

GETTING STARTED - BOBCAT TRAIL

EVERY CUB SCOUT STARTS HERE

More details can be found in your son's Cub Scout Handbook.

1. Learn and say the SCOUT OATH, with help if needed

"I...(name)... promise to 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."

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.

"A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

3. Show the CUB SCOUT SIGN. Tell what it means.

The two extended fingers stand for the parts of the Cub Scout Promise, "to help other people" and "to obey." They also stand for the two alert ears of a wolf. This is the sign of Cub Scouts all over the world.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

4. Show the CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE. Tell what it means.

The handshake signifies that those who use it help others and obey the Law of the Pack.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

5. Say the CUB SCOUT MOTTO, "Do Your Best". Tell what it means.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

6. Give the CUB SCOUT SALUTE. Tell what it means.

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.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide-Bobcat Requirements."

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials



A PARENT'S GUIDE

HOW CUB SCOUTS ARE ORGANIZED

BSA (National): Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in K-5th grade and is one of five programs for youth offered by the Boy Scouts of America, which serves the entire United States, its territories and citizens living overseas.

Council: The National Council charters nearly 300 local Scout Councils to administer Scouting on a local level. The Bay Area Council has a full time staff that oversees the Scouting programs, plans camps, activities, enforces BSA policy, recruits and trains volunteers and operates year round camping facilities.

You are part of the **BAY AREA COUNCIL**.

District: Each council divides its area into geographical zones called districts. Each district is led by a team of volunteers that comprise the district committee. Districts also have a team of volunteers called commissioners. Commissioners are resource providers and problem solvers. The district has a full time BSA staff person (District Executive), that supports the district committee and helps the Cub Scout Packs.

You are part of the _____ **DISTRICT**.

Pack: Local councils grant charters to local organizations (churches, civic clubs) to operate a Cub Scout Pack. A Cub Scout pack is usually around 25-50 families and is led by volunteers the Cubmaster and Committee Chairperson. The pack is run by the families in a direct or support role on the committee.

You are part of **PACK** _____ **chartered to the** _____

Your Cubmaster is _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Den: Scouts in a pack are assigned to a den by grade; dens are 6-10 boys or girls, K= Lions, 1 st grade = Tigers, 2nd grade = Wolves, 3rd grade = Bears, 4th & 5th Webelos. Each den is *led* by volunteers, the Den Leader and Assistant Den Leaders. The den is *run* by the families in a direct or support role on the committee.

You are part of the _____ **den**.

Your Den Leader is _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A NEW SCOUTING FAMILY

This simple checklist should help you settle into your new Cub Scout Pack. If these things do not happen, PLEASE call your Den Leader, Cubmaster or the Council Service Center to ask for assistance at (409) 744-5206.

WEEKS 1 & 2

- Join pack, submit application
- Purchase Cub Scout Handbook
- Go online to BeAScout.org/Welcome; watch the video and read the information
- Contact your friends & family about buying popcorn to support your Scouting year
- Receive welcome phone call/e-mail from Pack and/or Council
- Attend Parent's Orientation
- Receive schedule of meetings/activities for the school year
- Attend firstdenmeeting
- Complete the child safety activity with your son from the front of your handbook
- Begin working on the Bobcat Badge (in your handbook)
- Connect online; sign up for E-news at www.bacbsa.org and find us on facebook.com/BayAreaCouncilBSA.

WEEKS 3 & 4

- Attend second den meeting
- Attend first pack meeting
- Attend first camping trip/outdoor activity
- Purchase Cub Scout uniform shirt

WEEKS 5 & 6

- Attend weekly/biweekly den meetings
- Receive Bobcat Badge at pack meeting
- Attend second outdoor activity

POPCORN = PROGRAM & FUN

To minimize program costs, we ask families to participate in two quick product sales per year.

In the fall our Scouts sell popcorn, over 72% of the sale price supports Scouting with up to 33% going directly to your pack to pay for patches, badges, pins and awards. Many packs use the proceeds to pay for pinewood derby cars, the Blue & Gold banquet and membership fees. You can get started right now!