

Scouting  Arizona



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Cub Scout Parent

"Scouting is a way of life—a way of having time with family to share good times and memories"

CUB SCOUT PARENT GUIDE

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MY SCOUTING DIRECTORY



Complete this quick reference guide to save important information about your pack and leaders.

My Pack Number is _____ My Den Number is _____

My Pack Chartered Organization Is _____

My Den Leader's Name _____

My Den Leader's Phone Number _____

My Den Leader's Email _____

My Den Meets Day _____ Time _____

My Dens At (Location) _____

My Cubmaster's Name _____

My Cubmasters Phone Number _____

My Cubmaster's Email _____

My Pack Meets Day _____ Time _____

My Pack Meets At (Location) _____

My Council Is:

Grand Canyon Council, #10
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Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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www.scoutingaz.org
Social Media: @ScoutingArizona

SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for them. Since 1910, we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness for youth.

Scouting is about **positive youth development**. However, we know that kids do not join Scouting to get their character built. They join because it is fun!

- **Your time is valuable.** More than ever, today's families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing **ready-made adventures** and activities for you and your child to enjoy together.
- Your child needs peer comradery. With an emphasis on **fostering friendships**, they will build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness in a **safe environment**.
- Scouting teaches **family values** and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities can provide added value to the time you have with your child. It also provides activities for the **whole family** to enjoy.



CUBS SCOUTS: DO YOUR BEST. HAVE FUN DOING IT.

The best way to find out what you do best is to do it. Swing a bat. Pitch a tent. Build a Pinewood Derby car. Cub Scouts are at that magical age where everything is new and fun. They live in a world of “firsts” — first home run, first campfire, first checkered flag — where their game plan is their imagination. Their most valuable reward are the friends they make for life and a parent’s proud smile. These are the invaluable experiences that can be had in Scouting.

Did you know that the 5 C’s of positive youth development are woven throughout the Scouting program?

**COMPETENCE
CONFIDENCE
CHARACTER
CONNECTION
CARING**

YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A DEN

Cub Scouts is a family centered program for youth and adults.

- A Den is six to ten youth who meet with adult leaders to play games, learn skills, complete adventures, perform skits and songs, and take field trips. Dens are divided by grade level.
- Dens meet at the convenience of leaders and families, at least twice a month, perhaps weekly.
- A Den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer) who is assisted by an assistant Den Leader and parent helpers who share the fun.

YOUR CHILD AND THE DEN ARE MEMBERS OF A PACK

- Each Pack is made up of one or more Dens.
- Once a month, all Cub Scout families attend a Pack meeting with games, skits, songs, ceremonies and presentations of badges that Scouts earned that month.
- The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster with help from other parents.
- The Pack families will also have other activities, like Pack Family Camping, Pinewood Derbies, and field trips.

YOUR PACK IS OWNED BY A CHARTER ORGANIZATION

- Chartered Organizations include schools, parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- Your Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place and keeps the Pack within both their guidelines and policies and those of Scouting America.
- Your Chartered Organization selects a representative as a liaison between the Pack and the Chartered Organization.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

As a Cub Scout, your child will participate in activities and adventures that will achieve five key outcomes:

| Desired Outcome | Scouting Program Components |
|------------------------------|--|
| Character Development | Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Motto Duty to God |
| Participatory Citizenship | Civic Awareness and Patriotism Service Stewardship |
| Outdoor Skills and Awareness | Comfort, Safety and Adventure in the Outdoors Nature and Outdoor Ethics Emergency Skills |
| Physical Fitness | Physical Fitness Healthy Eating Wellness and Healthy Habits |
| Leadership | Supporting Adult Mentors Leadership Training Leading Others |

ABOUT SCOUTING ARIZONA, GRAND CANYON COUNCIL



The Grand Canyon Council is a leading youth serving agency in Arizona, instilling timeless values of character, citizenship and leadership in each young person who enters the Scouting program. The Council provides educational-based skills and activities. The Council also operates four camps and provides outstanding outdoor experiences for youth and adults.

