

Welcome to Cub Scouting Parent's Orientation Packet

So, You're the Parents of a new Cub Scout!!

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Your Son, Cub Scouting, and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a person of worth, a self-reliant, dependable, and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we've been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, developing good citizenship, and enhancing physical fitness and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth.

Imagine a program that can help your son learn, grow and mature while he is having fun. There are activities in which you and he can participate together with the rest of the family and get to know each other even better. This is exactly what Scouting is. Every activity gives you and your son the chance to discover and share together.

What does your son learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your son will participate are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life. Here are just a few of the things your son will gain through Cub Scouting.

-  A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of boys and caring adults.
-  New social skills that will help him get along with others.
-  Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
-  A greater understanding of other people and the world around him.
-  A system of "values" that will help him grow and make good decisions.
-  A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
-  Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.
-  A deeper relationship with his family and his family's spiritual foundation

With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to "be prepared" to shape his own future.

Cub Scouting is fun! But it is fun with a purpose. Woven through all the fun is an inspired program that really works. Tried and proven methods are used that transfer traditional values, build character, and develop leadership skills--all in the context of fun and family togetherness.




Getting Started

- ✿ Complete and turn in the Cub Scout application and registration fee to your leader.
- ✿ Carefully review this booklet so you know what Cub Scouting is all about and your son can get the most out of it.
- ✿ Purchase a Cub Scout Book now and begin doing the activities in it with your son.
- ✿ Find out what kind of activities your Cub Scout Pack is doing in the next few months, and put them on your calendar so you can participate. Once registered you will be emailed updates on activities or you can always find out what's going on via the Event Calendar on the website <http://cspack218.scoutlander.com> (You must have your invite email)
- ✿ Scouting is more fun with friends! Every boy can be a Cub Scout at any time, not just on School Night. Talk with other parents and boys and have them join your son's Cub Scout Den now to make Cub Scouting even more fun. Your son will be recognized as a "recruiter" and will be recognized by the Pack if he recruits a friend to join.
- ✿ Consider being a Cub Scout leader for your son's Cub Scout den. Your son's experience in Cub Scouting **depends** on your involvement. Details are on the following pages.
- ✿ Purchase a Cub Scout Uniform for your son to wear his awards on. Be sure to get a size large enough to last several years as your son grows. Visit the Golden-Burke Scout Center (7125 Fall Creek Road North) or shop online at www.scoutstuff.org for all of your uniform needs and more.







How Cub Scouting Works





Scouting is Family Oriented

-  Activities are intended for the whole family.
-  You work with your son on his various award requirements.
-  Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Den



-  The Den meets up to twice a month.
-  The den is led by a Den Leader (parent volunteer).
-  The den leader is usually assisted by an Assistant Den Leader (parent volunteer).
-  Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.

Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Pack




-  The "pack" consists of all the dens and other leaders. The pack meets once a month - all Cub Scout families are invited and encouraged to attend.
-  The Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmasters lead the monthly pack meeting.
-  The pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
-  Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies and presentations of awards that the boys have earned that month.

The pack is run by a Pack Committee (group of parent volunteers).

The pack committee is made up of a Chartered Organization Representative, Committee Chair, Treasure, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Event Chairs and many other positions. Most of these leaders are parents of boys in the pack. All leaders and interested parents are encouraged to attend.

-  The committee meets once a month.
-  The committee plans pack meetings around the monthly theme (core value).
-  The committee plans events, organizes volunteers and has fun!
-  The committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.

The pack is owned by a Chartering Organization

-  Charter organizations include education centers, parent associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.
-  The chartered organization approves leaders, provides a meeting place, and operates the pack within the guidelines and policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
-  The chartered organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative who serves as a liaison between the pack and the organization. The Chartered Organization appoints and approves of the adult leadership group that leads the pack.

