

# Welcome to Cub Scouts



**Pack 102**

**Olmsted Falls, OH**

**Parents' Guide**

# Thank you for joining our Scouting family!

**Cub Scout Pack 102** is a **Family Cub Scout Pack** chartered by the **Olmsted Falls Kiwanis**. We accept **Boys** and **Girls** in Kindergarten through Grade 5 into our program. As a Boys & Girls Cub Scout Pack we are committed to your success as a parent and volunteer while serving the young people of our community.

Scouting's programs and outdoor adventures give your Scout the opportunity and freedom to explore a world beyond the boundaries of everyday life. It presents them with chances to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence and develop leadership skills. These experiences not only help scouts while they are young but also stay with them throughout their adult lives, growing into exceptional adults that respect their family, community, religion, country and themselves.

With schedules growing busier every day, Scouting makes the most of what little time parents have to positively impact their child's lives. To help you be successful as a parent/volunteer we want to highlight a few resources available to you in this guide.

In closing, we believe that Scouting will benefit your child on numerous levels: through the development of character, enhanced life skills, and leadership skills, all while having FUN! Children in our Cub Scout program are of an age where parents are the most influential on their growth and development. In time, outside influences begin to take precedent. How our young people are shaped and molded is taking place right now! We encourage you to take an active role in your Scout's experience. We assure you; you will not regret a second of it.



# How Cub Scouting Works



**Cub Scouts** is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of the family.

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 in making the most of the short time they have to impact the lives of their children.

Cub Scouts have the time of their lives making new friends and learning new things in an environment designed to help them succeed. From building a Pinewood Derby® car to learning how to roast the perfect marshmallow at a family camp out, your child will LOVE being a Cub Scout.

So if your child is in the kindergarten through fifth grades, or 5 to 10 years old, then it's time to have some fun with the Cub Scouts!

## Your Child is a Member of a **Den**...

- A den is made up of youth who are the same age and/or grade.
- The den meets at least once a month. The time and location is set by the den leader.
- The den has a den leader, but the den leader shares the planning of the den meeting with the parents.

## Your Child is a Member of a **Pack**...

- A pack consists of several dens and meets once a month. Pack 102 meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 7-8 pm in the Falls Lenox cafeteria.
- 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 Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold banquet, or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing the Scouts for the projects they have completed by the presentation of beads, belt loops, activity pins or rank advancements.



# How Cub Scouting Works

## Lion and Tiger Scout

Parents are most involved at the lion and tiger den level. The youth and their parent or guardian attend all meetings and activities together.

Each den has a den leader (one of the parents) who helps coordinate the meetings. Each parent is encouraged to help lead at least one meeting for the den.

## Wolf and Bear Cub Scout

Parents are vital to the Cub Scout dens, both in the role of home support and to help the den leader. The den consists of youth, a den leader and assistant den leader (usually parents).

## Webelos and Arrow of Light Scout

The Webelos den is similar to the Wolf and Bear Cub Scout dens. However, more emphasis is placed on the youth learning to take leadership roles and preparing to become Scouts. A Den Chief (an older Scout or Venturer) will work with the scouts to assist with the transition to the next level of scouting.

## Leader Resources

Scouts use a handbook to work their way along the trail, completing advancements and adventures. The Cub Scout Leader Guide and the Den Leader Guides provide leaders with detailed information and themed monthly resources for den and pack meetings.



# Scout Values

## Scout Oath A Scout is:

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

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

## The Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best!



**TRUSTWORTHY.** Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.

**LOYAL.** Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

**HELPFUL.** Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.

**FRIENDLY.** Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.

**COURTEOUS.** Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.

**KIND.** Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

**OBEDIENT.** Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

**CHEERFUL.** Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.

**THRIFTY.** Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.

**BRAVE.** Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

**CLEAN.** Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

**REVERENT.** Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

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# The Advancement Trail

In **Scouting**, advancement is the process by which a member meets certain requirements and earns recognition. The Cub Scout advancement program is a blend of activities Scouts do in their homes and activities they do in a den meeting setting.