The Council is divided into smaller service areas. The purpose of the service areas is to organize and support successful Scout Units by working through chartered organizations.

MISSION

The mission of Scouting 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.

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.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Do Your Best.

CUB SCOUT SLOGAN

Do A Good Turn Daily

A PROMISE TO PARENTS

Parents will say that Scouting in Grand Canyon Council, Scouting Arizona offered their family fun and adventurous things to do. Through the structured and safe environments, Scouting helped their son or daughter develop leadership skills and values important to good citizenship and service to others.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN



On the advancement trail, a Cub Scout progresses towards a badge of rank based on their grade. They need not have earned the previous rank in order to earn the next. To earn each badge of rank a Cub Scout earns the six required Adventures and at least two elective Adventures. Required Adventures are based on the aims and areas of importance in Scouting. Each badge of rank is age-appropriate, so earning a rank below a Cub Scout's current grade is not permitted.

Cub Scouts offers boys and girls a dynamic and enriching experience, fostering personal growth through various exciting adventures. Scouting not only encourages a love for the outdoors, but also creates lasting friendships, making Cub Scouts an excellent platform for youth to explore, learn, and thrive!



LION (KINDERGARTEN) AND TIGER (FIRST GRADE) DENS

Kindergarten and first grade Cub Scouts join with an adult partner, usually the parent or guardian. At den meetings, Lions and Tigers work on Adventures that are found in their handbooks and the Adult Partner Guides.



WOLF (2ND GRADE), BEAR (3RD GRADE), AND WEBELOS (4TH GRADE) DENS

Children at this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs. Cub Scouts work on Adventures that are found in their handbooks.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

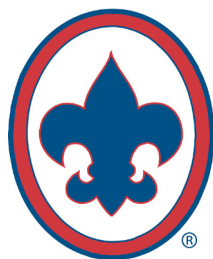


ARROW OF LIGHT (5TH GRADE) DEN

The Arrow of Light den is focused on preparing to join Scouts BSA. Arrow of Light Scouts move to the next level of Scouting, Scouts BSA.

SCOUTS BSA

When a Cub Scout reaches 11 years of age, and completed the fifth grade, they graduate from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA at an impressive graduation ceremony. We aim to graduate every Cub Scout into Scouts BSA. Generally, your child will be prepared to join a troop in February or March of their fifth-grade year in time to plan for their first Scout summer camp experience. Separate Scout troops are organized for boys and girls.



DID YOU KNOW?

Scouting has co-ed programs for high school youth!



Career/Hobby
Interest Programs



Workforce Development Programs
like Law Enforcement, Fire Service,
Aviation and Medical.



Sea Scouts
Nautical/Marine
Programs

FUNDING FUN, FRIENDSHIPS & FUTURES



Funding Scouting is a shared responsibility between the family, the Pack, and the Council. It takes more than \$6 million per year to ensure that the programs, properties, and personnel are in place to make Scouting the premier choice for families in Arizona.

The Family — members buy their own uniforms, handbooks, personal equipment and typically pay their own camp fees. Pack dues help defray packs expenses. Participation in Pack fundraisers can reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

The Pack — creates a budget to costs necessary to deliver a quality program. Income sources include money-earning projects and family dues.

The Council — financial support for the Council comes from a variety of sources including annual donor campaigns, grants, fees, product sales, and special events.

The Scout — A Scout is Thrifty and earns their own way.

The council hosts two fundraisers for Packs to help reduce costs for families.

POPCORN SALE

Scouts can earn great prizes, and be invited to special events, and earn camp scholarships by selling gourmet popcorn products exclusively for Scouting. The sale runs from September to November.

CAMP CARDS

Scouts sell discount cards with coupons for local businesses. Commissions earned on the sale helps Packs reduce costs to the family including camp fees. Every Scout deserves to benefit from a summer camp experience; the Adventure card Sale makes that possible. The sale runs from February to April.

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

THE BASICS

Youth Development Program
for boys and girls in grades K
through fifth

- Builds Character
- Teaches Citizenship
- Encourages “Do Your Best”



WHY CUB SCOUTING?

