



# Welcome GUIDE 2025



# Welcome to Scouting

Dear Parents and Leaders,

Welcome to Scouting America, Chattahoochee Council - we're thrilled to have you on board.

Whether you're here as a parent, volunteer, or community leader, know this: you are now part of a movement that changes lives. Scouting isn't just camping and knot-tying. It's a tested, proven path to developing strong character, lifelong skills, and confident young leaders.

We're here to support you every step of the way. Questions, needs, roadblocks - our council team is just a phone call or email away. Never hesitate to reach out. You're not in this alone.

## **The Impact of Scouting is Real and Measurable:**

- **83% of Scouts say Scouting has helped them be more honest and responsible.**
- **75% of Scouts improve their grades and classroom behavior.**
- **94% of parents say Scouting helps their child become a better leader.**
- **Scouts are twice as likely to earn a college degree compared to their peers.**

These aren't just statistics - they're the stories we see play out in our communities every day. From first aid to leadership, from public service to personal growth, Scouting equips young people with the values and confidence they need to succeed - in school, in life, and beyond.

Thank you for stepping up. Thank you for showing up. Together, we're building something that matters.

Welcome to the adventure.

Yours in Scouting,

Tonya Dobbins - Williams  
Scout Executive/CEO



# Welcome to Scouting

## Updated Cub Scout Program for 2025-2026!

It's official! The Cub Scout program is updated for the 2025-26 program year. Over the past several years the National Cub Scouting Committee has identified **four areas to improve the Cub Scout program** to ensure that it is **fun, simple, and easy**. The four areas of improvement are the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.



Scan for **NEW**  
Cub Scout Program

The Cub Scout program provides youth a foundation they can stand on to:

**Embrace opportunity**  
**Overcome obstacles**  
**Make new discoveries**

*What makes Cub Scouts truly unique is it provides an opportunity for the entire family to be involved in each child's development.*



Lion  
Kindergarten



Tiger  
1st Grade



Wolf  
2nd Grade



Bear  
3rd Grade



Webelos  
4th Grade



Arrow of Light  
5th Grade

### SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared!

### 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.

# How Does Cub Scouting Work?



## Your Scout is a Member of a Den

The Den Meeting is the most important part of Cub Scouting. It is where Cub Scouts build friendships, work together to learn new things, and progress towards earning their common badge of rank. Serving as a Den Leader is providing an opportunity to make a positive life long impact on your child and others in the den.



## Lion and Tiger Dens

Cub Scouts joining in kindergarten or first grade do so with an adult partner, typically a parent or guardian. A Lion or Tiger den should have no more than eight Scouts. An adult, usually a parent, serves as the den leader, organizing meetings with support from each adult partner in turn. During meetings, Lions and Tigers work on Adventures from their handbooks.



## Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Den

Children this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs. A Wolf (second grade), Bear (third grade), or Webelos (fourth grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and often a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader).



## Arrow of Light Den

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



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# How Does Cub Scouting Work?



## Your Scout is also a Member of a Pack

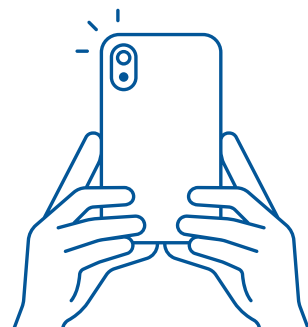
The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, led by the Cubmaster.

- Activities, like pinewood car derbies and camping trips, are coordinated by the pack.
- Cub Scout Packs typically associate with one or more elementary schools, but a youth is welcome to join any pack they choose.
- No two Dens or Packs are alike. Be sure to check with leadership of your unit for details about meeting schedules, fundraisers, and activities.
- Many Packs use Facebook and/or other social media pages for both internal communication and public recruiting. Others use software packages like Scoutbook for communication. Make sure you get connected to all of your unit's communication tools.



