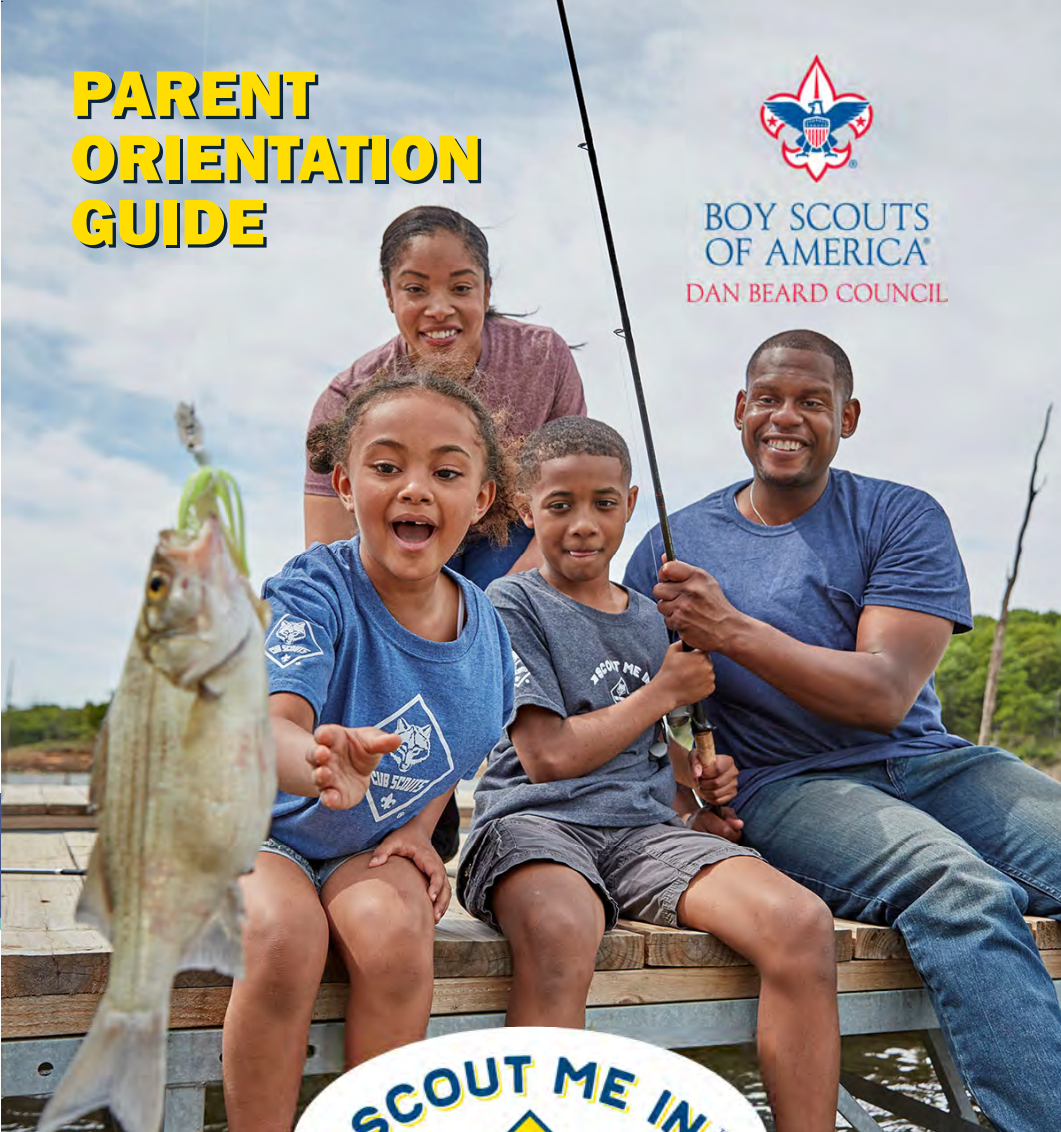


PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®
DAN BEARD COUNCIL



Congratulations on becoming a Scouting Family!

Take these first steps to ensure that your family gets the most out of Scouting:

1. Complete a Youth Application.
2. Know your Cubmaster and the best way to contact him or her.
3. Ask your Cubmaster about the uniform, handbook, Scoutbook, and how you can get involved. Scouting is a family activity and we want you to enjoy it with your child!

Welcome to Scouting. Your adventure starts now!