Information Regarding Your Son's New Pack

My Pack number is: **Pack 218**

Website Address: <http://cspack218.scoutlander.com>

My Den is:

Kindergarten	Lions
1 st Grade	Tigers
2 nd Grade	Wolves
3 rd Grade	Bears
4 th Grade	Webelos 1
5 th Grade	Webelos AOL

My Scouting District is: **Pathfinder**

Website Address: <http://districts.crossroadsbsa.org/pf>

My Council is: **Crossroads of America**

7125 Fall Creek Road North

Indianapolis IN 46256

Website Address: www.crossroadsbsa.org

My Den leader's Name, Phone # and Email is:

Lions	Charles Roberts	812-371-5570	trafalgarpd802@yahoo.com
Tigers	Brett Gladden	317-979-5835	brettgladden@hotmail.com
Wolves	Rex Snyder	317-989-2560	Rexbsnyder@gmail.com
Bears	Jacob Martinie	765-400-8213	gearhead_chevy777@yahoo.com
Webelos 1	Charles Roberts	812-371-5570	trafalgarpd802@yahoo.com
Webelos Aol	Jerry Hallett	317-809-4202	hallett8@centurylink.net
Cubmaster	John Bell	317-412-0106	bell.family@mac.com
Committee Chair	Katie Wright	317-501-6369	kclw8305@yahoo.com

My Pack Meetings meets at: **Fair Haven Christian church**

1476 w 300 s Franklin, In 46131

When & What Time:

Pack Meets meet the 4th Monday of the Month: Next Meeting dates are: **Sept 24, Oct22, Nov26, Jan28, Feb25, *Mar11, April22**

Time is 6:30-8:00pm unless otherwise notes

Note: We do not hold Pack meetings during the months of June and July, but there a few summertime activities going on. We start back soon after school starts in August.

Look Sharp in your Uniform

NEW MEMBER CHECKLIST FOR THE BEST SCOUTING EXPERIENCE!

Council: Crossroads of America

Cub Scout Pack 218

At Registration you are paying for: **Patches, Neckerchief, Slide,**

UNIFORM CHECKLIST - Employees of the scout shop are always happy to assist you.

Tiger / Wolf / Bear Cub Checklist (For Webelos Uniform, purchase Tan vs. Blue. Seek assistance from the scout store employees)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Short Sleeve Shirt (buy it large)	<input type="checkbox"/> Handbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Shorts / Pants or you can get a pair of "Switchbacks" which is a combination of pants that convert to shorts or vice versa. (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patches: (Left Shoulder) Crossroads of America Council Patch, Pack Numbers 4,9,9 (Right Shoulder) Den # under flag (if needed) (Above Left Pocket) World Scout Crest Emblem
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief (Tiger / Wolf / Bear)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief Slide (Tiger / Wolf / Bear)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cap (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tiger or Cub Scout Belt (to hold belt loops!)	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks (optional)

Golden-Burke Scout Center, Scout Shop:

<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Related/Scout%20Shop.aspx>

7125 Fall Creek Road North, Indianapolis, IN 46256

Phone: (317) 813-7070 Fax: (317) 813-7126

Email: IndyScoutShop@crossroadsbsa.org

Shop Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and Holidays

Take I-465 around the east side north to exit 40 Shadeland Ave, follow signs for Shadeland Ave Travel ~2 miles eventually going through the stoplight at Fall Creek, then take your first right onto Fall Creek Rd North. Scout Center is on your right.

(Directions from SPC <http://goo.gl/maps/7YYPZ>)



"How much does it Cost?"

Registration / Application Fee: The Registration / Application Fee that we collect 100% goes to BSA. BSA currently charges \$2.75 / month for registration. In addition there is a \$1 fee for insurance for the pack. This makes the 12 month registration fee \$34.00. New scouts that Register in August will add an additional \$13.75 to cover registration from August - December. Also included in your Registration is an additional Advancement fees that pays for your scouts belt loops and achievements and rank advancement.

