

# PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



## **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!**



**DAN BEARD COUNCIL, BSA**  
SERVING GREATER CINCINNATI & NORTHERN KENTUCKY

## ▷ Your Pack Information



Pack # \_\_\_\_\_

Den Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Times \_\_\_\_\_

District Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Scouts' Life Magazine

Scouts' 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](http://www.DanBeard.org) (Local)  
[www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org) (National)

### Scout Shop

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

### Hours of Operation\*

Monday	9:30am—5:00pm
Tuesday	9:30am—5:00pm
Wednesday	9:30am—5:00pm
Thursday	9:30am—5:00pm
Friday	9:30am—5:00pm
Saturday (Scout Shop)	9:00am—3:00pm
Sunday	Closed

\*Hours may be impacted by COVID-19. Please visit [danbeard.org/about](http://danbeard.org/about) for current hours.

### 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](http://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](https://Facebook.com/DanBeardCouncil)



[Instagram.com/DanBeardCouncil](https://Instagram.com/DanBeardCouncil)



[Twitter.com/DanBeardCouncil](https://Twitter.com/DanBeardCouncil)



## ▶ 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 on average over 20,000 youth & families in Greater Cincinnati & 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

**78,  
524**

Last year alone, local Scouts officially recorded **78,524 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 133 CHOICES!

**SECOND CLASS SCOUT**  
SCOUTS, BSA

**FIRST CLASS SCOUT**  
SCOUTS, BSA

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

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# YOUR SCOUTING PATH

A VISUAL GUIDE TO THE RANKS & ACTIVITIES 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 7), OR IF COMPLETED 5TH GRADE OR ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD)

**PATH TO SUCCESS**

**BOBCAT**  
ALL NEW CUB SCOUTS

- SCOUTS LEARN:
- SCOUT OATH
  - SCOUT LAW
  - CUB SCOUT SIGN
  - CUB SCOUT MOTTO
  - CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE
  - CUB SCOUT SALUTE

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

- TEAM-BUILDING GAMES
- NATURE WALKS
- PACK CAMP/OUT CAMPFIRES
- LEARN ABOUT NUTRITION & HEALTHY SNACKS

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

**START**

**LION**  
KINDERGARTEN (1 YEAR OLD)







**FINISH**

**VENTURING**  
SCOUTS, BSA  
BOYS & GIRLS  
AGES 14-20

**EXPLORING**  
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE  
SCOUTING'S CAREER  
EXPLORATION PROGRAM

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



**EAGLE SCOUT**  
SCOUTS, BSA

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

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



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**LEARNING**  
GUIDE OF  
SCOUTS & ACTIVITIES  
EXPERIENCE

**STAR SCOUT**  
SCOUTS, BSA

**LIFE SCOUT**  
SCOUTS, BSA

**ARROW OF LIGHT**  
REQUIRED & 3 ELECTIVE ADVENTURES  
5TH 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**  
3RD GRADE  
(OR AGE 9)

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 Scout's Cub Camp Adventures this Summer!

Cub Scouts provides a fantastic summer camp program your Cub Scout would enjoy, which includes Cub Scout Adventure Camp and Webelos Camp. All of the activities, meals, and lodging are ready to go for your Scout, compliments of our friendly camp staff. All they have to do is show up and have fun! Scouts can choose to stay in any of the four camp theme areas: Fort, Castle, Mountain Man Village, or Miner's Camp. Also, Scouts may qualify for a camp discount! For details and camp dates, visit [DanBeard.org/Cub-Scout-Camping](http://DanBeard.org/Cub-Scout-Camping).

## Did You Know? You Can Attend Summer Camp as:



An Individual

OR



With Your Friends

OR



With Your Den

OR



With Your Pack



DAN BEARD COUNCIL'S  
**Scouting  
At Home**  
VIDEO SERIES

## ► 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 and Cub Scout Guided Activities for Units, there are hours of Scouting fun right on our Scouting At Home website! Check out some of the video topics below, and visit the website [DanBeard.org/Scouting-At-Home](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://DanBeard.org/Blue-Gold-Banquet)



### Summer Camp

Dan Beard Council offers [Cub Scout Adventure Camp](http://DanBeard.org/Cub-Scout-Adventure-Camp) (3 day, 2-night resident camp) and [Webelos Camp](http://DanBeard.org/Webelos-Camp) (4 day, 3-night resident camp) at Cub World. Activities include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs & more! [DanBeard.org/Camp](http://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 Scout Days with the Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati Cyclones, Newport Aquarium and more! [DanBeard.org/Scout-It-Out](http://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](https://DanBeard.org/YouthProtection) or [scouting.org/health-and-safety](https://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](https://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](https://DanBeard.org/YouthProtection).

### How to complete Youth Protection Training?

- 1.) Visit [my.scouting.org](https://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](https://my.scouting.org) settings on [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

**Find other trainings at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) & [DanBeard.org/Training](https://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](http://www.GoCubScouts.com)

### Dan Beard Council Website

The Dan Beard Council website is our main website with information about all of the local activities, events, trainings, and more. | [www.DanBeard.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://DanBeard.org/ScoutShare) for details.



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# CUB-O-REE

[DANBEARD.ORG/  
CUBOREE](http://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](http://DanBeard.org/Spookoree)



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