- Brings the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn teamwork and 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
- Just to name a few!



THE BIG PICTURE

- Small groups organized by grade
- Family events combining all Dens
- Community-wide activities

ADVANCEMENT

- Assigned by grade
- Connecting effort and success
- Celebrating achievement and building self-confidence



THINGS TO BUY

- Uniform
- Handbook
- *Scout Life* Magazine
- Patches



ADULT TRAINING

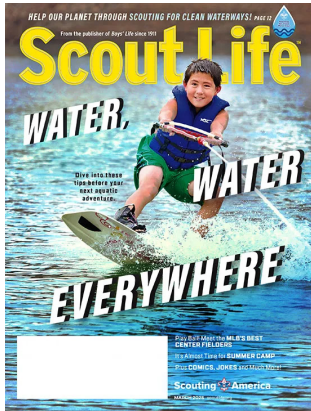
- Safeguarding Youth Training
- Position specific training
- Printed and online resources



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Complete Parent Talent Survey
- Learn about your Pack
- Add the Pack calendar to your family calendar
- Download the Scouting Mobile App
- Start your family adventure!

NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS



SCOUT LIFE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Scout Life magazine has been around almost as long as youth have been in Scouting. It is the only magazine especially designed for Scouts. The mission of *Scout Life* magazine is to entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting. Parents can always be confident

that the content of the magazine is wholesome, entertaining, and educational.

SCOUT HANDBOOK

Contrary to what your child may tell you, the first thing they'll need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. Scout handbooks are the number one bestseller for developing life skills, leadership and character. The books in Cub Scouting are related to age and contain the basics he will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for his advancement awards.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

The uniform makes Scouting visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world-wide movement of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they accomplish.



SCOUTING MOBILE APP

Search for “Scouting BSA” from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Your Pack leader will establish an account for you through the Scoutbook system. The Scouting App makes it easier for youth and their parents to view

and track advancement, track logs like service hours, hiking, and camping, view parent/child profiles, submit feedback, and view the pack calendar and other information. If you want to get a head start, go to scoutbook.scouting.org to create a login.

Grand Canyon Council Scout Shop

Our Scout Shop dedicated staff is committed to kick-starting your experience with a complete uniform and essential Scouting gear.

Heard Scout Pueblo Scout Shop

1901 E Dobbins Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85042
(602) 778-7667
GCC.scoutshop@scoutingaz.org

Hours:

Tue-Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm
Closed Sunday and Monday
www.gccscoutshop.org



Basic Uniform parts to Purchase

Kindergarten – Lions

- ☐ Lion T-shirt
- ☐ Lion Hat
- ☐ Lion Book

1st Grade – Tigers

- ☐ Cub Scout Blue Uniform
- ☐ Tiger Hat
- ☐ Tiger Orange Neckerchief & Slide
- ☐ Tiger Book
- ☐ Tiger Belt

2nd Grade – Wolf

- ☐ Cub Scout Blue Uniform
- ☐ Wolf Hat
- ☐ Wolf Gold Neckerchief & Slide
- ☐ Wolf Book
- ☐ Wolf Belt

3rd Grade – Bear

- ☐ Cub Scout Blue Uniform
- ☐ Bear Hat
- ☐ Bear Blue Neckerchief & Slide
- ☐ Bear Book
- ☐ Bear Belt

4th/5th Grade – Webelos & Arrow of Light

- ☐ Scouts BSA Tan Uniform
- ☐ Webelos Hat
- ☐ Plaid Neckerchief & Slide
- ☐ Webelos Book
- ☐ Webelos Belt
- ☐ Webelos Colors

All Scouts Grades 1-5

- ☐ Insignia (patches for uniform)
- ☐ Switchback Shorts/Pants

COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Camping contributes to good health, develops self-reliance and resourcefulness. Camping also enhances spiritual growth and contributes to social development. Scouts are welcome to enjoy programs at these outstanding facilities. Start reaping the benefits of outdoor adventure, reservations are available for families, dens and packs.