As requirements are completed, Scouts are awarded recognition items to mark their progress. Completed requirements can be recorded in Scoutbook by parents or Den Leaders.

After receiving the Bobcat badge, a scout works on the requirements based on their grade level.



First graders, and anyone beyond that grade who is new to Cub Scouting, completes the Bobcat Badge prior to working on their grade-specific badge of rank. Kindergartners, who are Lions, do not work on the Bobcat Badge.

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. Each of the ranks in Cub Scouting has its own requirements that are age appropriate, so earning a rank below a Cub Scout's current grade is not permitted.

As a Cub Scout advances through the ranks, the requirements get more challenging, to match the new skills and abilities they have learned.



Kindergarten  
Lion



1st Grade  
Tiger



2nd Grade  
Wolf



3rd Grade  
Bear



4th Grade  
Webelos



5th Grade  
Arrow of Light

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# The Advancement Trail



## Kindergarten Lion

**Kindergartners** work toward the **Lion** rank. The Lion rank is earned by completing five adventures as described below. Although participation with an adult partner is required for all Lion awards, recognition items are for the Scouts only. Outside of the requirements, Lion Scouts can also complete any number of seven elective adventures of their den's or family's choosing.

1. Complete the five required adventures.
2. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled **How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide**.



*Lion's Honor , Animal Kingdom , Fun on the Run! , King of the Jungle , Mountain Lion*

**First graders** work toward the **Tiger** rank. The Tiger rank is earned by completing seven adventures as described below. Although participation with an adult partner is required for all Tiger awards, recognition items are for the Scouts only.



*Games Tigers Play, My Tiger Jungle, Team Tiger, Tiger Bites, Tiger Circles: Duty to God, Tigers in the Wild*

1. Complete each of the six required adventures.
2. Also, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing.
3. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled **How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide**.
4. Earn the **Cyber Chip award** for your age. (The **Cyber Chip** portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Tiger

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# The Advancement Trail



2nd Grade  
Wolf

**Second graders** work toward the **Wolf** rank. The Wolf rank is earned by completing seven adventures as described below.

1. Complete each of the six required adventures.
2. Also, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing.
3. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.
4. Earn the **Cyber Chip** award for your age. (The Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.)



*Call of the Wild, Council Fire (Duty to Country), Duty to God Footsteps, Howling at the Moon, Paws on the Path, Running With the Pack*



*Baloo the Builder, Bear Claws, Bear Necessities, Fellowship and Duty to God, 'Fur, Feathers, and Ferns', Paws for Action (Duty to Country)*

**Third graders** work toward the **Bear** rank. The Bear rank is earned by completing seven adventures as described below.

1. Complete each of the six required adventures.
2. Also, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing.
3. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.
4. Earn the **Cyber Chip** award for your age. (The Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.)



3rd Grade  
Bear

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# The Advancement Trail



4th  
Grade  
Webelos

**Fourth graders** work toward the **Webelos** rank. The Webelos rank is earned by completing six adventures as described below.

1. Be an active member of your Webelos den for three months.
2. Complete each of the five required adventures.
3. Also, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing.
4. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.
5. Earn the **Cyber Chip** award for your age. (The Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.)



*Cast Iron Chef, Duty to God and You, First Responder, 'Stronger, Faster, Higher', Webelos Walkabout*



*Building a Better World, Duty to God in Action, Outdoor Adventurer, Scouting Adventure*

**Fifth graders** work toward the **Arrow of Light** rank. If a fourth-grade Cub Scout has completed the Webelos rank, they may begin to work on the Arrow of Light. The Arrow of Light rank is earned by completing five adventures as described below.

1. Be an active member of your Webelos den for three months.
2. Complete each of the four required adventures.
3. Also, complete at least one elective adventure of your den's or family's choosing.
4. With your parent, guardian, or other caring adult, complete the exercises in the pamphlet entitled *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*.
5. Earn the **Cyber Chip** award for your age. (The Cyber Chip portion of this requirement may be waived by your parent or guardian if you do not have access to the internet.)



