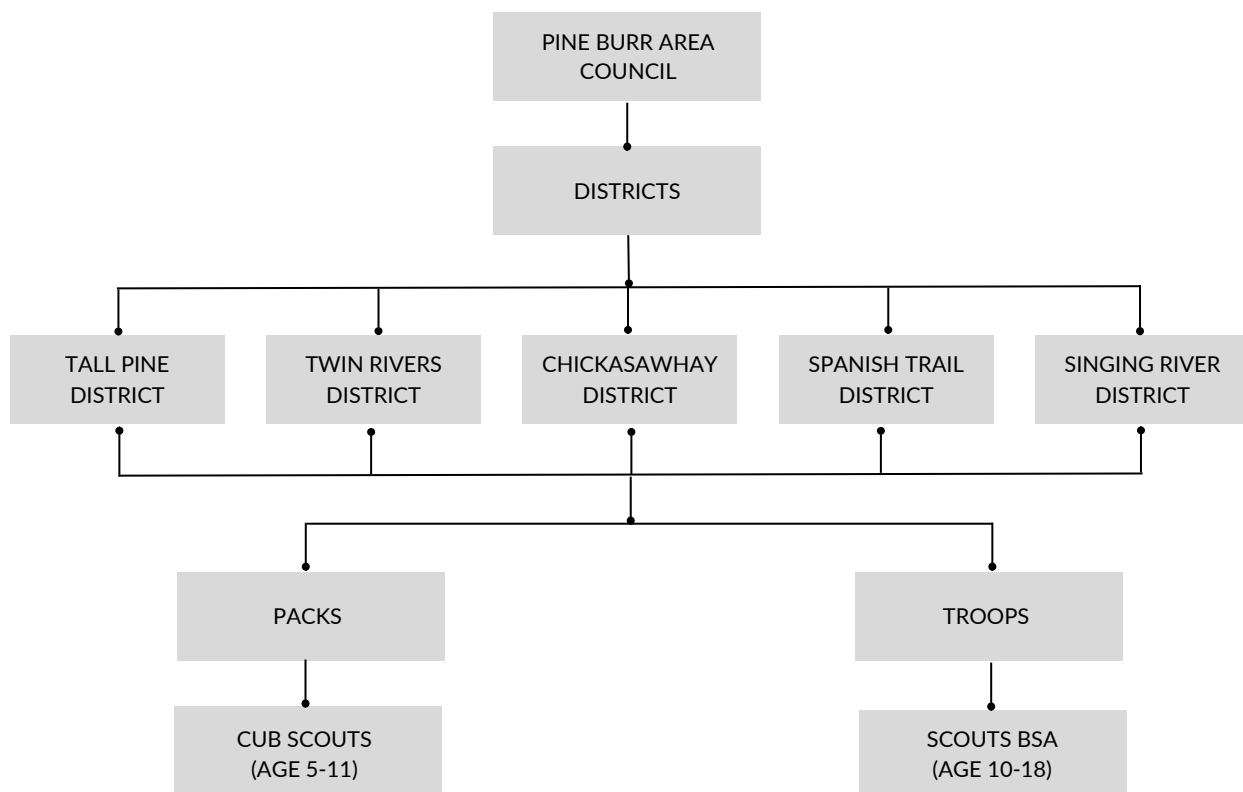
Pine Belt Scout Shop
1318 Hardy Street
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Monday – Thursday: 8 AM – 4:30 PM; Friday 8 AM – 4 PM
601-582-2326

Mississippi Gulf Coast Scout Shop
719 Howard Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530
Tuesday – Friday: 12 PM – 6 PM; Saturday 9 AM – 1 PM
228-967-7074



What is the “Council”?

The Pine Burr Area Council is the local Scouting organization. We are chartered to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to promote and support Scouting in 17 counties throughout South Mississippi. The Council is located at 1318 Hardy St. Hattiesburg, MS 39401. If you have any questions about Scouting or the Scouting Programs, please visit us or give us a call at 601-582-2326





FALL FAMILY CAMP

\$50 EARLY BIRD CUB SCOUT + GUARDIAN
\$15 ANY ADDITIONAL CUB SCOUT OR FAMILY MEMBER

WHO

Cub Scouts & their families Bring your camping gear and your entire family for a fun filled weekend!

WHAT

Fall Family Camp is a Council sponsored event for Cub Scouts & their families to enjoy tons of activities & a weekend outdoors!

WHEN

October 14-15, 2023 Check in is from 7:30am - 8:30am on October 14th & Check out is after breakfast on October 15th

WHERE

Camp Tiak 64 Camp Tiak Road
Wiggins, MS 39577

WHY

Come join other cub Scouts and families for a bugged out weekend where we will have BB guns, slingshots, archery, crafts, games, & more!

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28!

SIGN UP & PAY ONLINE:

[PINEBURRSCOUTS.ORG/2023-FALL-FAMILY-CAMP](https://pineburrscoouts.org/2023-fall-family-camp)





Hattiesburg Area
Shooting Sports Day



September 23, 2023

Coast Area
Shooting Sports Day



September 23, 2023



Hattiesburg Area
Fishing Derby



August 26, 2023

Coast Area
Fishing Derby



August 26, 2023

Please visit our website for more information and to sign up for these events:
PineBurrScouts.org

The Role of a Cub Scout Parent

Every parent plays a very important role with their Scout. You will be working with your Scout on achievements, attending camping outings together, and having fun with your family! Scouting would not be possible without the parent or guardian's involvement.

You will also be asked to serve as a volunteer with the Cub Scout Pack where your Scout is a member. Whatever time you are able to invest in Scouting – the result is phenomenal! Kids will not only have fun because of your help but will also grow physically, mentally, and in their relationships with other people.

Please take a moment to look over these roles. Please mark what you would be able to help with.

***Please tear this page out and turn it in with your Scout's application. ***

_____ **DEN LEADER OR ASSISTANT** (Must have at least two per den) - Works directly with their Scout's grade level den, their meetings, and activities.

_____ **OUTDOOR COMMITTEE** - Family Camping Events, Summer Day Camp Promotion, and Shooting Sports Events.

_____ **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE** - Blue and Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby Race, and Scouting for Food Service Project.

_____ **FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Popcorn Sale and Pack Operating Budget.

_____ **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** - Annual Pack Charter Renewal and Year-Round Recruitment Planning.

_____ **SUPPORT COMMITTEE** - Coordinate Pack Meeting Speakers and Events and assist other committees as needed.

_____ **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE** - Record Keeping and Awards Coordination

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SCOUT'S NAME _____ SCOUT'S GRADE _____

If a situation arises and you can no longer help, please contact your Den Leader or Cubmaster

New leader training will be available on November 11th, 2023 via our University of Scouting event

Please visit pineburrscouts.org for more information!