



WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE!

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W. D. Boyce Council

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Welcome to Scouting!

This booklet will help launch your adventure as a Scouting family. We offer a wide variety of programs and new opportunities for you and your child to explore. From camping, pack activities and den adventures, your family will experience so much that you'll want to share your love of #Scouting to everyone you know! *(And we love that for you!)*

Other things we want you to know:

- *First and foremost, have fun!*
- Cub Scouts supports boys and girls from kindergarten to the fifth grade.
- The Cub Scout motto is "Do Your Best!" We have fun while learning and participating in exciting activities!
- We will be building outstanding citizens of the world who live the Scout Law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.
- We will be learning how to do this together. If you are new to Scouting, you will learn and grow with the program, as many before you have done.
- Offer your skills. Whether you are musical, a hiker, a great organizer, a business person, a geocacher, a cook or whatever, your talents are invaluable to this pack.
- Please share news of your Scouting adventures with friends and family.

As a parent and adult leader, I enjoyed seeing the learning opportunities my Scouts were provided. From Pinewood Derbies and Cub Scout Day Camp to outdoor camping and high adventure, it was all great fun!

I personally have enjoyed the learning opportunities over the years, which includes leadership skills training and a chance to build lifelong friendships.

Enjoy your time with your Scout and participate every chance you get as a family. This time will go fast. Your Scout will be out of the nest before you know it!

Yours in Scouting,

Roberta Hudson
Council Commissioner



SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER



A TYPICAL YEAR IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS...

Approximately

MEMBERSHIP

Cub Scouts (6-10 years olds)	2,187
Scouts BSA (11-18 years old)	1,272
Venturers (14-21 years olds, co-ed)	206
Explorers (14-21 years olds, co ed)	22

<i>Total Youth</i>	<i>3,532</i>
<i>Adult Volunteers</i>	<i>1,800</i>
<i>Paid Staff</i>	<i>11</i>

SERVICE PROJECTS & HOURS

Service Projects	2039
Service Hours	10,394
Eagle Service Projects	100
Eagle Service Hours	11,258
Total Service Hours	20,275

ADVANCEMENT

Lion	93
Bobcat	422
Tiger	198
Wolf	171
Bear	196
Webelos	167
Arrow of Light	132

All Scouts BSA Advancement*	993
*Includes 100 Eagle Scouts	

<i>Total Advancements</i>	<i>2,274</i>
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CAMP ATTENDANCE

Cub Scout Day Camp	327
Cub Scout Resident Camp	203
Scouts BSA Resident Camp	816
Cache Lake, Canada	208
High Adventure, USA	80
Fall Camporee	825

<i>Total Camp Attendance</i>	<i>2,459</i>
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YOUR TEAM, YOUR PACK

PURPOSEFUL FUN

SKILLS FOR SCOUTS, SKILLS FOR FAMILIES






Scouting is about teaching our children helpful skills that will last a lifetime in a fun, safe environment. As parents, we can help the next generation get a head start in life by learning self-confidence, ethics, citizenship, and leadership. Actively involving yourself as a leader in Scouting is a great way to bond with your child and make memories that will last a lifetime.

BENEFITS FOR SCOUTS:

-  Try new things
-  Learn new skills
-  Build confidence
-  Learn to be a leader
-  Build friendships



BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES:

-  Family bonding
-  Learn leadership skills
-  Get involved in your community
-  Online training and workshops
-  Convenient and fun!

What are Packs & Dens?

A "pack" is the term used in Scouting to describe a group of Cub Scouts. Every pack has a number to identify them within our council. Each "den" is a part of the pack. Dens include Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light. Each corresponds with the school grade of the Scout, starting with Lions in kindergarten.

Opportunities to Help

Every pack needs adult volunteers and leaders. Parents who volunteer benefit from the experience, and they set a positive example for their children. They believe in the program and experience it with their kids and the other Cub Scouts in the pack. They join the leaders who work together to bring the Cub Scout experience to our community. Whether as a Den Leader, Committee member or just helping out when asked, there are many important ways you can be involved and make a real difference!

Chartered Organizations

Every pack has a Chartered Organization which establishes the unit, provides for meeting space, and guides the program of activities to support their own goals and objectives. The Chartered Organization may be a place of worship, school or other group that shares a belief and interest in Scouting principles. The pack has a Committee Chair and Committee who work in turn with the Chartered Organization's representative to coordinate Scouting activities.

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.