Pack Dues: Currently the Pack charges a minimal fee of \$8 dollars to the pack. This supports the pack to cover supplies for pack meetings and to cover the cost of the crossover needs. We are currently reviewing our Pack Dues and Needs each year.

Advancements: See the Attached Scouting Breakdown chart located in the back of this packet. Each scouting year has a little different required advancement awards. Since these prices vary your overall registration cost will vary from year to year.

Re-charter Fee: Every November the pack re-charters, which means we pay a BSA fee to Crossroads of America. This fee includes the \$34 your scout pays at registration and covers a 12 month registration cost. This also includes the necessary insurance we are required to have with BSA. In order to be prepared for these November fees we collect the Registration Fee in August at our Pack Meeting.

Individual Activity Charges: We have adopted a pay as you go process. This means we will collect funds for each activity before they happen.

Scouting Class A Uniforms: Can be purchased at the Scout Shop

Class B Shirts: For many of our events, when a full uniform isn't practical, but we still want to be identified as cub scouts, we encourage the boys to wear "class B" scout t-shirts. These shirts can be ordered at pack meetings for \$15

The Best News: We will participate in at least two fundraisers throughout the year. When we achieve our goals it helps keep scouting affordable. For some fundraisers the Pack Committee may elect to give the scouts a % of the proceeds to use toward some of their future expenses and activities. Many scouts have been able to camp for free or not need to pay out of pocket for some of their fees because of proceeds from fundraisers.

Fundraisers planned for this year:

Cub Scout Popcorn Sales (Main fundraiser)

Camp Cards (February to help pay for camp)

Tax Deductions: Most scouting items such as uniforms are tax deductible. Save all scouting receipts even for scouting events and activities. Always check with your tax advisor to see what can or can't be claimed.

The Advancement Plan

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings, but most are done at home with the family.

The Cub Scout Advancement program is an excellent way for you to spend quality time with your son. For each special skill or activity your son completes with you, you can sign off on one of the requirements he needs to earn his next award. As a result, the awards he earns increase his knowledge, skills, self-esteem and confidence. You can be a part of it by participating in the Cub Scout program with him. The rank awards he earns are listed below.



BOBCAT (Earned by ALL NEW Cub Scouts)

All boys, (1st - 5th grade), earn the Bobcat badge first by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, the child safety requirement and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boy works on requirements based on his grade or age.



A 6 year old or a child in kindergarten (the year prior to first grade) joins Cub Scouting with their parent or adult guardian. Lions and their adult partners are just that, partners. They attend meetings together, go on adventures like field trips together, and complete requirements together. A Lion does not work on the Bobcat badge.



A 7 year old or child in the first grade joins Cub Scouting with their parent or adult guardian. Tigers and their adult partners are just that, partners. They attend meetings together, go on adventures like field trips together, and complete requirements together. A Tiger first works on earning the [Bobcat badge](#). After completing the requirements for Bobcat they go on to complete the requirements for the Tiger rank and the many electives that are offered.



A child who is 8 years old or is in the second grade is a Wolf, and their adventures are found in the Wolf Handbook. Like all other new Cub Scouts, a Wolf must first earn the [Bobcat badge](#). After completing the requirements for Bobcat they go on to complete the requirements for the Wolf rank.



A child who is 9 years old or is in the third grade is a Bear, and their adventures are found in the Bear Handbook. If a child is a new Cub Scout, they first earn the [Bobcat badge](#). After completing the requirements for Bobcat they go on to complete the requirements for the Bear rank.



A child who is in the fourth or fifth grade is a Webelos Scout, and their adventures are found in the Webelos Handbook. If a child is a new Cub Scouts they first earn the Bobcat badge. After completing the requirements for Bobcat they go on to complete the requirements for the Webelos rank and then onto the Arrow of Light and the many electives that are offered. If a child joins in the fourth grade they earn the Webelos rank and then the Arrow of Light. If a child joins in the fifth grade they may start working on the Arrow of Light without earning the Webelos rank first.

