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NEW SCOUT PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
BAY-LAKES COUNCIL

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Welcome!

Thank you for joining us at the start of your child's Scouting journey and adventure!

TOP 10 REASONS TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR CUB SCOUTS

- 10 They'll Try New Things.** As life is varied, so is Cub Scouts. Nobody just does one thing. Throughout our lives, we play many roles, and in Scouting, you get to try out many of those roles.
- 9 You'll Get to Experience Cub Scouts With your son or daughter.** Cub Scouting is a family program. For kindergarten and first grade boys and girls, it's a "parent and me" program. You get to jump in with your child. You get to be silly. The two of you will get to work together, go on adventures, and play together. You'll probably learn things at the same time he or she does. Our kids grow up really fast, and these are moments that only come once in a lifetime.
- 8 They'll Learn By Doing.** Scouts get to try things. They get to experience being a leader. They get to build things. They will be exploring. They will see what it's like to go to the TV station. Through "Go See Its" they discover how things work. They learn to help their community by... helping in their community. Scouts in the US do over 13 million hours of community service each year.
- 7 Cub Scouts will Help Overcome Shyness.** On some level, everyone has some level of shyness. Maybe you remember the old Jerry Seinfeld joke about people being more afraid of public speaking than death? Well, there's really only one way to get over that fear, and that's to actually get in front of people. Cub Scouts get to try out performing songs and skits in front of their whole Pack.
- 6 They'll Make New Friends.** A Scout is Friendly is a point of the Scout Law, but Cub Scouts learn to make friends. In Cub Scouts, the kids from the country get to meet and play with kids from the big city. As they get older in the program and go to more events, the more friends they'll meet.
- 5 They'll participate Pinewood Derby (And Build Character).** Cub Scouts build Pinewood Derby Cars with their parents or grandparents. They learn some basic physics. They see that the streamlined car goes faster. That weight distribution on the car matters. But more important than that, they learn sportsmanship. They learn how to be gracious when things don't go their way, and a gracious winner when they do.
- 4 It's Safe.** There's a whole guide to tell leaders what activities the kids should and should not be doing, and at what age – that you can read yourself. Leaders are required to complete specific training before they take youth on outings, and it's not just specific to the activity, but to the age of the youth. There's a vast difference between taking a 7-year-old and a 17-year-old camping.
- 3 They'll Get Great Role Models.** You might be the most impressive person on Earth, but in this mortal coil, we are limited. Everybody's good at something, but nobody's good at everything. Through Scouting, your child can meet (and learn from) adults from all walks of life.
- 2 Cub Scouts is Fun.** The kids see the fun. They see the games. They see the pinewood derby cars, the rockets, the hikes, the swimming, and other activities. What they don't realize until later is what they were actually learning. Character. Citizenship. Fitness. Self-confidence. Empathy. Leadership. They just think they're having fun.
- 1 Cub Scouts will Improve their Life.** It does improve lives. It does build character. The values that Scouting teaches actually do improve the lives of young people. As it turns out, repeating and reflecting on the values contained in the Scout Oath and Law has an impact.

BAY-LAKES COUNCIL

The Bay-Lakes Council serves 35 counties across Eastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Over 22,000 youth participate in Scouting in over 600 Cub Scout Packs, Scout BSA Troops, Venture Crews and Explorer Posts. 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.

As we prepare the leaders of tomorrow, Scouting is an essential part of instilling the values of character development, leadership, positive morals and values, duty to God, and citizenship in the community and nation. Over 6,000 adult volunteers are currently committed to providing a quality Scouting experience that will make lifelong memories for you and your child.



For more information about Scouting in the Bay-Lakes Council, please visit www.baylakesbsa.org or call the Center for Scouting at (920) 734-5705.

Your journey begins here

THE BASICS

Youth Development Program for kids in Kindergarten through Fifth grade

- Builds Character
- Teaches Citizenship
- "Do Your Best"



WHY CUB SCOUTING?

- Brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn to get along
- Build self-confidence
- Service Projects to help others
- FUN!

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Pinewood Derby
- Raingutter Regatta
- Hiking, Fishing, Biking
- Get Active!
- Cool field trips



THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Handbook
- Boys' Life Magazine



THE BIG PICTURE

Den Meetings

- Small groups organized by grade

Pack Meetings & Activities

- Family Events combining all dens

District & Council Events

- Community-wide activities



ADVANCEMENT

Age based rank

- Assigned by grade

Awards and badges

- Connecting effort and success

Recognition

- Celebrating achievement and building self-confidence

ADULT TRAINING AVAILABLE

- Youth protection training
- Position specific training
- Printed resources
- Meeting lesson plans



WHAT'S NEXT

- Learn about your Cub Scout Pack
- Register tonight!





ADVENTURE BEYOND THE EXPECTED

What will your next adventure be?



CUB SCOUT

SUMMER CAMP

Three Locations!

Camp Rokilio - Kiel, WI
Gardner Dam Scout Camp - Mountain, WI
Camp Hiawatha - Munising, MI

DISCOVER THE ADVENTURE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Swimming ★ Archery ★ Camping ★ Team Building ★ Great Food ★ Crafts ★ Fun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Boating ★ BB Guns ★ Rock Climbing ★ Nature Hike ★ Campfires ★ Themed Activities ★ Friends
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For more information visit:
baylakescamps.org or call (920) 734-5705



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
BAY-LAKES COUNCIL**

Bay-Lakes Council Camps are operated by the Bay-Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America headquartered in Appleton, WI. Our camps host over 5,000 campers during the summer months and even more in the fall, winter, and spring.