## How much does Scouting cost?

When compared to the cost of sports and many other activities, there is no doubt that Scouting delivers great value to its members! Costs include membership fees, uniform costs, and nominal activity fees that may be charged locally. Of course, these costs may be offset by unit fundraising and other available scholarship funds. Please contact your local unit leadership for details.



**Make memories  
with your child  
that will last a lifetime!**



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# Cub Scout Program Highlights

## **Pack Meetings**

The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, led by the Cubmaster. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of achievements and badges that Cub Scouts earned during that month.

## **Earning Rank Advancement & Activity Badges**

Cubs at all levels work on age appropriate adventures and rank advancements in themes based around outdoors, sports, community, health and fitness.

## **Blue & Gold Banquet**

Scouting's annual birthday party intended for all pack members and their families.

## **Field Trips & Special Outings**

Coordinated by the pack and dens, these are great ways to learn more about your community. Scouts might visit a local fire station, tour a bank, radio station, newspaper, or have special guests come to their meetings. Many Packs plan family camping trips where the whole family heads out for an adventure hiking, exploring, fishing, and having fun.

## **Cub Scout Day Camp**

Each summer Cub Scouts have the opportunity to participate in Day Camp offered in various locations. Some are single and others are multi-day programs. In addition to theme-based activities, Scouts will play games, build crafts, nature hikes, archery, and more.

## **Cub Scout Summer Camp**

The Chattahoochee Council operates an amazing camp at Camp Frank G. Lumpkin (FGL) and Camp Pine Mountain. Each summer, families have a variety of multi-day programs to choose from. Scouts and leaders experience many of the wonderful outdoor activities Scouting has to offer!

## **Pinewood Derby**

Many parents remember the Pinewood Derby, a highlight of the Cub Scout year. In this parent/youth project, they design and build race cars from wood blocks, then compete in races within the Pack.

## **Special Programs & Outdoor Adventures**

The council coordinates a variety of activities throughout the year. Activities include such programs as Pinewood Derby Races, Lock-Ins, Cub Rallies and Field Days, Cub Family Camping, and more.

# Scout Fundraisers

It might not sound like much fun to some, but many Scouts LOVE the opportunity to sell popcorn and smoked sausage products to earn great prizes and raise money to pay for all of their Scouting adventures! 30 - 40 percent of what a Scout sells stays with the local Scout Pack. Sales skills are part of character and leadership development.

Each year, the Chattahoochee Council coordinates several fundraising programs that give Scouts the opportunity to raise funds to help cover the costs associated with Scouting. Many families report that they have been able to fund their entire Scouting experience with little-to-no out of pocket expense!



# Scouting Safely



## ***S.A.F.E. GUARDING YOUTH TRAINING***

Scouting America has put together an extensive program, training sessions, and resource tools to ensure that all Scouts remain safe. Staff and all registered volunteers are required to participate in Youth Protection training. To complete the training visit [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org)

Scouting safeguards highlighted below are key parts of our multilayered approach to help keep kids safe. These measures were informed by respected experts in the fields of child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology, and are among the strongest safeguards found in any youth-serving organization.

- Mandatory that all volunteers complete our Youth Protection Training, prior to any interaction with children in the Scouting program.
- A formal leader selection process that includes criminal background checks.
- A policy that requires at least two youth-protection trained adults be present with youth at all times, and prohibits one-on-one interactions alone with children – either in person, online, or via text.
- A 24/7 Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1) 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.
- Mandatory reporting of suspected abuse to law enforcement.

## **SAFETY ADVENTURES**

Scouting has partnered with experts from the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation for the completion of age-appropriate Safety Adventures. These adventures help young Scouts learn about personal safety in a practical and engaging way that help children recognize, respond to, and report abuse.



Scouting has joined joining forces with Know2Protect to help parents and trusted adults understand how to #KeepKidsSafeOnline. Visit [know2protect.gov](http://know2protect.gov) for more information and resources.