5th Grade  
Arrow of  
Light

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# Cub Scout Uniform: Cub Scouts, Tiger & Lion

Neckerchief\*/Slide



Blue Uniform Shirt  
or Lion T-Shirt



Cub Scout Web Belt



World Crest/Council  
Shoulder Emblems



COOLMAX Uniform  
Crew Socks



Youth Switchback  
Uniform Pants/Skort



Cub Scout Hats



Unit Numerals



Underline= required uniform \* Provided by Pack 102

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# Cub Scout Uniform: Webelos & Arrow of Light

Neckerchief \* /Slide



Tan Uniform



Webelos Colors\*



World Crest/Council  
Shoulder Emblems



COOLMAX Uniform  
Crew Socks



Youth Canvas  
Convertible Pants



Boy Scout Web Belt



Unit/Den Numeral  
Emblems



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# Cub Scout Handbook

Scouts receive their handbook from Pack 102 when entering the Pack and each spring as they “Crossover” to their next rank.

Kindergarten

1st

2nd

3rd

4th&5th



As the official handbooks for Cub Scouts, these handbooks are a Scout's guide to their Scout program and where they can find everything they need to complete requirements.

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# Pack Activities

## Hiking Club

Scouts and their families explore trails around our area. Hikes are held monthly and are of various lengths and terrains to offer opportunities for all Scouts.

## Blue & Gold Banquet

This is scouting's birthday party intended for all pack members and their families. We also recognize and bid farewell to our Arrow of Light Scouts who earn Cub Scouting's highest rank and continue their journey to a Scouts BSA Troop.

## Cub Scout Camping/Resident Camp

Pack 102 offers 2 to 3 Pack campouts each year for families to enjoy the outdoors. Lake Erie Council owns three camp properties and offers opportunities to explore the great outdoors. Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Adventure Camp, and Webelos Exploration Camp are offered during the summer. Activities include shooting sports, bouldering, games, Scout skills, crafts and much more.

## Pinewood Derby

Scouts participate in the thrill of model car racing! The Pinewood Derby is a parent/youth project in which they build a race car from a block of wood. Scouts race their cars against one another in the Pack. Scouts have opportunities to win trophies and everyone gets a participation patch!

## Field Trips and Special Outings

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

## Special Programs

Throughout the year special programs and adventure are offered for the Cub Scouts. Activities include such programs as Red, White & Boom!, Cub Haunted, Sap Camp, Scout Days at Major and Minor League sporting events and more.

## Earning Rank & Activity Badges

Earn activity badges and rank advancements in themes based around education, outdoors, sports, health and fitness!

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# Registration: How much does Scouting cost?

Pack 102 has been able to provide an outstanding value for our Scouts due to everyone's help in fundraising efforts and the support of our Charter Organization the Olmsted Falls Kiwanis. Registration fees are collected with the new Scout application and annual dues are collected in September for current Scouts. (Pack 102 subsidizes over \$100 to keep our dues lowered)

## Registration Fees / Dues- Where does the money go?

BSA annual Registration Fee	\$80
Insurance	\$12
Neckerchief	\$13
Handbook	\$24
Adventure Loops/Pins	\$2-2.50 each
Rank Patches	\$3
Misc. Awards	\$10

Pack Insurance	\$60 / Pack
Leadership Registration	\$60 / Leader
School Rental for Pinewood Derby	
Cub 500 Space Rental	
Blue and Gold	
Cabin / Campsite Reservations	

## Fee Schedule

Registration Fee	\$25	*new family fee (council)
Annual Dues	Lion : \$180	12 month membership
	Tiger, Wolf & Bear :\$200	12 month membership
Webelos & AOL Dues:	\$290	24 month membership*
(Ohio ACE program will reimburse \$80 from council registration)		

Webelos-\* 14 months of Pack 102 membership plus 10 months Scouts BSA.

## Financial Assistance / Camperships

Pack 102 has programs in place to assist families with membership dues and campout fees. Inquiries can be made to the Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or Treasurer in confidence. Every effort will be made to assist Scouts in need.