OUR CAUSE

**ADVENTURE
BEYOND THE EXPECTED**

THE MISSION AND PILLARS OF BAY-LAKES COUNCIL CAMPS

Our mission is to engage our guests by delivering quality, innovative, and "Life on the Edge" experiences that support the mission of the Bay-Lakes Council.

- LEADERSHIP**
- OUTDOOR SKILLS**
- ENVIRONMENT**
- COMMUNITY**

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your children and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community. Training is offered for all positions to help new leaders succeed.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Conducts monthly pack leader/parent meetings to help plan the program. Ensures that adequate support to run the program is given to the Cubmaster and Den Leaders by committee members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Attend monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan the program and assist in keeping the records, finances, advancement, activities and membership.

PACK TRAINER

Conducts orientation for new families and pack leaders. Trains new leaders for their specific leadership positions or encourages participation in district training. Conducts other training as designated. Keeps track of Pack training records in the my.scouting.org website. Pack trainers should be trained in district or council training courses as well.

CUBMASTER

Conducts monthly pack meeting. Aids Den Leaders by coordinating monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

DEN LEADER

Meets weekly for about one hour with a den of six to eight youth. A den meeting is held in the Den Leader's home, a church or other suitable place. The Den Leader determines time, day and location of den meeting. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

*Lion and Tiger Scouts is a family-oriented program. A youth and their caring adult partner join Scouting together.

POPCORN KERNEL

The Unit Popcorn Kernel is an essential role in helping Cub Scouts have an awesome time! Some of the main duties include the following:

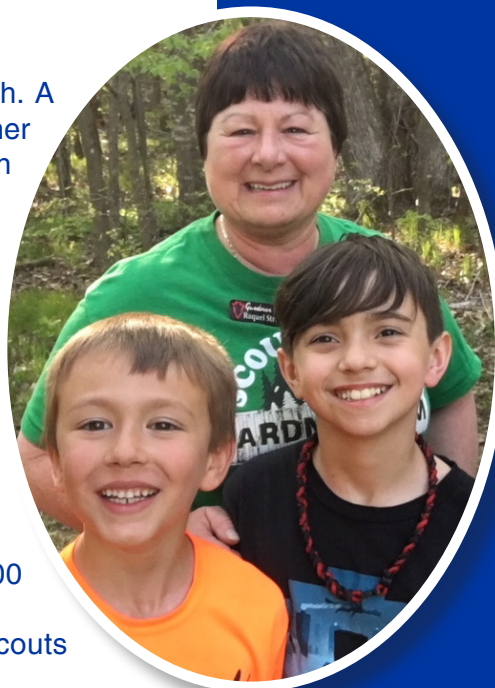
- Attend the awesome kickoff event in August with over 300 other volunteers.
- Coordinate an exciting Unit Popcorn Kickoff to get the Scouts and parents excited to reach their goals
- Manage money, popcorn, and prize orders from Scout families to ensure they are turned in on time.
- Set up Show and Sale sites through local merchants.

LEADER TRAINING

Cub Scout leader training is easy. All courses needed to be fully trained are available online through My.Scouting.org. Steps to set up a My.Scouting account are available in each new leader's packet.

Before an individual can be registered as an adult volunteer, he or she must complete Youth Protection Training online. We ask that they take this training before they attend their first pack leaders' meeting and bring a copy of their training certificate with them.

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Check with your pack leadership or visit the council website at www.baylakesbsa.org for additional training resources or to find the dates and location of the next training course.



QUESTIONS?

- Each district has at least 1 full-time professional staff member, or district executive. Contact the Bay-Lakes Council, Center for Scouting, to reach your district executive for help.

Phone #: (920) 734-5705
Toll Free: (800) 372-6887
Fax: (920) 734-1991
Website: www.baylakesbsa.org

- Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas with other experienced leaders.
- The [Den Leader Guide](#) contains meeting plans for den and pack meetings and shows you how to do crafts and games. The guide is available from local Scout Shops and can be purchased online at www.scoutstuff.org. It is also available in electronic format at www.scouting.org for free.
- Your district has a team of volunteers called the district committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- Your district has another volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are our "service team." They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- On-line training is available for all leaders at my.scouting.org. All leaders need training!
- Award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protections and avoiding potentially dangerous situations are available on the my.scouting.org website.



CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

One of Scouting's methods of youth development includes wearing a uniform. The Scout uniform makes Scouting visible as a force of good, signifies a Scout's commitment to Scouting ideals and serves as an economic equalizer of all boys and girls. Additionally, the uniform serves as a recognition mechanism for earned advancement.

As a Scout earns advancement ranks, they will receive belt loops, emblems and badges to add to their uniform. A detailed guide to correct patch placement is available at the Bay-Lakes Scout Shop. Both Bay-Lakes and Green Bay Scout Shops offer patch sewing in-house.

Visit www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/uniform/cubscout for the most current uniform information.

SCOUT SHOPS

All uniform items can be purchased at the Scout Shops in Appleton and in Green Bay. The shops are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

BAY-LAKES SCOUT SHOP

2555 Northern Rd.
Appleton, WI 54914
Phone: (920) 831-9504

Hours of Operation:
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (M-F)
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Sat.)
Closed Sun.

GREEN BAY SCOUT SHOP

1230 Main St.
Green Bay, WI 54302
Phone: (920) 438-3999

Hours of Operation:
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (M-F)
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Sat.)
Closed Sun.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & CONTACT INFORMATION



CUB SCOUT WORD SEARCH

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PACK # _____ DEN _____

DEN LEADER

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

DEN MEETING

DATE _____

TIME _____

LOCATION _____

CUBMASTER

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

PACK MEETING

DATE _____

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For more information visit www.baylakesbsa.org.





CUB SCOUT MOTTO: *DO YOUR BEST*



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