# We are here to serve YOU!

Your den and pack belong to a **chartered organization**, which is a community organization chartered by Scouting America to operate a Scouting unit. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of Scouting America.

Your pack is also part of a district, a geographic area of the local council that helps support the pack in providing a successful and high-quality program. An employee of the local council, a district executive, is able to be a resource to you and the other packs in your area.

Your district also has a volunteer team called the commissioner staff. They are a service team that checks on the program health of your pack, and they are a communication link between your pack and the local council. A commissioner is assigned specifically to assist your unit.

Your district is one of several in the Chattahoochee Council. Our team of volunteers and staff stand ready to assist you. The Chattahoochee Council office can be reached at (706) 327-2634.

**Chattahoochee Council, Scouting America**

For more information, visit [www.chattahoocheesa.org](http://www.chattahoocheesa.org)

# Leader and Parent Support

## Parents and leaders have lots of help and resources

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. Getting everyone involved makes the experience more meaningful for your Cub Scout. There is a place for every parent, legal guardian, or other caring adults who want to help. Often the challenge is not knowing how to help. Below are some helpful steps in how you can volunteer.

### HANDBOOKS

Scouts use a handbook to work their way along the trail, completing advancements and adventures.

### NETWORKING

Monthly Roundtable gatherings are held in each district for leaders to share ideas, get the latest info and access in-person training.

### LEADER GUIDES

Scouts use a handbook to work their way along the trail, completing advancements and adventures. Adult leaders use Scoutbook, the online tool found at [scoutbook.scouting.org](http://scoutbook.scouting.org).

Parents have a free app, “Scouting” for Apple and Android, that allows them to connect with their child’s activities.

### “THE SCOUT SHOP”

Located at the Council Service Center in Columbus, the Scout Shop carries a wide variety of items to support your Scouts (and your) Scouting experience. From handbooks and uniform supplies, to crafts, games, awards and camping supplies, the Scout Shop can supply all your needs.



#### COMMITTEE CHAIR

Conducts the monthly Pack Leaders’ Meeting to help plan the program. They ensure that committee members give adequate support to the Cubmaster and Den Leaders. They assist with the recruitment of additional leaders.



#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Attend monthly Pack Leaders’ Meeting to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, training needs and membership.



#### CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Conducts and emcees the monthly Pack meeting. Aids den leaders by conducting the monthly program. Attends monthly leaders’ meeting.



#### DEN LEADER

Plans and runs den meetings and activities. Coordinates the den’s involvement in pack activities, and facilitate and track the den’s advancement.

# Leader and Parent Support

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Numerous official and unofficial pages and groups are available to connect with other leaders and share great ideas. Stay informed by following on Facebook, Twitter, and Instrgram.

**SCOUTBOOK** Leading Scouts through the many adventures Scouting has to offer is one of the most fulfilling roles in the organization. However, the need for reporting can sometimes overshadow the act of leading, reducing the time spent with Scouts.

From the first knot tied to the final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed by tracking adventures, achievements, and all the fun along the way. For more information, visit [scoutbook.com](http://scoutbook.com)



## Not Everyone Wears a Uniform

In Cub Scouting there are so many opportunities to volunteer. You want to get involved, but you're not sure where to start. Scan the QR code for a step-by-step guide to get you started. Remember not every volunteer in Cub Scouting wears a uniform. Everyone has different skills and ways they can contribute to make the Cub Scouting experience meaningful. No matter how you want to get involved, thank you for making the first move to volunteer with Cub Scouts.

## TRAINING

In addition to the Youth Protection Training, Scouting offers a wide array of online and in-person training programs designed to make things easier. These include online courses and specific leadership role courses (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Chair), Weather Hazards, Aquatics Safety, and others. In-person training programs like Outdoor Skills (BALOO), Wood Badge, and others are available. Visit [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org) to begin your online training.

## CUB CHAT LIVE

Monthly live-streamed programs where leader and national representatives discuss new ideas for unit leaders and parents .



