



## HOW IS CUB SCOUTING ORGANIZED?

### **CUB SCOUT DENS**

Members who join Cub Scouts are assigned to a Den based upon their grade in school which defines which rank they will work towards. They need not have earned the previous rank in order to earn the next. Each of the ranks in Cub Scouting has its own requirements that are age appropriate. As a Cub Scout advances through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging, to match the new skills and abilities they have learned.

Cub Scouts works on a school calendar year, with summer activities for the Pack. The **Den typically meets monthly** and is usually a group of six to ten Cub Scouts. The den allows Scouts to get to know each other better and engage in activities that would be difficult in a larger group. Each Den is led by a Parent Volunteer called a Den Leader who may be assisted by one or more Assistant Den Leaders and/or a Scouts BSA Den Chief. **A Parent needs to attend with their Scout.**

### **The Lion (Kindergarten) and Tiger (First Grade) Dens**

Cub Scouts who join in kindergarten or first grade join with an adult partner, usually the parent or guardian. A Lion or Tiger den should be no more than eight Cub Scouts and their adult partners. An adult is selected to serve as the den leader (usually one of the parents) and coordinates the meetings. Each adult partner takes a turn assisting or hosting meetings or activities with the den leader. This shared leadership model is a great way to ensure the den leader has the help needed to deliver a quality program.



At den meetings, Lions and Tigers work on Adventures that are found in their handbooks and the Adult Partner Guides.



### **Wolf (2nd grade), Bear (3rd grade), and Webelos (4th grade) dens**

Children this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs. A Wolf (second grade), Bear (third grade), or Webelos (fourth grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and often a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader).

### **The Arrow of Light Scout Den (5th Grade)**

The Arrow of Light den is focused on preparing to join Scouts BSA. Arrow of Light Scouts move to the next level of Scouting, Scouts BSA

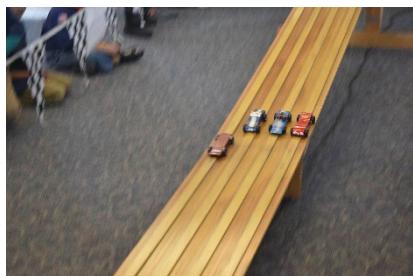




## CUB SCOUT PACK

**All Dens meet together monthly as a Pack** - All Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend. Pack meetings have fun programs, games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the Scouts have earned that month.

The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities. It gives the dens something to look forward to and work toward. This is a chance to recognize the Scouts, their parents, and their leaders. The Cubmaster is an adult volunteer who serves as master of ceremonies at all Pack activities and is assisted meetings and leads Pack activities of all kinds.



### Pack Activities

In addition to its regular meetings, the Pack sponsors certain special projects. These include community projects (e.g., a Thanksgiving Food Drive for the needy), outdoor activities (e.g., field trips, family campouts, etc.), fund raising activities (e.g., wreath sales), and fun competitions (e.g., Pinewood Derby).

### The Parent Committee (group of parent volunteers)

Much like other community organizations you or your child are a part of, the Pack is organized and ran by a group of dedicated volunteers. The pack committee supports the den leaders and Cubmaster of the pack so they can focus on working directly with the youth in the pack. Most of these leaders are parents of Scouts in the pack. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.

- The committee meets once a month.
- The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and has fun!
- The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

Parents volunteer for different roles on the Parent Committee, from treasurer to activities, to ensure the Pack functions. Parents, including those not in a specific role, attend the Parent meeting.



### How do I track what my Cub Scout is working on?

Scoutbook is a **unit-management web application** that is a one-stop shop for parents and unit leaders to record and manage the Cub Scouts Scouting experience. It provides a way to track advancements, unit activities through a calendar as well to message the leaders in your Unit.