# Unit Funding

## Fundraising

Our pack raises money for the supplies, awards and other needs of the pack. The success of our fundraisers is dependent on everyone's support and participation. We host a community Santa's Secret Shop for the community in December. Popcorn is sold in the fall and maple syrup is sold in the spring. Fundraising pays for pack materials, pack outings, and awards. There are opportunities to earn funds for membership fees, campouts and summer camps.

## Santa's Secret Shop

Pack 102 hosts an opportunity for youth of the community to shop for gifts for their friends and family with the help of our "elves". Families enjoy entertainment and refreshments while the kids shop. This is a large event and we ask that all parents help with this important fundraiser.



### Scout's Own Maple Syrup

Our maple syrup is produced from the sap collected from Beaumont Scout Reservation in Ashtabula County, Ohio.



### Trail's End Popcorn

Unbelievable Butter, Caramel Corn and many more! The popcorn sold for fundraising is from Trail's End Popcorn.

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# Volunteer Leadership

## Leadership Support

Every Cub Scout Pack needs volunteers to make the program happen. To be effective, these leaders need to be trained. This information explains what training is available for volunteers. Online trainings are available at <http://my.scouting.org>.



## Family Scouting

Parents, grandparents, and other family members can volunteer in the pack. There are many positions within the pack that you can volunteer for.

## Youth Protection Training

All parents of the pack must take a course called "Youth Protection Training". This course is required for all Volunteers in a pack.

## Leader Specific

Every scout deserves a trained leader. Cub scout leader training is a seamless program that helps leaders easily graduate through the courses, based on their role, quickly and with minimal duplication. Training is offered online or in person.

## Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (B.A.L.O.O.)

This course is designed as an introduction to the outdoor program for those leaders who are interested in adding a camping component to their pack activities.

## Wood Badge

An advanced training for adults designed to enhance leadership skills and develop more effective leaders. The training gives attendees a greater understanding of scouting aims and methods, while developing the true Scout Spirit.

## Roundtable

A monthly leader meeting for adult volunteers. Roundtables provide leaders with program ideas and information on events and policies. It is a forum for sharing experiences and asking questions.

## Cubcast

Monthly audio podcasts designed to help leaders learn more about topics of interest.



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# Scouting Safety



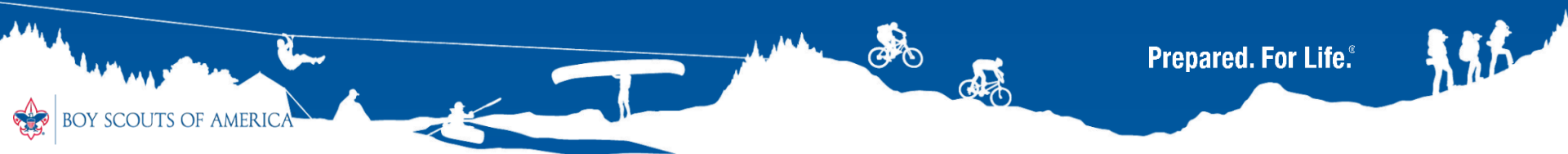
The Safety and protection of children is the most important priority of Pack 102 and the Boy Scouts of America.

The BSA has put together an extensive program, training, and resource tools to ensure that all Scouts remain safe. All registered BSA volunteers are required to complete Youth Protection Training. Parents are also encouraged to complete the training. To complete the training visit: <http://my.scouting.org>.

The BSA has established a multi-layered process of safeguards, including the following, all of which help to act as barriers to abuse:

- Ongoing mandatory youth-protection training for all volunteers, along with educational material for parents and Scouts that is featured in the front of each handbook and integrated into our programs.
- A formal leader selection process that includes criminal background checks and other screening efforts.
- A leadership policy that requires at least two youth-protection trained adults be present with youth at all times, and prohibits one-on-one situations where adults would have any interactions alone with children - either in person, online, or via text.
- A **24/7 Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-762-8871)** and email contact address ([scouts1st@scouting.org](mailto:scouts1st@scouting.org)) to access counseling and help needed to report any suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior.
- The Volunteer Screening Database, a tool the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for all youth-serving organizations, to prevent individuals that have been removed from Scouting from re-registering.

