Welcome to the Adventure of Cub Scouts
Den and Pack Information:

My Scout is in Pack: ________________________________

Pack meeting location: ________________________________

Pack meeting dates: ________________________________

Pack meeting time: ________________________________

Den meeting location: ________________________________

Den meeting dates: ________________________________

Den meeting time: ________________________________

Den and Pack Leaders:

Den Leader: ________________________________

Phone number: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Cubmaster: ________________________________

Phone number: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________
Cub Scout motto: DO YOUR BEST

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.

MISSION
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 Scout Law.
SCOUT ME IN

Dedicated to bringing out the BEST in Boys and Girls

CUB SCOUTING...

• Nurtures leadership and character growth
• Strengthens families
• Helps boys and girls develop interests and skills
• Provides adventure
• Creates fellowship
• Promotes diversity
• Teaches duty to God and country
• Is FUN!

A research study by Tufts University showed that more time spent in Scouting results in better character development.
What Is Cub Scouting?

Scouting Is Family Oriented
- Activities are intended for the whole family and families are always welcome at all Scouting activities!
- Parents can work with their Scout on advancement requirements.

The Cub Scout Den
- Your child is a member of a Cub Scout Den. Dens include boys or girls from the same grade.
- Dens typically meet 2-3 times per month, twice for regular den meetings and once for the Pack meeting.
- Dens are led by a registered and trained Den Leader (usually a parent).
- Den Leaders are helped by an Assistant Den Leader (usually a parent).
- Den meetings involve learning, games, crafts, songs, and lots of FUN!

The Cub Scout Pack
- Your child is a member of a Cub Scout Pack (all Dens combined).
- Packs meet once a month—all Cub Scout families are invited to attend.
- The Pack meeting is led by the Pack’s Cubmaster (usually a parent).
- The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month’s Den meetings and activities.
- Pack meetings are designed to be fun and usually involve games, songs, skits, ceremonies, and presentations of awards.

The Pack Committee
- The Pack is run by a committee of volunteer parents.
- The Pack committee is made up of positions like Secretary/Treasurer, Advancement Coordinator, Outdoor Activities Chair, Membership Chair, etc.
- The Pack Committee is led by the Pack Committee Chair.
- The committee helps plan the event calendar and coordinates resources.
- The committee selects, trains, and recognizes leaders, keeps records, manages finances, secures meeting places, orders awards, and maintains Pack’s equipment.

The Chartering Organization
The Pack is “owned” by a Chartering Organization (CO), usually a religious organization, service club, or other organization interested in helping youth. The CO approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the Pack according to their own guidelines and the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

Hawkeye Area Council
Responsible for delivering the Scouting program in 7 counties in East Central Iowa.

District
A geographic area within the Council territory. We have 3 districts in the council, Old Capitol Valley, Red Cedar, and Three Rivers.
DO YOUR BEST. HAVE FUN DOING IT.

The best way to find out what you do best is to do it. Catch a fish. Ride a bike. Set up a tent. Build a Pinewood Derby® car. Shoot a bow and arrow. Cub Scouting offers boys and girls the opportunity to see and learn fun, new things that can’t be found anywhere else.

Cub Scouts are at that magical age where everything is new and possible and, most important, fun. They build things. Play with purpose. Make friends and work together. The life lessons learned here not only transform today’s Cub Scouts into tomorrow’s Scouts BSA members but also help form a foundation to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles in life.
Benefits of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting is Fun
Youth join Cub Scouts because they want to have fun and this means more than just having a good time. “Fun” is the satisfaction they get from meeting challenges, making friends, feeling good about themselves, and feeling that they are important to other people.

Cub Scouting Teaches Leadership
Youth learn leadership traits such as: Keeping their word, being fair to all, being a good communicator, being flexible, being organized, delegation, and setting a good example.

Aims of Cub Scouting
The aims of Scouting is to develop character, citizenship training, and encourage fitness – physically, mentally, and morally.

Cub Scouting Strengthens Families
Family is an important influence on today’s youth. Scouting believes in involving the whole family in the training of youth. Cub Scouting provides opportunities for family members to work and play together, to have fun together, and to get to know each other a little better.