The Webelos program is designed to prepare Cub Scouts to join a Scouts BSA Troop in February of their fifth grade year. This gives time for new Scouts to get familiar with the Troop and time to prepare for summer camp.



Cub Scout Special Activities & Awards

In which you and your son can participate

Special Opportunities for Cub Scouts

- ✿ Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
- ✿ Emergency Preparedness Award
- ✿ International Scouter's Award
- ✿ Interpreter's Strips
- ✿ Leave No Trace Awareness
- ✿ Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards
- ✿ Recruiter Strip
- ✿ Religious Emblems
- ✿ Whittling Chip Card
- ✿ World Conservation Award

Service Projects

- ✿ Periodically the pack will organize a project to benefit the community, such as a park clean up, church project, Scouting for Food, planting trees, etc.

Pinewood Derby

- ✿ Parent and son work together to build a gravity-powered miniature race car from a special kit. Our annual event is in early spring.

Blue and Gold Banquet

- ✿ This is a party for Cub Scouting held in February. Most often it is a seated dinner, with a Cake auction and a special program to honor scouts who are crossing over into Boy Scouts!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

- ✿ Starting this year we hope to begin an annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to help fund the pack.

Family Camping

- ✿ Here is an opportunity for the whole CUB SCOUT FAMILY to camp together. Activities may include crafts, games, movies, fishing, Frisbee golf, hiking and just plain relaxing.

Cub Scout Circuit of Fun Events

- ✿ These are generally a one night event hosted by a sporting or other venue. Things such as camping on the Indianapolis Indians outfield or getting to talk to an Indiana Pacer, visiting IMS or seeing an Indiana Ice hockey game are often available!

Cub Scout Day Camp

- ✿ Day camp is a local and exciting summertime activity that includes archery, BB guns, crafts, games, skits, songs, and sports. Cub Scout Day camp is an excellent way to introduce youth to the outdoors and teach them new skills. It also helps strengthen the pack's summer program. Day Camp or Resident Camp is required for the Outdoor Activity Award.

Cub Scout Summer / Resident Camp

- ✿ Four days and three nights of pure Scouting fun. Drop off your Scout and pick him up when the event is over. Scouts have many activities to do and most go toward Rank Advancement, Electives, and Belt-loop requirements. Food and tents are included! Day Camp or Resident Camp is required for the Outdoor Activity Award.

Positions in the Pack

As current leaders move up and on to Boy Scouts, new positions in the pack and committee are available. Please check with the Committee Chair to see what is open. There may just be a position that suits you!



CUBMASTER & ASST CUBMASTER- Help plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. MC's monthly pack meeting, and attends pack leaders' meeting and monthly roundtable meeting.

LION DEN LEADER - Coordinates the Lions Cub den to ensure they stay active and participate in pack meetings and activities. Lay a solid foundation of cub scouting values

TIGER DEN LEADER - Coordinates the Tiger Cub den to ensure they stay active and participate in pack meetings and activities. Lay a solid foundation of cub scouting values.

DEN LEADER(S) - Leads the den at den meetings and monthly pack meeting. They are encouraged to attend the monthly pack leaders' meeting and roundtable meeting.

DEN LEADER ASST(S) - Meets with den leaders monthly to plan pack program with the help of the pack committee. They are encouraged to attend pack meetings, pack leader's meetings, and roundtable meetings. The Cubmaster may perform this function in a small pack.

PARENT HELPERS - Each year the pack will undertake several short-term projects. Parents and other volunteers are needed for activities such as pack fundraisers, Scouting for Food, Service Projects, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Summer Camp help and Camping programs. These jobs are of short duration, and still enable all families to assist with pack responsibilities.

COMMITTEE CHAIR - Presides at all pack leaders' meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Ensures the Pack is fulfilling its duty to the scouts and their families. Also helps lead the pack meeting and attends roundtable meetings.