Your Pack Information



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
DAN BEARD COUNCIL

Pack # _____

Den Leader _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Meeting Times _____

District Name _____

Boys' Life Magazine

Boys' Life Magazine is full of wholesome, educational, entertaining stories and valuable information. It's also available by downloading the app and online.

Your Council Information

Scout Achievement Center

10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241
p: (513) 577-7700
f: (513) 577-7738
www.DanBeard.org (local)
www.Scouting.org (national)

Scout Shop

10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241
p: (513) 961-0500
www.DanBeard.org/ScoutShop

Hours of Operation*

Monday	8:30am—6:00pm
Tuesday	8:30am—6:00pm
Wednesday	8:30am—7:00pm
Thursday	8:30am—6:00pm
Friday	8:30am—6:00pm
Saturday	9:00am—3:00pm

Local Scout Camps

Cub World

6035 Price Road
Loveland, OH 45140

Upper Craig

6113 Price Road
Loveland, OH 45140

Camp Friedlander

581 Ibold Road
Loveland, OH 45140

Camp Michaels

3486 Hathaway Rd.
Union, KY 41091

www.DanBeard.org/Camp

Share the Scouting Adventure!

Share the memories you make with your Scout on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter by using **#ScoutSHARE**.



Facebook.com/DanBeardCouncil



Instagram.com/DanBeardCouncil



Twitter.com/DanBeardCouncil

*Hours may be impacted by COVID-19. Please visit danbeard.org/about for current hours.



How Cub Scouting Works

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

- Your child is a member of a **DEN**, consisting of 5-8 children, similar in age who typically meet once a week with a Den Leader, usually a parent.
- All of the **DENS** (Scouts from grades K-5) make up the **PACK**.
- The **PACK** meets once a month with the Cubmaster, with all the other **DENS** in attendance. At the **PACK** meeting, you will have fun activities and have the opportunity to engage with other **DENS**.
- Your **PACK** is part of the **Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America**, which serves over 20,000 youth in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.



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...

<i>Trustworthy</i>	<i>Obedient</i>
<i>Loyal</i>	<i>Cheerful</i>
<i>Helpful</i>	<i>Thrifty</i>
<i>Friendly</i>	<i>Brave</i>
<i>Courteous</i>	<i>Clean</i>
<i>Kind</i>	<i>Reverent</i>

Cub Scouts



Lion:
Kindergarten



Tiger:
Age 7/1st Grade



Wolf:
Age 8/2nd Grade



Bear:
Age 9/3rd Grade



Webelos: Age 10-11
4th or 5th Grade



Arrow of Light:
5th Grade



Scouting Results

**166,
301**

Last year alone, local Scouts officially recorded **166,301 service hours on community service projects** for local communities here in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky.



Scouts are more likely than non-scouts to hold a **leadership position at their place of work or in the community.**



Long term Scouts are nearly twice as likely as non-scouts to **graduate from college.**



Scouts are more likely to be active in a group that works to **protect the environment** than non-scouts.

Cub Scout Uniforms & Scout Handbooks



The Cub Scout uniform is an important part of being a Cub Scout. Wearing it lets people know that the wearer is part of the Boy Scouts of America, in addition to their Den and Pack! The official uniform should be worn to Den meetings, Pack meetings, and any special Scouting activities. When you wear the full Cub Scout uniform, it shows you are a member of the team.



SCOUTBOOK

Cub Scout handbooks: Lion (Kindergarten, not shown), Tiger (1st grade), Wolf (2nd grade), Bear (3rd grade), and Webelos (4th & 5th grade).

Find uniforms, gear and more at your local Scout Shop!

The Lion Cub Scouts uniform includes a blue t-shirt with the Lion logo and optional cap. The official uniform for Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts include the blue Cub Scout pants, shorts or skorts and shirt with insignia for your rank. Each rank has its own cap, neckerchief and slide in the rank colors. Each rank will also have a handbook for you and your Scout to work through together.

Your Pack may also use Scoutbook, a digital tool to help communicate and track your Scout's achievements!

Cub Scout Pack Organization



Pack Committee

The Pack Committee members perform administrative functions for the Cub Scout Pack.



Chartered Organization Representative

The Chartered Organization Representative is the direct contact between the Scouting unit and the chartered organization (typically your church, school or service club).



Committee Chair

The Committee Chair presides over all Pack Committee meetings. They help recruit adult leaders and lead the Pack.



Cubmaster

The Cubmaster helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of the Pack Committee. They also emcee the monthly Pack meeting and attend the Pack Leaders' meeting.



