



PARENT ORIENTATION GUIDE



DAN BEARD COUNCIL, BSA
SERVING GREATER CINCINNATI & NORTHERN KENTUCKY

live Scout loud

WELCOME TO SCOUTING!

Congratulations on Becoming a Scouting Family!

Take these steps to ensure that you and your family get the most out of Scouting:

1. Complete a Youth Application.
2. Know your Cubmaster and the best way to contact them.
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, too!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YOUR PACK

Den Leader

Pack #/District Name

Phone

Email

Meeting Day/Times

Meeting Location

YOUR COUNCIL

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)

M–F: 9:30am to 5:00pm*
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Scout Shop

10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241

P: 513.961.0500

www.DanBeard.org/ScoutShop

M–F: 9:30am to 6:00pm*
Saturday: 9:00am to 3:00pm
Sunday: Closed

**Please visit danbeard.org/about for hours, holiday hours, and additional information.*

Local Scout Camps

Cub World
6035 Price Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140

Camp Friedlander
581 Ibold Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140

Camp Craig
6113 Price Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140

Camp Michaels
3486 Hathaway Rd.
Union, KY 41091



HELPFUL RESOURCES

Scout Achievement Center (SAC)

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, community chartered organizations, and community groups.

Dan Beard Council Website

The Dan Beard Council website is our main website with information about local activities, events, trainings, and more. [DanBeard.org](https://danbeard.org)

Cub Scout Resource Guide

Planning guides that assist Den leaders with weekly Den Meeting Plans & Resources. [DanBeard.org/Cub-Leader-Resources](https://danbeard.org/Cub-Leader-Resources)

National BSA Website

The National BSA website is where you will find Scouting information such as age appropriate activities and guidelines. [Scouting.org](https://scouting.org) (Search "Age Appropriate Guidelines" i.e.)

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

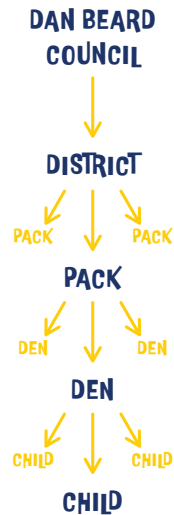


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HOW CUB SCOUTING WORKS

The mission of the BSA 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 **DENS** in attendance. At the **PACK** meeting, you will have fun activities and have the opportunity to engage with other **DENS**.



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	Obedient
Loyal	Cheerful
Helpful	Thrifty
Friendly	Brave
Courteous	Clean
Kind	Reverent

CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT



LION
Kindergarten



WOLF
Age 8
2nd Grade



WEBELOS
Age 10
4th Grade



TIGER
Age 7
1st Grade



BEAR
Age 9
3rd Grade



ARROW OF LIGHT
Age 11
5th Grade

On average, Scouts complete **over 160,000 hours** of community service each year across 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.

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 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 proven to develop your child's character. By volunteering, 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!**



***As a parent, I enjoy
spending time being
a part of something
with my kids that they
will remember for the
rest of their lives.***



– K. Folds

CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS AND SCOUT HANDBOOKS

CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS

The Cub Scout uniform is an important part of being a Cub Scout. Wearing it lets people know that the wearer is a Scout! 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.



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!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
ACCESS THE SCOUT SHOP



SCOUT HANDBOOKS



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade

FIND UNIFORMS, GEAR, AND MORE AT YOUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP!

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.

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 Scout activities. Delicious popcorn and special prizes throughout the sale help make it fun for everyone! More than half 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 like a coupon card that gives the user access to several discounts at area businesses.

It is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Scout activities such as summer camp, Jamboree, a high adventure base, 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.



Cub Scouts gets my son outdoors, keeps him active, teaches him responsibility, and he does good things in the community – we love it!



– M. Russell

SUPPORT LOCAL SCOUTING

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, or requesting a Boy Scouts of America or Eagle Scout license plate at the Ohio BMV! All of these are great ways to support scouting that you may already be doing. Find out more at DanBeard.org/Get-Involved.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year, the Dan Beard Council offers many different types of events for your Scout to attend. From Spook-O-Ree, to Day and Summer Camp, there is always something fun for your Scout to participate in. Visit [*DanBeard.org/Calendar*](https://DanBeard.org/Calendar) to see our calendar.



Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp offers fun and exciting programs in the summer. Over 5 days, Scouts get to experience outdoor adventures of the Cub Scout program. They explore nature, play games, make crafts, and activities such as archery, BB guns, hiking, STEM, and more! [*DanBeard.org/Daycamp*](https://DanBeard.org/Daycamp)



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*](https://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*](https://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*](https://DanBeard.org/Blue-Gold-Banquet)



Summer Camp

Dan Beard Council offers Cub Scout Adventure Camp (3 day, 2-night resident camp) and Webelos Camp (4 day, 3-night resident camp) at Cub World. Activities include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs & more!

[*DanBeard.org/Camp*](https://DanBeard.org/Camp)

PLAN YOUR SCOUT'S CUB CAMP ADVENTURES

Cub Scouts provides a fantastic summer camp program your 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 River View. Scouts may qualify for a camp discount!

For details and summer camp dates, visit DanBeard.org/Cub-Scout-Camping.



The boys came home from their first Scout camping trip with lots of stories and smiles... they are hooked!



— A. Berryman

DID YOU KNOW?

You can attend summer camp as:



An Individual



With Friends



With Your Den



With Your Pack

PARTICIPATE IN SCOUTING ACTIVITIES AT CAMP



Dan Beard Council hosts many events throughout the year at Cub World, Camp Friedlander, and Camp Michaels for Cub Scouts and their families.

These events range from Peterloo—a large-scale bi-annual campout filled with tons of adventurous activities, to Cub Family Weekend—a campout at the start of the school year, to many other events focused on conservation, archery, hiking, nature, and more!

Come out for a day of adventure and fun at events such as:

- Peterloo
- Cub Family Weekend
- Day Camp
- Cubapalooza
- Cub Nature Day
- Camp Conservation Day
- Cub Fun Shoot
- And more!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO
VIEW THE CALENDAR



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 BSA 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. Learn more at [Scouting.org/Health-and-Safety](https://www.scouting.org/Health-and-Safety).

Find other trainings at [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org) and [DanBeard.org/Training](https://www.DanBeard.org/Training).



SCOUTING IS SAFER THAN EVER BEFORE!

Effective Barriers to Abuse
Meaningful Programming
in a Safe Environment

Recognize. Respond. Report.
1-844-SCOUTS1

LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Scouting is a volunteer led program and Dan Beard 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.

We take youth protection very seriously. Youth Protection Training is required for all Scout Leaders and adults accompanying youth at events. All volunteers are required to have current Youth Protection Training to participate in Scouting. Leaders with expired Youth Protection Training will be unable to participate until renewed. Youth Protection Training must be renewed every two years. Learn more about Youth Protection at DanBeard.org/YouthProtection and Scouting.org/Health-and-Safety.

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 the Enroll button, and 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.

Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe.

UPON JOINING

Volunteer Screening
Database Check
Criminal Background Check
Code of Conduct Agreement
Youth Protection Training
for Youth and Adults
Youth Protection Ingrained
in Programs

ONGOING

No One-on-One Interactions
Transparent Program with Parent Involvement
Mandatory Reporting of Inappropriate Behavior
Mandatory Reporting of Suspected Abuse to
Law Enforcement
Buddy System
No Cameras or Digital Recording Devices
Near Bathrooms/Shower Houses



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