SECRETARY CHAIR - Take minutes of the Pack meeting and record key items such as things needing follow-up or items for the history of the pack. Maintain an inventory of pack property. Handle correspondence for the pack. This may include writing letters of appreciation and requests for reservations, or ordering supplies through the local council service center. *(This position is currently split up between several people).*

TREASURER CHAIR - Keeps all records for the pack. Including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meetings, pack committee meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR - Maintains advancement records. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and pack committee meetings.

OTHER COMMITTEE POSTIONS - Training Chair, Public Relations Chair, Events Chair, Membership & Registration Chair and Friends of Scouting (FoS) Chair.

GENERAL - Do you have a special skill or talent? Check with your Den Leader or Cubmaster to see all the different ways you can help. We often create positions so you can be involved and help to take on some of the Pack's responsibilities. The more help, the easier it is!

The Pack Website - cspack218.ScoutLander.com

We use Scoutlander to host our website. This is our new site, so we are still adding to it and making it even more functional! When you register with our Pack, you will soon receive an invitation to register to be able to view the private parts of our Scoutlander page. Scoutlander is free, but you may be prompted to voluntarily pay to help support the site, simply click "Not now". A brief list of contents (and future contents) is described below.



Meeting Info: Lists our current Pack Meeting schedule on one page.



Our Charter Organization! To find out more about our chartered organization, click the link to Southport Presbyterian Church.



Event Calendar: Check out what events and meetings are coming up. RSVP for events that ask for it (please!)



Leadership: Contact information

Thank you for taking the time to go through our Parent's Orientation Packet. We look forward to seeing you and your new cub scout at our next Pack meeting!

If you have any questions please contact:

John Bell at bell.family@mac.com or at 317-412-0106

Katie Wright at kclw8305@yahoo.com or at 317-501-6369

Welcome To Pack 218

Pack 218 2018-2019 Registration								
	New Scout	K Lions	1st grade Tiger	2nd grade Wolf	3rd grade Bear	4th grade Weblo 1	5th grade AOL	Adult Leader
rank card	0.19		0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	
Rank Badge (2.29) **FOS Pad in full 2018-2019	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Book (9.99 or 12.99)								
Rank Achievements (7) 1.49 each	10.43		10.43	10.43	10.43			
cyber chip badge	3.59		3.59					
Cyber Chip Pin				2.59	2.59	2.59	2.59	
cyber chip Card	0.19		0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	
Parent Pin (1.49)	1.49		1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	
Neckrchief	9.99		9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99		
Slide	5.99		5.99	5.99	5.99	5.99		
shoulder loops						3.99		
Bobcat Card	0.19		0.19					
Badge Holder	0.99		0.99					
Bobcat Badge	2.29		2.29					
bobcat mother pin	1.49		1.49					
world crest	2.29		2.29					
Unit Numbers (3digit number)	5.99		5.99					
Whittle Chip Card (.19) Badge (1.79)					1.98			
weblo achievement card .19 x 5						0.95		
weblo avhievements (1.99 each x 5)						9.95		
AOL achivement card .19 x 4							0.76	
AOL achievements (1.99 each x 4)							7.96	
Arrow of Light achievement patch							2.29	
weblos color						5.99		
Lions shirt		9.99						
Lions hat		12.99						
Lions book (9.99)		9.99						
BSA registration for August - December	13.75	13.75						
BSA Registration + insurance	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
achievement Totals+ BSA registration	92.86	80.72	79.11	64.87	66.85	75.32	49.47	34
Pack Dues								
Crossover	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Pack Meeting Supplies	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Pack Activity Total	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	0
Total For Scouting year	100.86	88.72	87.11	72.87	74.85	83.32	57.47	34
Returning Scout								
Due August 27 = \$34			34	34	34	34	34	34
DUE OCTOBER 22			53.11	38.87	40.85	49.32	23.47	0
NEW 2018-2019 Scout								
Due August 23 = \$34+\$13.75	47.75	47.75						
DUE OCTOBER 22	53.11	40.97						
*All Pack events/Campouts are now PAY AS YOU GO and due upon event deadlines (you may use popcorn sales to fund a scout account for dues, events, and camp)			please note den books are optional you can purchase at scout shop or download a PDF from our Pack					
Optional cost for Patches *Not covered in Registration (Pay as you Go)								
Scout Sunday Patch	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	0
Blue/Gold Patch	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	0
Fishing Derby Patch	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	0
Pinewood Derby Patch	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	0
class B tshirt	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Camping Rental Fees	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
fishing Derby Event	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Derby Car	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49	4.49
Trophies	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
God and Me Pin & Certificate (3grade & 5grade only)					13.5		13.5	
total Cost for additional pack activities throughout the year.	40.05	40.05	40.05	40.05	53.55	40.05	53.55	34.4