Den Leader

The Den Leader leads the Den at weekly Den and monthly Pack meetings. They also attend the monthly Pack Leaders' meeting.

Get Involved with the Cub Scout Pack

Choose How You Can Get Involved

Scouting is a family activity that is proven to develop your child's character. By volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, you are benefiting your family by spending time with your child and supporting your community. Build your adventure together and watch as your Scout thrives!

You can help out in many ways such as bringing snacks to a Pack meeting or holding a position with your Pack. Talk to your Cubmaster to see where you can get involved!

Getting Involved is the Best Way To Participate With Your Child!





**TENDERFOOT
SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA**

BEGIN WORKING
ON MERIT BADGES
IN SUBJECTS SUCH AS
ART, ASTRONOMY,
CHEMISTRY, GRAPHIC
ARTS, ROBOTICS,
WELDING...OVER
135 CHOICES!

**SECOND CLASS
SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA**

**FIRST CLASS
SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA**

THE REST OF THE RANKS ARE UP
TO THE SCOUT TO ACHIEVE ON
HIS/HER OWN TIME! THERE'S
NO RIGHT APPROACH—
EVERY SCOUT IS DIFFERENT.



DAN BEARD COUNCIL, BSA

YOUR SCOUTING PATH

A VISUAL GUIDE
TO THE RANKS & A
YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

ADVANCEMENT HAS
FOUR STEPS:
**LEARN, TEST, REVIEW
& RECOGNIZE.**



SCOUT
ADVANCEMENT ISN'T AGE- OR
GRADE-BASED. THE SCOUT
PROGRESSES AT HIS/HER
OWN PACE.

**WELCOME TO
SCOUTS, BSA!**
(AGE 11, OR IF COMPLETED 5TH GRADE
OR ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD)

**ARR
4 REQUIRED
5TH GRADE**

**PATH TO
SUCCESS**

SCOUTS LEARN:
• SCOUT OATH
• SCOUT LAW
• CUB SCOUT SIGN
• CUB SCOUT MOTTO

• CUB SCOUT
HANDSHAKE
• CUB SCOUT
SALUTE

**BOBCAT
ALL NEW
CUB SCOUTS**



FUN, HANDS-ON
ACTIVITIES FOR
SCOUTS TO LEARN
& GROW WHILE
HAVING A GOOD
TIME WITH FRIENDS
& FAMILY

**LION
KINDERGARTEN
(4 YEARS OLD)**



START



**TIGER
1ST GRADE
(OR AGE 7)**

• TEAM-BUILDING GAMES
• NATURE WALKS
• BACK CAMP/OUT CAMPERIES
• LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION
& HEALTHY SNACKS



**WOLF
2ND GRADE
(OR AGE 8)**





FINISH

VENTURING
SCOUTS, BSA
BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 14-20

EXPLORING
SCOUTING'S CAREER
EXPLORATION PROGRAM
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

EXPLORING CAREER
FIELDS INCLUDE AVIATION,
FIRE/EMS, POLICE,
HEALTHCARE & MORE!



EAGLE SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA

EAGLE SCOUTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE
COMMITTED TO LEARNING, AND TO SET
& ACHIEVE PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL,
SPIRITUAL, AND FINANCIAL GOALS.
-BAYLOR UNIVERSITY STUDY



Up
N
CA
A
R
NG
GUIDE OF
& ACTIVITIES
EXPERIENCE

STAR SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA

LIFE SCOUT
SCOUTS, BSA

SERVE IN A LEADERSHIP
ROLE AND TEACH ANOTHER
SCOUT USING THE
EDGE TEACHING METHOD.

ARROW OF LIGHT
RED & 3 ELECTIVE ADVENTURES
WITH GRADE (OR AGE 11)

- PLAN A MENU FOR YOUR DEN OR FAMILY
- PARTICIPATE IN A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
- LEARN FIRST AID, HEALTH & FITNESS
- LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS & PLAN AN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

WEBELOS
4TH GRADE
(OR AGE 10)

SCOUTS WHO ARE MORE ENGAGED IN
SCOUTING REPORT HIGHER OUTCOMES
IN KINDNESS, HELPFULNESS, OBEDIENCE &
CHEERFULNESS THAN NON-SCOUTS
-TUFTS UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDY

- GO FISHING
- LEARN OUTDOOR SKILLS, ABOUT PLANTS & ANIMALS, HOW TO USE TOOLS & WOODWORKING
- LEARN ABOUT SELF SUFFICIENCY & ABOUT HELPING OTHERS.