CAMP RAYMOND

Located near Williams, Arizona, on the edge of the Sycamore Canyon and just two hours from the Grand Canyon, Camp Raymond is a 150-acre camp surrounded by ponderosa pines, lakes, and excellent dining facilities. Summer camp offers Cub Adventure Camp for advancement in aquatics, target sports, and climbing. Visit www.campraymond.org



CAMP GERONIMO

Located north of Payson near the Mogollon Rim, Camp Geronimo is a year-round camp on 200 acres surrounded by 5,000 acres of forest. It offers Scouts BSA summer camp with advancement in aquatics, shooting sports, nature, and more. Streams, a pond, a lake, and new tents provide comfort and adventure. Visit www.campgeronimo.org



HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO

A 500-acre year-round facility on South Mountain near Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, Heard Scout Pueblo hosts rentals, monthly Open Range and Target Activities (rifle, BB, and archery), and events for corporate, educational, social, and cultural groups. It's ideal for camping, stargazing, and nature activities close to the city. Visit www.scoutingaz.org/heard-scout-pueblo



R-C SCOUT RANCH

Located at the base of Christopher Mountain in Payson, Arizona, R-C Scout Ranch is a former working cattle ranch turned year-round youth camp. Summer Camp at R-C offers Cub Scouts and families hands-on activities like BB guns, archery, fishing, crawdad hunting, sports, arts and crafts, and evening campfires. Visit www.r-cscoutranch.org



Cub Scouting means “doing.” Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have kids doing things. Activities are used to achieve citizenship training, character development, personal fitness and of course, fun. Build your adventure with these and many more programs available.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

The blue and gold banquet is a birthday party for Scouting and Packs hold an annual family celebration. Typically, Scouts receive their rank advancements at this event.

CUB FUN DAYS & OVERNIGHTS

Enjoy exciting annual themed events like R-Boo-C, a Halloween weekend camp at R-C Scout Ranch for Cub Scouts, families, and Scouts BSA volunteers. Families can also join a themed weekend at Camp Kaibab, with a new fun theme each year located at Camp Raymond. Plus, Cub Country and other fun days are held throughout the council for more great Cub Scout experiences.

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL OUTINGS

These are great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.

PINEWOOD DERBY

The Pinewood Derby is an annual parent-scout project where you can design and build a race car from a block of wood. Cub Scouts learn the valuable lesson of sportsmanship by racing their cars on a gravity track against their fellow Scouts.

DAY OF SERVICE

A Scout is helpful. The Day of Service is a one-day, council-wide effort to conduct service projects to benefit our communities. Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities. Projects are chosen by the Pack.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



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 fill a role in Scouting, but also to help your child and their friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO YOU GET IN RETURN?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents, and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- ◆ Fun, fellowship with other families, AND sharing your pride in the kids' accomplishments.
- ◆ The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- ◆ A chance to help children learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- ◆ The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of young people as they grow strong in mind and body.
- ◆ A code to live by will set a worthwhile example for both kids and adults.
- ◆ The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization – wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of Scouting America.

CUB SCOUT LEARNING LIBRARY

Whether you are a parent helper, a committee chair, Cubmaster or Den Leader, the Learning Library at **CubScouts.org** is the chief location online for finding everything you need to get the most out of Scouting. This site is packed with helpful and important information designed to make your experience great!

PARENT VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

The Pack is led by parent volunteers who provide leadership to a variety of key positions that ensure every youth and family has a quality Scouting experience. It is for this reason we encourage at least one parent to participate in a leadership role.

DEN LEADER(S)

Leads the den at den and monthly Pack meetings. Participates in Pack leaders' meetings.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program, with the help of others. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attend the Pack leaders' meetings.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee members (some positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders and attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings. May publish a monthly bulletin, newsletter or even a website.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Maintains advancement records using the Scoutbook app. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends the monthly pack meeting and pack committee meeting.

PACK TRAINER

Guides leaders and parents to training resources and classes (online and in person).

PARENT HELPERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Short-term roles coordinating pack participation in sales events, Day of Service, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, day camp, etc. There is a task for every family. Don't sit on the sideline cheering, get in the game and enjoy Scouting with your child.

