Welcome to Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouting is a great family program. We are so excited to have your family join our Scouting family. This parent guide is to help give you some information to have a great Scouting experience.

Top 5 ways to help your Cub Scout Family get started!

- Help your Cub Scout earn their Bobcat award.
- Get a Cub Scout Uniform and a Handbook.
- Get a Pack Calendar.
- Start funding your Scout’s year with Popcorn.
- Get Involved!

Cub Scout Online Registration

- $25 New Scout Fee
- $5.50 a month membership fees
- $1 a month for Boy’s Life Magazine
- Registration goes to June 2021

Go to ScoutingAlaska.org

- Find the List of Packs
- Find your Pack and press ‘click to Join’
Help your Cub Scout earn the Bobcat Award

The first award a scout can earn when they join Cub Scouts is the Bobcat rank. You can keep track of this progress by signing off requirements in your Scout’s handbook. You may have been given a ‘Trail to Bobcat’ poster to keep track of their progress as well, but you will still want to sign off their requirements in the book.

Den Meeting

Your Cub Scout is in a Den with boys or girls in the same grade at school. Most Dens meet at least twice a month; some Dens meet weekly. They will be working on passing off requirements at Den Meetings and tracking those in your Scout’s handbook. You can also work on requirements at home anytime and sign those off.

Show the Den Leader your Scout’s Book

Once your Cub Scout has completed all of the Bobcat requirements, show signed handbook to your Scout’s Den Leader. The Den Leader will make arrangements to have the award presented to your Scout at the Pack meeting. The award is paid for out of the Pack Budget. Pack budgets are funded by Scouts selling popcorn.

Pack Meeting

All of the Cub Scouts and their families get together once a month for a terrific night called “Pack Meeting.” A better title would be Pack Party! It is a great idea to invite grandparents, family and friends to the Pack meeting where your Scout will receive their Bobcat Rank. Hopefully that will be at the October or November Pack meeting.

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.
We Ship
Our Scout Shop will ship Cub Scout Uniforms and other goodies to your home. All orders should be submitted in writing so that they can be filled correctly. Please call with any questions and to arrange payment.

Juneau
Uniforms are available from Nugget Alaska Outfitters in Juneau.

Get a Uniform!
There is nothing that helps get your Cub Scout excited about Scouting more than having a uniform and feeling like part of the Pack.

Our Scout Shop recommends that you buy the uniform a little big so your Scout can grow into it.

Purchase uniform/book packages or order needed items individually.

Recommended Items
- Council Patch
- Pack Numbers & Den Number
- World Crest
- Cub Scout Shirt (comes in long and short sleeve options)
- Cub Scout Hat
- Neckerchief and slide for each den
- Cub Scout Belt

Get a Handbook!
There is a Cub Scout Handbook for each year your child is in Cub Scouts. The Handbook has the same name as the den and is the name of the award (rank) your Cub Scout will be earning this year.

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As Scouts complete adventures in their book they work towards their rank. They can complete activities at Cub Scouts but they can also do adventures in their book with a parent or guardian anytime. Once your Cub Scout does their best go
Cub Camp

Camp Gorsuch
Located at the Mirror Lake Exit on the Glenn Highway. Camp runs in June and July. Camp sessions are Monday through Friday. Meals, cabins and hot showers are provided.

Eagle River Scout Camp
Located North of Juneau, Eagle River Cub Camp will be in June. Cabins, meals and hot showers are provided.

Across the State
Special Day Camps also happen in communities across the state for Cubs!

Get a Pack Calendar

Den Meetings
Parents and guardians are always welcome at Den Meetings. Lion, Tiger Cubs, and their adult partner attend all of the Den Meetings together. Den Meetings should be held at least twice a month. Information for planning Den Meeting can be found at http://www.scouting.org/programs/cubscouts/.

Pack Meetings & Activities
Pack meetings are a ton of fun for the whole family! One of the highlights each year is the Pinewood Derby Race and then the 'Blue and Gold Banquet' held each February to celebrate Scouting's birthday. Packs can also have their own campouts, go to special events like hockey or fishing, and participate in District and Council Events like the Family Adventure Weekends.

Charter Renewal & Boys’ Life
Each April/May the Pack registers all of its youth and adults for the coming program year. Make sure you are registered with the Pack for 2021 and that your Cub Scout is signed up to receive Boys’ Life Magazine. The fee is $66 for 12 months of registration and $12 a year for Boys’ Life Magazine.

Cub Scout Summer Camp
Packs pick a week to attend summer camp and register as a Pack on the Council website ScoutingAlaska.org. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend camp with their Cub Scout. Camps also have special program nights for the whole family to attend. People who attend camp will need to have a BSA medical form filled out prior to attending camp.