WOLF
GRADE
(OR AGE 8)

- ATTEND DAY OR RESIDENT CAMP
- DO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WITH YOUR PACK OR FAMILY
- SING SONGS, PERFORM SKITS, GO HIKING, AND MORE ADVENTURES!

BEAR
3RD GRADE
(OR AGE 9)





Plan Your Cub Camp Family Adventures for Next Summer!

Cub Scouts provides some fantastic summer camps everyone in your family would enjoy, ranging from family weekends to 4-day resident camp. All of the activities, meals, and lodging are ready to go for you, compliments of our friendly camp staff. All you have to do is show up and have fun! Families can choose to stay in any of the four camp theme areas: Fort, Castle, Mountain Man Village, or Miner's Camp. Each area has a different degree of camping skill, offering something for everyone. Stay in a tent with your Scout, or reserve a room in the Castle or Fort for your whole family! Each Family Weekend session is Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday, so families can enjoy camping together with minimal impact on schedules. Scouts may qualify for a camp discount. For details, visit DanBeard.org/Family-weekends



Scouting At Home Offers Scouting Activity Videos that are Fun for the Entire Family!

The Dan Beard Council offers our Scouting units and families opportunities to participate in Scouting activities from the comfort of their own home with our Scouting At Home video series! These educational and entertaining videos are not only fun for Cub Scouts to do at home, but also great for Pack meetings! From activity videos, to 30-Day Cub Scout Adventure Challenges, Cub Scout Guided Activities for Units, a Campsite At Home Contest and even a Golden Spoon Photo Contest, there are hours of Scouting fun right on our Scouting At Home website! Check out some of the video topics below, and visit DanBeard.org/Scouting-At-Home to start watching today!

- **How to Build a First Aid Kit**
- **Build A Cub Scout Lava Lamp**
- **Learn Card & Magic Tricks**
- **Make Foil Packed Dinners**
- **Build a Container Garden & Tons More!**

Fund Your Scouting Experience



Popcorn

The Popcorn Sale is the largest local fundraiser and is a fun way for you and your unit to raise funds to support all of your Scout activities. Delicious popcorn and special prizes throughout the sale help make it fun for everyone! Over 73% of the money raised directly supports your Pack, Dan Beard Council, and local Scout camps and programs! The sale takes place in September and October. Find out more at danbeard.org/popcorn

Camp Cards



The Dan Beard Council Camp Card is essentially like a coupon card that gives the user access to several discounts at area businesses. The Camp Card is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Scout activities such as summer camp, a high adventure base, Jamboree, or day camp. Units participating in the program earn 50% commission! The cards are typically distributed in March and the sale runs through May. Find out more by visiting DanBeard.org/CampCards



Support Local Scouting While Making Everyday Purchases!

Get involved with your Cub Scout Pack by helping to support the Dan Beard Council with these unique community partnerships. You can help support the council by starting a Facebook birthday fundraiser, adding Kroger Community Rewards to your Plus card when checking out, shopping on Amazon using Amazon Smile, or requesting a Boy Scouts of America or Eagle Scout license plate at the Ohio BMW! All of these are great ways to support scouting that you may already be doing. Find out more at danbeard.org/get-involved.



Events & Activities



Throughout the year, the Dan Beard Council offers many different types of events for your Scout to attend. From Peterloon, to Day and Summer Camp, there is always something fun for your Scout to participate in. Check out DanBeard.org/Scout-it-out and mark your calendar!



Cub-O-Ree

Cub-O-Ree is an overnight camping experience designed to give both new and existing Cub Scouts an exciting adventure to get a taste of what Cub Scouts offers through camping, shooting sports, campfires, and more! DanBeard.org/Cuboree



Spook-O-Ree

A huge Halloween-themed event that is fun and safe for the entire family. Hayrides, storytelling, midway games, costumes, snacks & more! Fun for all ages, including a haunted trail & castle for older youth.

DanBeard.org/Spookoree



Pinewood Derby

Cub Scouts design and build small wooden cars to race on an inclined track. This is a great opportunity for kids to work with their parents to construct a race car and compete in the race. DanBeard.org/Pinewood-Derby



Blue and Gold

This is a big Pack event, usually full of food, skits, and awards! All Scouts join in the celebration and the fun. The Blue and Gold banquet typically occurs during Scouting Anniversary week. DanBeard.org/Blue-Gold-Banquet



Day and Summer Camp

Dan Beard Council offers **Community Day Camp** (5 days), **Family Camp** (overnight) and **Resident Camp** (overnight) at Cub World. Activities include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs & more! DanBeard.org/Camp



Program Partnerships with Scout It Out!