PARENT TALENT SURVEY

All parents are asked to complete a short survey that will help the Pack leadership identify resources available to help deliver a stronger, more exciting program for the youth.

TRAINING

EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

Being a volunteer in your child's Cub Scout Pack is an exciting journey where you and your family will share many lifelong memories. The first step in that journey is to complete training. Training provides you with the tools and resources you will need to lead a quality program for Scouts.

STEP 1 – SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

All registered adult leaders must complete Safeguarding Youth Training. Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. Safeguarding Youth Training covers Scouting's barriers to abuse, types of abuse, how to respond to abuse, and proper reporting procedures. In order for an adult to remain a registered leader in Scouting America, Safeguarding Training is required every year.

- Create a login to my.scouting.org and select the safeguarding training link.

STEP 2 - POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

Job Specific Training is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc. All leaders must also complete Hazardous Weather Training to understand program requirements to deliver a safe outdoor environment.

- Login to your my.scouting.org account and go to the Learning Center and select your appropriate position training. For example, Tiger Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Members, etc.
- If you change positions during your tenure, you will need to take the training for your new position.

STEP 3 – BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION

After completing your required position training, you may opt to complete the following:

- In order for a Pack to go camping, at least one adult must take Basic Adult Leader outdoor Orientation (BALOO). Visit the council support center for a calendar of available training dates.

Thank you for taking the time to make Scouting in your Pack the strongest it can be. Every youth deserves a trained leader.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Being a volunteer leader is fun and rewarding. But you don't have to do it all by yourself. Between your Pack and Council there are many individuals and resources available to give you and your child the best Scouting experience possible.

- ◆ The Grand Canyon Council Scout Service Center staff are here to provide exceptional customer service.
 - **Phone:** (602) 955-7747
 - **Email:** GCC.Info@scoutingaz.org
 - **Website:** www.scoutingaz.org
 - **Support:** support.scoutingaz.org, a searchable platform to help leaders with advancement, training, fundraising, and more.

◆ Communication

- **GCC-HUB.org**, Your go-to source for the latest council news and updates. Customize your feed to receive the information you need.
- **Weekly Emails**, Stay informed with our weekly email, sent to all Grand Canyon Council families. Get highlights on upcoming events, camp info, and key updates—with links to explore more on the GCC-HUB and council calendar.
- **Roundtable**, a monthly virtual gathering of adult leaders to discuss program delivery, best practices, upcoming events, and tools and resources.

◆ Volunteer Support

Scouting has a team of volunteers that serve as Unit Coaches. They assist pack leaders in navigating resources to ensure the success of the unit. There are additional volunteers that assist with training, advancement and leading council-wide activities and programs.

Online Resources

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| Grand Canyon Council | www.scoutingaz.org | Local Information |
| Cub Scout Program | www.cubscouts.org | Everything Cub Scouts |
| Individual Leader Portal | my.scouting.org | Training and Tools |
| Scouting America | www.scouting.org | National Site |
| Scout Life Magazine | www.scoutlife.org | Youth Magazine |
| Scouting Magazine | www.scoutingmagazine.org | Leader Magazine |
| Religious Awards | www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards | Religious Emblem |
| BSA Supply Catalog | www.scoutshop.org | Online Orders |

CREATE A SOCIAL MEMORY



The first night a child joins Scouting is a memorable experience for both the Scout and parents. It is likely remembered long after your child is active in Scouting. Capture the first night and share the enthusiasm with your family and friends.

The second big Scout moment comes when your child first puts on their new uniform. Don't let these memories go by without a little celebration! We hope you will join with other parents by posting to your Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts these special moments in their childhood.

Joining Scouting America is an important step for your family, and we hope it will be the beginning of a wonderful partnership in developing your child into the person you dream of.

LET'S BE SOCIAL

Find @ScoutingArizona on these sites:



BRING A FRIEND

Scouting is about building new friendships and creating a strong bond with friends. Please encourage your family and friends to join your child and share this adventure! Kids can join Scouting at any time during the year.

ADVENTURE IS WAITING. LET'S GET STARTED!