Sign



Shake



Salute

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

- **Trustworthy**
- **Loyal**
- **Helpful**
- **Friendly**
- **Courteous**
- **Kind**
- **Obedient**
- **Cheerful**
- **Thrifty**
- **Brave**
- **Clean**
- **Reverent**



Cub Scout Grade Level Program

Advancement & Adventure

The Advancement Trail

Cub Scout activities are centered around earning badges specific to each school grade level. The badge represents a rank. Advancement refers to the progress a Cub Scout makes toward their badge of rank.

Adventures

Based on different topics such as hiking, nature, science, citizenship, first aid, sports, and more, adventures are earned as a Cub Scout advances toward their badge of rank.

Once an adventure is completed, a Cub Scout receives recognition in the form of an adventure loop or adventure pin.

**DO
YOUR
BEST**

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Moving Forward Together...

Your child's Cub Scout adventure begins in their grade when they join. There's no "going back" to catch up, so it's never "too late to join!" Cub Scouts move forward each year with peers in their grade, so the bonds of friendship are formed and strengthened as they grow and experience Cub Scouting together!

...To Arrow of Light and Scouts BSA

In 5th Grade, Cub Scouts can earn the Arrow of Light rank, preparing them for Scouts BSA. That's the traditional Scouting experience where boys and girls, ages 11-17, can have their share of adventure in the great outdoors. They develop a love of service by volunteering in their community, develop leadership skills through fun and exciting challenges, and create memories of a lifetime.



The highest Scouts BSA rank, Eagle Scout, requires hard work, dedication, and leadership. An Eagle Scout proves their character and leadership by making a positive impact in their own life, family, and community.

What's My Role As A Parent?

The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your child is to ***work with them*** on their Cub Scouting adventures as they work toward their badge of rank. The Cub Scout handbook is full of age-appropriate activities, many of which you can do together at home. Den meetings are also designed for Cub Scouts to complete adventures that are required for them to earn their badge of rank.

When you have completed a requirement at home, make sure your Den Leader is informed so that they can properly record it and your child can be recognized for their achievements.

Your role as a parent is the secret to a successful Cub Scouting program!



**MAKE
MEMORIES
WITH YOUR
CHILD THAT
WILL LAST A
LIFETIME!**

SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Adults With 5 Years of Scouting Compared To Those Without:

Graduate from college	34% vs 19%
Higher annual household incomes	\$80,000 vs \$61,000
Attend religious services	87% vs 77%
Value family relationships highly	81% vs 72%
Vote in elections	47% vs 29%

If you could give one gift to the young people who are most important in your life, what would it be? No matter your family situation, it is within your power to help your child grow to adulthood with a good feeling about themselves and a genuine concern for others. Cub Scouts can assist you in providing this greatest gift of all.

Children ages 5-10 benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a Den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade. With a sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others.

As a parent, you want to know the groups your child joins teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath & Scout Law.

**We know kids don't join Scouting for character building.
Kids join because it's fun!**

Cub Scouts learn great lessons, but they have too much fun to notice.

TOO BUSY FOR SCOUTING? NEVER!

Scouting Goes Hand in Hand with a Busy Life

Scouting is a year-round program, allowing kids to participate in multiple youth programs. They can come and go as their schedules allow - understanding that some work may have to be done outside of meetings to stay on track for advancement.

We endorse involvement in sports, church, school, fine arts and any other activity that helps young people develop character and life skills.

Scouting will be here when they get back if they have to leave for a bit.

Youth Protection

Scouting America takes every opportunity to train our Leaders. It begins with Youth Protection Training. Youth Protection Training is the most important training that a leader can take.

It provides the fundamentals, the knowledge and know how to recognize signs of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, as well as bullying and hazing. Youth protection training also arms leaders with the reporting information, as well as contacts and the Scouts First Helpline.

Youth Protection Training is required for ALL registered leaders, and must be completed every two years. Parents can also take this training online, so they understand the safety rules in place in Scouting.



The “Protect Yourself Rules”

Scouting America is committed to creating safe environments for Scouts and leaders. Child abuse is an uncomfortable topic but an important one for us to cover to ensure the safety and well-being of our Scouts.

Scouting America has partnered with subject-matter experts from the Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center Foundation to present the “Protect Yourself Rules” that help children recognize, respond to, and report abuse.



WHY SCOUTS SELL POPCORN...

And Your Child Should, Too!