The Scouts partner with your favorite organizations in town. Receive special discounts and behind-the-scenes access that is only available to Scouts and their families such as Cincinnati Reds Overnight, Newport Aquarium Scout Days and more! For details, visit DanBeard.org/Scout-It-Out

Scouting's Commitment to Safety

The safety of our youth, families, volunteers, and staff is the most important part of the Scouting experience. Learning by doing is a hallmark of outdoor education. Scouting offers youth the chance to learn new life skills in a safe, supportive environment that is free from judgment, and where risks are identified and mitigated. Along the way they acquire skills that make them more self-reliant, stronger leaders, and better able to achieve their goals.



The Scouting program, as contained in our handbooks and literature, integrates many safety features. These include everything from guidelines for safe activities to protecting youth from any form of abuse, including bullying.

The Boy Scouts of America has established a multi-tiered youth protection approach focused on volunteer screening, education, clear policies, and training for everyone in the program. The BSA is recognized as having some of the strongest barriers to child abuse found in any youth-serving organization. Just a few of these include: ongoing required youth protection training, a formal volunteer selection process that includes criminal background checks, prohibiting one-on-one contact between adults and youth members, and a volunteer screening database.

To learn more about youth safety in Scouting, visit DanBeard.org/YouthProtection or scouting.org/health-and-safety

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Scouting is a volunteer led program and the Council has the training and tools to help you along the way. Training will give you fresh ideas, a place to talk to other Scout parents, and the knowledge and information you need to carry out the Scouting program. The required trainings needed to be a Cub Leader are available at my.scouting.org. There are numerous online trainings in the BSA Learn Center, referenced below.



We take youth protection very seriously. Youth Protection Training is required for Scout Leaders and for adults accompanying youth at events. Learn more about Youth Protection at DanBeard.org/YouthProtection.

How to complete Youth Protection Training?

- 1.) Visit my.scouting.org and click "create an account." You will receive a temporary ID number to proceed.
- 2.) Once logged in, click the **Youth Protection Training** icon (on the right side) to access the BSA Learn Center.
- 3.) Scroll down and click Youth Protection Training. Click Enroll button then follow the links to start the modules.

***Note:** If you are registering as an adult, your BSA Membership ID # will be issued after you complete training and turn in your Adult Application. Print out a copy of your Youth Protection Certificate and turn it in with your Adult Application. When your ID # is issued, enter it into your **My Profile** settings on my.scouting.org.

Find other trainings at my.scouting.org & DanBeard.org/Training

Resources



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Scout Achievement Center

The Scout Achievement Center is your Scouting home, location of the Scout Shop and council headquarters. It offers a great place to hold Pack events, and has meeting rooms for trainings and community chartered organizations.

Go Cub Scouts

A website for new and interested parents looking for more information about joining the Scouting program. | www.GoCubScouts.com

Dan Beard Council Website

The Dan Beard Council website offers information about all of the local activities, events, trainings, etc. | www.DanBeard.org

Cub Scout Resource Guide

A planning guide that assists Den leaders with weekly Den Meeting Plans and Resources. | www.DanBeard.org/Cub-Leader-Resources

National Boy Scouts of America Website

The National Boy Scouts of America website is where you will find Scouting information such as age appropriate activities and guidelines. www.Scouting.org (Example: Search "Age Appropriate Guidelines")



Share the Scouting Adventure With Your Friends!

Share the adventures you have with your Scout on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using #ScoutSHARE! Visit DanBeard.org/ScoutShare for details.



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CUB-O-REE

DANBEARD.ORG/CUBOREE

Cub-O-Ree is an overnight camping experience designed to give both new and existing Cub Scouts an exciting adventure to get a taste of what Cub Scouts offers through camping, shooting sports, crafts, campfires, and spending quality time with their family!

The Safe & Fun Family Halloween Event

SPOOK-O-REE

Held Each Year During Two Weekends in Mid-October!

5pm—9:30pm | Cub World

All are welcome—Fun for all ages!
Bring Scouts, friends, siblings,
parents, grandparents and
your mummy!

DanBeard.org/Spookoree



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