Cub Scouting Creates Fellowship
Youth like to be accepted as part of a group. In Cub Scouting, they belong to a small group called a Den and a larger group called a Pack where they take part in interesting and meaningful activities with their friends.

Cub Scouting Promotes Diversity
In Cub Scouting, youth learn to interact in a group that includes people of various ethnicities, income levels, religions, and levels of physical abilities.

Cub Scouting Provides a Year-Round Program
Cub Scouting has no specific “season” - it’s a year-round program. While Summer Pack activities may be informal, there are still many activities that Cub Scouts may do outdoors.

Cub Scouting is a Positive Place
Scouting provides your child with a positive atmosphere and peer group where they can feel emotionally secure and can find support.

Cub Scouting Provides Adventure
Cub Scouting helps fulfill a child’s desire for adventure and allows him/her to use their imagination during skits, games, field trips, service projects, and outdoor activities.

Cub Scouting Helps Youth Develop Interests and Skills
In Cub Scouting, youth participate in a broad array of activities. Cub Scouts develop ability and dexterity, they learn to use tools and follow directions. They learn about subjects such as conservation, safety, physical fitness, community awareness, sports, and academic subjects.
FAMILY FOCUSED. VALUE DRIVEN.

Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and girls (kindergarten through fifth grade) and their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role. Cub Scouting helps parents make the most of the time they have to impact the lives of their children.
How Can You Help?
The most important help you, as a parent, can give your Cub Scout is to work with advancement activities. The handbook is full of activities you will enjoy doing together. When an activity or project is completed, you can sign their book to verify that your Scout has done their best. You can also attend the monthly pack meeting, so you can celebrate your Scouts achievement. Your role as a parent is the secret to success of the Cub Scouting program!

Successful dens and packs also rely on parent participation. Both the den and pack operate through volunteer leadership. Scouting volunteers exemplify Scouting’s principle of service to others. By volunteering you are also giving your Scout the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? Here are some ways you could volunteer:

**Den leader.** Leads the den at den and pack meetings.

**Cubmaster.** Works closely with the pack committee to plan and carry out the annual program. Attending the monthly committee meeting. Emcees the monthly pack meeting.

**The Pack Committee.** Meets monthly to plan and carry out the annual program. Pack committee members fill a variety of positions to support the annual program of the pack. Some pack committee positions include: Committee chair, Advancement chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Pack Trainer. All parents are invited to participate on the pack committee as parent helpers.

**Parent Helpers**
Parent helpers assist with short-term projects in the den or pack. This might be coordinating pack events, fundraisers, service projects, field trips or outings.

*Time With Your Child*

*Time Well Spent!*
Special Cub Scout Activities

Cub Scout Family Camporee
September 21-22, 2019

Cub Scout families are invited to come spend the weekend enjoying Scouting activities. Events include: shooting sports, games, crafts, hikes, climbing tower, campfire and spending quality time with family.

Scouting for Food – November 9, 2019

This is an annual nation-wide food drive where Scouts collect food for local food banks and pantries. Held in the fall, this is just one way that Scouting gives back to the community.

Day Camp

This is a 4-day summertime activity that is held in each District. Activities include crafts, games, nature, shooting sports, advancement, and FUN!

Resident and Family Camp

A great camping experience for Scouts. Special activities include shooting sports, hiking, crafts, and campfire programs.

Pinewood Derby

Scouts and Parent(s) work together to build a gravity powered miniature car from a special kit. Most Packs conduct races annually.
Cedar Rapids Kernels Scout Night
Come cheer on the Cedar Rapids Kernels while they play America’s pastime. Enjoy the game, then stick around to watch a movie on the big screen and spend the night sleeping on the field!

Cedar Rapids RoughRiders Scout Night
Spend time with other Scouts skating on the ice, touring the locker rooms, and cheering on the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders.

Blue & Gold Banquet
This is a birthday party for Cub Scouting held by your Pack, usually in February to celebrate the Boy Scouts of America’s Birthday (February 8, 1910). Most Packs hold some type of dinner/potluck, and a special program or entertainment.

Boys’ Life Magazine
A magazine for Scouts and adults. Boys’ Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Special subscription rate for all Scouts is $12 per year — that’s $1 an issue!