Virtual Meeting and Family Scouting
Dens and Packs may decide to meet virtually or less often to lower risks to your children and family.
Get Involved

Kids grow up way too fast. The best way for you and your Cub Scout to get the most out of Cub Scouting is for you to be involved. Packs are all run by parents and they will welcome you to come share the fun with them. P.S. It's OK to be silly at Cub Scouts!

Go to Den Meeting

Parents are always welcome at Den Meetings. Go with your Cub Scout and have some fun!

Be a Den Leader or an Assistant Den Leader

You can volunteer to be a Den Leader or an Assistant Den Leader. Den Leaders plan and carry out the Den Meetings. Dens should meet at least twice a month, some meet every week. In Den Meetings, Cubs play games, do crafts and pass off requirements in their Cub Scout handbook. There are Den Meeting plans that lay out a year of Cub Scouting fun at each Den Meeting!

Go to Pack Committee meeting and volunteer to help with a Pack activity

Many hands make light work. Ask to attend the Pack’s Committee Meeting. They should be called the Pack’s Parents’ Meeting. There you can be part of the planning and pick one or two activities to help out with.

Go Check Out Roundtable!

Each month your District puts on a meeting called Roundtable. Roundtable is a great place to make friends, learn details about upcoming events, get suggestions on how to work with kids and get tons of ideas for fun things to do with your Cub Scouts. Roundtable dates and locations can be found on the Council Calendar at ScoutingAlaska.org.

Youth Protection Training

Scouting is dedicated to making all Scouting activities as safe as possible, for both the youth and the adults. All Pack Leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training every two years. Parents are invited to take the training as well. It is available online at My.Scouting.org.

Go to MyScouting.org and create an account as a new user. You will want to keep your user ID and Password because
Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Training is available online and in person for volunteers who work with Cub Scouts.

Both adult volunteers and their Cub Scouts stay in Cub Scouting longer when their leaders are trained and have a plan.

Pack ________ District ________

Charter Organization ______________________________

The Cub Scout Pack is part of the Chartering Organization’s outreach into the community and is the sponsor of the Pack.

Chartered Organization Representative ______________

This person approves all of the adults who will volunteer with the pack.

Pack Committee Chairman __________________________

Runs the Pack Committee/Parents Meeting and helps keep the calendar and Pack moving forward.

Pack Committee Members

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Cubmaster ____________________________

Plans and carry out the monthly Pack Meeting for the whole family.

Assistant Cubmaster ____________________________

Works with the Cubmaster to provide Pack Meetings.

Lion Guide (Den Leader) ____________________________

Works with kindergarten Cub Scouts and their adult partner. (A parent or guardian is asked to be at all Lion activities)

Tiger Cub Den Leader ____________________________

Works with first grade Cub Scouts and their adult partner. (A parent or guardian is asked to be at all Tiger activities)

Wolf Den Leader ____________________________

Works with second grade Cub Scouts.

Bear Den Leader ____________________________

Works with third grade boys Cub Scouts.

Webelos Den Leader ____________________________

“Knots” are awards adults can earn for volunteering in Cub Scouting and having a great program. More information can be found at http://knots.boy-scouts.net

Turn in your completed form to the Council Service Center and it will be presented at
Want More Information?

http://www.scouting.org/program/cubscouts for cub scout program information

http://www.scoutingalaska.org for all Council events, program, and updates.

Trail Talk E-Newsletter Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter with all the latest info!

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook!

Or call the Council Service Center at (907) 337-9547

My.Scouting.org

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America hosts the My.Scouting.org website. Every Cub Scout Volunteer and Parent should have an account at My.Scouting.org. This is a great place to get training and access online resources. People who fill out Adult Applications and register with the BSA you will receive a Membership ID number to link your www.my.Scouting.org account with the Great Alaska Council.

Den Leader Training Online

Cub Scout Leader Training is on the My.Scouting.org page. It is a good idea to watch the Cub Scout Fast Start Training and/or the Den Leader Position-Specific training, even if you are not going to be serving as a Den Leader this year. It will do a great job explaining the mission of Cub Scouts and how Cub Scouting is supposed to work.

Great Alaska Council

The Great Alaska Council is a non-profit organization that is given a charter by the Boy Scouts of America. The Council covers most of the state of Alaska except for Fairbanks and the North Slope, those areas are served by the Midnight Sun Council. Our Council is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and has a staff of 10 people serving the over 2500 adult volunteers and 7500 youth in Scouting.

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