Pack Calendar 218

August 2018 - May 2019

August 2018

- 8/23/18 registration night for NEW Scouts only
- 8/27/18 Pack meeting & Returning Scout Registration Night

September 2018

- 9-14-16 pack Campout. Hoosier National Forest
- 9/24/18 Pack meetings at Fair Haven

October 2018

- 10/12-14/18 Spring Mill State Park Haunted village
- 10/15-19/18 IC Schools fall break.
- 10/22/18 Pack meeting. *Costume Night* Pumpkins as activities?

November 2018

- 11/2-4/18 Pack campout TBD
- Spaghetti dinner fundraiser TBD
- 11/26/1826. Pack meeting.
- Handout derby cars at pack meeting
- Camp registration begins. Deposit due by feb 1. \$50

December 2018

- pack food serve event as a pack together TBD
- NO pack meeting

January 2019

- 1/5/19 pinewood derby.
- 1/28/19 Pack Meeting. Make sure camp deposit of \$50 is turned in.

February 2019

- 2/2/19 Blue and gold party birthday bash. Each Den brings food items.
- 2/25/19 pack meeting.
- Camp cards handed out in feb pack meeting

March 2019

- Spring break.
- 3/11/19 Pack Meeting
- Pack Day Hike

April 2019

- 4/12-14/19 campout / Crossover TBD
- 4/22/19 Pack meeting Camp cards are due. Camp money is due for Early Bird.

May 2019

- victory field TBD
- Morgantown Parade TBD

**For updated information please login to scoutlander.com and sign up for email updates or contact John Bell 317-412-0106 or Katie Wright at*



Bobcat Requirements for New Scouts

Please complete the following requirements to receive your Bobcat badge. Note that these requirements are described in more detail in front of your Cub Scout Handbook.

1. 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.

2. Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

3. The Cub Scout Sign

The Cub Scout sign is two fingers held high. It means you are ready to listen to Akela (say Ah-KAY-la). The Cub Scout sign is made with the right arm held high and straight up above the shoulder, with the index and middle fingers forming a V. The other fingers are held with the thumb. The two extended fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They also stand for the two alert ears of a wolf. This is the sign of Cub Scouts all over the world.





4. Cub Scout Handshake

The handshake is done by putting the index and middle fingers of the right hand against the other person's wrist when shaking hands. Cub Scouts and Cub Scout leaders use this handshake everywhere in the United States. The handshake signifies that those who use it help others and obey the Scout Oath.



5. Cub Scout Motto

Do your best

6. Cub Scout Salute

The salute is made by joining the index and middle fingers of the right hand (holding the other fingers with the thumb) and touching the extended fingers to the cap visor or forehead. The hand is held the same as for the Cub Scout sign, except the two fingers are together. The Cub Scout salute is used to salute the flag when in uniform and to show respect to den and pack leaders. It can be used when greeting other Cub Scouts.



7. Child Protection Exercises

Please complete the exercises in the booklet: *Youth Protection: How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse*. This is inside your handbook or you can borrow a copy from your Den leader.