Visit www.HawkeyeBSA.org for information on these and other exciting events!
The Advancement Plan

The outline for each program level ensures the completion of each rank in a timely manner. Some requirements must be completed at home with a parent/guardian.

**Lion (Kindergarten or age 5)**
The newest BSA program—Lions. We’re answering the call for after-school adventures for kindergarten-age youth that are fun while also encouraging character development.

**Bobcat**
After kindergarten all Scouts, regardless of age, earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout Sign, Cub Scout Handshake, Cub Scout Motto, and Cub Scout Salute. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the Scouts work on requirements based on their grade level.

**Tiger (First Grade or age 7)**
The Tiger program is for youth who have completed kindergarten (or age 7) and their Adult Partners. There are six Tiger required adventures and one Tiger elective adventure. These requirements consist of exciting, age appropriate indoor and outdoor activities.

**Wolf (Second Grade or age 8)**
A Cub Scout who has completed First Grade (or is age 8) works to complete six Wolf required adventures and one Wolf elective adventure to earn the Wolf badge. After the Wolf badge is earned, the Scout may work on the remaining elective adventures until he/she is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

**Bear (Third Grade or age 9)**
A Cub Scout who has completed the Second Grade (or is age 9) works to complete six Bear required adventures and one Bear elective adventure to earn the Bear Badge. After the youth earns the Bear badge, a Scout may work on the remaining elective adventures until he/she is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

**Webelos (Fourth & Fifth Grades or age 10)**
A Cub Scout who has completed the Third Grade (or is age 10) joins a Webelos Den. These youth work to complete five Webelos required adventures, one Webelos elective adventure, four Arrow of Light required adventures, and one Arrow of Light elective adventure to earn the Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light. These requirements consist of exciting, age appropriate indoor and outdoor activities. The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting!

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the Webelos and Arrow of Light program. Once the Scout has completed the Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light (or completed Fifth grade, or is age 11), the Scout transitions from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Scouting at a crossover ceremony.

_Every youth deserves the opportunity to be a Scout!_
Bobcat- first rank any new Scout will earn

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.

   **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.”

2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.

   **Scout Law:**

   “A Scout Is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.”


   **Cub Scout Sign and Meaning:**

   On your right hand, two separated fingers are held up high like a peace sign (pointer and middle fingers). The two fingers stand for helping other people and obeying the Scout Oath. They look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela. When you say the Scout Oath or Law, give the Cub Scout Sign.


   **Cub Scout Handshake and Meaning:**

   When you shake hands, use your left hand. Put the first two fingers (pointer and middle fingers) along the inside of your friend's wrist. This means that you are brothers in Cub Scouting and that both of you help other people and obey the Scout Oath.

5. Say the Cub Scout Motto. Tell what it means.

   **Cub Scout Motto:** “Do Your Best!”


   **Cub Scout Salute and Meaning:**

   On your right hand, two fingers (pointer and middle fingers) together held above the brow. The two fingers stand for helping other people and obeying the Scout Oath. They look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela. When saying the Pledge of Allegiance use the Cub Scout Salute.

7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide*- Bobcat Requirements.
Your Investment in Scouting

Registration fee: Annual fee for youth and leaders ......................... $33
(Prorated $2.75/month, this is the national fee to join Scouting and is not retained by the Pack or the local Council/District)

Boys’ Life magazine (optional, but strongly recommended): ............... $12
(Prorated $1/month. Allow 2 months for first issue)

Pack Dues: Pack dues cover the annual operating expenses of a successful Cub Scout program. The amount varies by pack. Most Packs sell Pecatonica Popcorn to decrease or eliminate Pack dues.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) Participation is recommended
$200/year (support a Scout level). It costs the Hawkeye Area Council approximately $1.5 million/year to provide all the Scouting activities, events, and services for our Scouts. Friends of Scouting is how the Council raises funds to cover these costs and come from each family’s volunteer contribution to support the program.

Uniform: While uniforms are not required to join Scouting, it does play an important part in the recognition and self-esteem elements of the program while allowing the Scouts to be equals. Uniforms and costs vary by program and can be purchased at the Council Scout Shop.

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