## SCOUTING MAGAZINE

Nationally produced content available on the web or thru iOS and android apps offers loads of great stories, ideas and updates.

Scan to learn how you can help out in Cub Scouting



# Scouting is a path to success

## SCOUTING IS A PATH TO SUCCESS

Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get a bachelor's degree (75.6% of Scouts alumni compared with 36.0% national average)



Scouts are **TWICE** more likely to get an advanced graduate degree (29.0% of Scouts alumni compared with 13.4% national average)

Scouts are more likely to make almost **DOUBLE** of the personal income as an adult (\$62.5k individual median income compared with \$33.7k national median)



Scouts are more likely to have very good or exceptional (750+) credit scores (55.7% of Scouts alumni compared with 39.7% national average)

Scouts are more likely to move up in their socio-economic status. Scouts that come from low-income family background are, on average, more likely to make almost twice the personal income as an adult compared to their non-scout peers with similar childhood family background.



## SCOUTS ARE CHANGE AGENTS

BSA strives to bring larger, broader, and longer social impact. The BSA values (Character, Leadership, Citizenship, and Fitness) imprinted during childhood go a long way. BSA alumni continue to change the world by taking more leadership roles in organizations, engaging in more entrepreneurial activities, and undertaking more civic duties.



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# Scout Shop

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Chattahoochee Council

## UNIFORMS



## Chattahoochee Council

1237 First Avenue Columbus GA (706)327-2634

### HOURS

**Monday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Tuesday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Wednesday:** Closed

**Thursday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Friday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Saturday:** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Sunday:** Closed

# #ADVENTUREON!

**SCOUTING IS THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!**

Scouting is family, fun, friends and a lifetime of adventure! It's the place where young people can grow to become their very best future selves.

Welcome to the Scouting program. Our Scout Shop has all the supplies you need as you begin your Scouting adventure. Scout handbooks and uniforms are a great place to start outfitting your child.

# Scout Shop

## Your Uniform Checklist



Scouts BSA



### UNIFORM

- Lion Short-sleeve T-shirt
- Lion Cap
- Cub Scout Web Belt
- Cub Scout Socks
- Rank Neckerchief
- Rank Neckerchief Slide

### Lion

### UNIFORM BOTTOMS

- Switchback® Pants
- Roll-up Pants
- Skort
- Shorts

### UNIFORM

- Short-sleeve Shirt
- Switchback® Pants
- Shorts
- Roll-up Pants
- Skort
- Cub Scout Rank Cap – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- Cub Scout Rank Neckerchief – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- Cub Scout Rank Neckerchief Slide – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos
- Cub Scout Web Belt – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos

### Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelos

- Cub Scout Socks

### INSIGNIA

- Council Shoulder Patch
- World Crest Emblem
- World Crest Ring
- Pack Numerals (Red)
- Den Number
- Adventure Colors (Webelos Only)

### Arrow of Light® & Scouts BSA®

### UNIFORM

- Short-sleeve Shirt
- Long-sleeve Shirt
- Switchback® Pants
- Shorts
- Roll-up Pants
- Skort
- Scouts BSA Cap
- Neckerchief
- Neckerchief Slide
- Adventure Colors (Arrow of Light)

- Merit Badge Sash (Scouts BSA)
- Shoulder Loops (Arrow of Light – Blue, Scouts BSA – Green)
- Scouts BSA Web Belt
- Scouts BSA Socks

### INSIGNIA

- Council Shoulder Patch
- Patrol Emblem
- World Crest Emblem
- World Crest Ring
- Troop Numerals (Khaki)

### Handbooks



Lion



Tiger



Wolf



Bear



Webelos



Arrow of Light



Scouts BSA for Boys



Scouts BSA for Girls

Cub Scout **Pack #**

Cub Scout Den #

Scouts BSA **Troop #**

Den Leader

Phone #

Patrol Name

Cubmaster

Phone #

Troop Leader

Shirt Size

Pant Size

Phone #



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