



# BEARS

## Boys and Girls in Third Grade or 9 Years Old

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America! Bear Cub Scouts is the beginning of what we hope will become a lasting relationship between your Scout and the Boy Scouts of America.

The Bear Cub Scout program is designed to involve your Scout in a group of kids his or her own age where they can earn status and recognition. There your Scout will also gain a sense of personal achievement from the new skills learned.

This document is designed to give you a closer glimpse into the Bear Cub Scout program and handbook. For more information please visit [www.cubscouts.org](http://www.cubscouts.org).

### Your Scout is a Member of a Bear Den...

- The Bear den is made up of no more than eight boys or girls who are in third grade or are nine years old.
- The den meets two to three times a month. One den meeting each month is a fun and educational field trip.
- Parents and guardians of Bear Cub Scouts are encouraged to attend meetings and assist the den leader.
- The Bear den has a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader.



### Your Scout is a Member of a Cub Scout Pack...

- A Pack consists of several dens with boys and girls from different age groups. All dens meet once a month for a Pack meeting.
- The Cubmaster leads the monthly pack meeting, but each den will have a part in the Pack meeting.
- Some months, the Pack meeting will have special themes, such as a Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing Scouts for the projects they have completed by the presentation of belt loops and activity pins or rank advancements.

### Building a strong foundation...with fun!



Kids want to join Scouting because it is fun. But you'll love it for all the other benefits your child receives. Scouting teaches leadership and character. It builds confidence and social skills. It teaches the value of service and citizenship. And it brings families closer together.



# BEAR CUB UNIFORM



The Bear Cub Scout uniform has the following parts:



- **Shirt:** The official blue uniform shirt is available with long or short sleeves and has button-flap pockets.
- **Pants:** Shorts, long pants, skorts, and roll up pants all are in official blue.
- **Belt:** Official navy-blue web belt with metal buckle.
- **Socks:** Official socks are available in three lengths: ankle, crew, and knee. Bear socks have a yellow band on the top.
- **Hat:** Official blue hat with light blue front and Bear emblem.
- **Neckerchief:** Light blue triangular neckerchief with Bear logo. Official BSA neckerchiefs are the only neckerchiefs that are part of the uniform.
- **Neckerchief slide:** Official gold-tone metal slide with light blue Bear emblem. Cub Scouts may wear handmade neckerchief slides.

Uniforms can be purchased at the Bay-Lakes Council Scout Shop.

**Bay-Lakes Scout Shop**  
2555 Northern Road  
Appleton, WI 54914  
Phone: (920) 831-9504

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Email: baylakesscoutshop@scouting.org

# BEAR ADVANCEMENT

In Scouting, advancement is the process by which a member meets certain requirements and earns recognition. Boys and girls in Cub Scouting completed advancement activities with their families and at den meetings.

## CUB SCOUTS EARN BOBCAT BADGE FIRST...

The first advancement earned by a Cub Scout is the Bobcat Badge. The requirements for Bobcat rank are meant to demonstrate that the youth is making a commitment to participate in the scouting program. Scouts learn the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Cub Scout Handshake and Sign, then share what each of those mean.



## BEAR REQUIRED & ELECTIVE ADVENTURES...

Once a Scout has completed the Bobcat badge, they will work on completing seven Adventures. Some of the Adventures include Bear Claws, Bear Necessities and Baloo the Builder.

Once a Scout has completed the required Adventures, they can continue the fun, learning and exploration with elective Adventures like A Bear Goes Fishing, Critter Care and Super Science.

Electives provide advancement opportunities and recognition for your Scout until they are eligible to begin work on their Webelos rank. Webelos is for boys and girls in fourth & fifth grade or who are 10-11 years old.