- Packs earn a commission with every sale.
- Over 70% of proceeds “stay local” to support Scouting in our area.
- Scouts can earn their way to summer camp.
- Scouts build confidence, gain communication skills, and more.
- It’s a “turn-key, no up-front money, order what you’ll sell” fundraiser.
- Every sale helps Scouts earn points towards Amazon Gift Cards.
- Scouts can sell at storefronts, door-to-door, and on-line.
- It’s been a proven fundraiser for Scouts for over 30 years.

Scouts can earn their own way in Scouting with only ONE fundraiser a year.

POPCORN HELPS PAY FOR THE ADVENTURE!



REINVESTING IN SCOUTING MAKES SENSE:

Revenues received from popcorn sales by the W. D. Boyce Council return directly to support Scouting in Central Illinois:

- Sales incentives for Scouts, *including free summer camp*
- Physical improvements at Ingersoll Scout Reservation near London Mills
- Expanded program opportunities
- Operation of Scout Service Centers
- Volunteer development & staff support

ADVENTURES LEAD TO EVERY

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 ND Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence
  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures

CUB SCOUT BADGE OF RANK

 <p>BEAR 3RD Grade</p>	 <p>WEBELOS 4TH Grade</p>	 <p>ARROW OF LIGHT 5TH Grade</p>
 <p>BOBCAT Character/Leadership</p>	 <p>BOBCAT Character/Leadership</p>	 <p>BOBCAT Character/Leadership</p>
 <p>BEAR HABITAT Outdoors</p>	 <p>WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors</p>	 <p>OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors</p>
 <p>BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness</p>	 <p>STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness</p>	 <p>PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness</p>
 <p>PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship</p>	 <p>MY COMMUNITY Citizenship</p>	 <p>CITIZENSHIP Citizenship</p>
 <p>STANDING TALL Personal Safety</p>	 <p>MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid</p>	 <p>FIRST AID Safety/First Aid</p>
 <p>FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence</p>	 <p>MY FAMILY Family/Reverence</p>	 <p>DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence</p>
 <p>2 Elective Adventures</p>	 <p>2 Elective Adventures</p>	 <p>2 Elective Adventures</p>

SOME THINGS ARE WORTH WRITING DOWN...

These Are Some of Them!

My child is in Pack _____, which meets at _____ (location)
at _____ (time) on _____ (day and week of month).

My child is in Den _____, which meets at _____ (location)
at _____ (time) on _____ (day of week).

Our pack's chartered organization is _____.

We are in the _____ District of the W.D. Boyce Council.

Our Leaders

Name

Phone

Email

Den Leader _____

Cubmaster _____

Committee Chair _____

My Child Knows These Friends in Our Pack/Den:

Our Cub Launch Event Takes Place:

Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

HAVE A QUESTION? NEED A UNIFORM?

We Can Help!

There are professional staff at our Council's Scout Service Center who can help, or get you in touch with someone who can. Plus, our Scout Shop can set you up with uniforms, books and other great Scouting gear! Check our website or call ahead to check our hours.

Scout Service Center
614 NE Madison Avenue
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Office: (309) 673-6136
Scout Shop: (309) 497-1327

<https://wdboyce.org/service-center/>

ONLINE RESOURCES

Looking for more information? We've got you covered, starting with a special welcome page for new Scouting parents. Just scan the QR code to the right!

From event details to advance information on summer camp and other adventures, plus opportunities to volunteer and support Scouting financially, you'll find those things and more on our web site. And be sure to follow our Facebook page for news and highlights from around the council, and our YouTube channel for great videos! The Scouting America site is also full of useful information.

Council Website: wdboyce.org

Facebook: [wdboycebsa](https://www.facebook.com/wdboycebsa)

YouTube: [wdboycecouncil138](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDboycecouncil138)

Scouting America: scouting.org



WELCOME PARENTS!



SHARE THEIR LOVE OF #SCOUTING

Scouts do stuff.

They build things. Make friends and work together. Set goals and achieve them. They go places. These life-changing experiences—and the confidence they provide—form a foundation that lets them embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles. For the parents, it's not a question of where their Scout will go, but where won't they go. Scouting helps boys and girls move from their best "right now" self to their best future self.

Scouting is the most fun when shared with friends.

Let others know what adventures await them in Scouting. Your new Scout can earn the Recruiter Strip for having a friend join. Have them scan the QR code to the right and invite them to join you at an event!



JOIN TODAY



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