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# Scout Shop Checklist



Bring this checklist to the Scout Shop and they'll help outfit you in your first complete Cub Scout uniform.

- Uniform Shirt\*
- Council Shoulder Patch\*
- Unit Numerals\*
- World Crest Emblem\*
- Web belt and Buckle\*
- Neckerchief Slide
- Shoulder Loops - Webelos only
- Cub Scout Cap
- Trousers, shorts or skort

Cleveland Scout Shop  
2241 Woodland Ave.  
Cleveland, Oh 44115  
216-274-0814

Visit: [www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org)  
for further resources

Hours:  
8:30am - 5pm M, T, W, F  
8:30am - 6pm Th  
10am - 4pm Sat

Council: Lake Erie  
Pack Number: 102

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# Definitions:

**Adventures-** A collection of themed activities Scouts complete as requirements for rank. Belt loops or pins are awarded when an adventure is completed.

**Arrow of Light (AOL)-** This is the highest award in Cub Scouting. Also the only non-religious award from Cub Scouts which can be worn on a Scouts BSA uniform. Also denotes a Cub Scout in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Assistant Cubmaster -** Volunteer who helps the Cubmaster run the pack and fills in when the Cubmaster is unavailable.

**Assistant Den Leader- Volunteer** who helps the Den Leader run the Den and fills in when Den Leader is absent.

**Activity Uniform-** Scouting related t-shirt, pack t-shirt. Often referred to as CLASS B uniform.

**Bear-** Cub Scout in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

**Blue and Gold Banquet-** Generally held in February to celebrate the anniversary of Cub Scouting. This event also honors Arrow of Light Scouts and those moving on to Scouts BSA troops.

**Bobcat-** Every youth who join Cub Scouts in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or higher earns their Bobcat rank before any other rank.

**Boy Scouts of America (BSA)-** The Boys Scouts of America is the nationally chartered organization that encompasses Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring.

**Charter Organization-** Group that holds the BSA charter for the Pack. Pack 102 is chartered by the Olmsted Falls Kiwanis.

**Committee-** Group of volunteer leader and parents who run the pack.

**Committee Chair-** Volunteer adult leader in charge of committee who oversees the running of the Pack.



# Definitions continued:

**Council-** Local organization of Service areas, chartered by the BSA that is responsible for Scouting within its geography. Pack 102 is part of Lake Erie Council.

**Cubmaster-** Volunteer adult leader who runs the Pack meetings and advises other leaders.

**Commissioner-** Volunteer veteran adult leader who assists multiple units within a Council or Service Area.

**Den-** Group of Scouts of same grade and gender who meet at regular intervals.

**Den Chief-** Scouts BSA member who helps with activities in a Den.

**Den Leader-** Volunteer adult leader who plans and leads activities for the Den.

**Field Uniform-** Official uniform of the Cub Scout consisting of blue or tan uniform shirt, neckerchief, belt, hat and pants. Often referred to as CLASS "A".

**Lion-** Cub Scout in Kindergarten.

**Pack-** A collection of all dens which meet for monthly meetings and special events. We are PACK 102!

**Pinewood Derby-** Cub Scout racing event. Scouts design and build a race car, with their parent, from a block of wood.

**Service Area-** ( District) Geographic area within a Council consisting of many packs, administered by the Unit Serving Executive and Service area volunteers.

**Tiger-** Cub Scout in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

**Unit Serving Executive ( USE)-** Professional Council staff who administers Scouting program in the Service Area.

**Webelos-** Cub Scout in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Stands for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts".

**Webelos Colors-** Consist of a metal bars with gold, red and green ribbons worn on the right sleeve to display adventure pins.

**Wolf-** Cub Scout in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.



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My Den: \_\_\_\_\_

Den Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cubmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

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Den Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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