



LAS VEGAS AREA COUNCIL

CUB SCOUT PACK 555
Parent
orientation Guide



WHERE CHARACTER COUNTS AND
THE TRAIL TO EAGLE BEGINS!



PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING



CUB SCOUT PACKS serve BOYS WHO are in FIRST THROUGH FIFTH grade (generally 7-11 years of age). BOYS, FAMILIES, LEADERS, and CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS WORK TOGETHER TO achieve the PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING.

THE TEN PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING are:

- ✓ CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT
 - ✓ SPIRITUAL GROWTH
 - ✓ GOOD CITIZENSHIP
 - ✓ SPORTSMANSHIP
- ✓ FAMILY UNDERSTANDING
- ✓ RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
- ✓ PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS
 - ✓ FRIENDLY SERVICE
 - ✓ FUN AND ADVENTURE
- ✓ PREPARATION FOR BOY SCOUTS



THE PURPOSE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AS INCORPORATED ON FEBRUARY 8, 1910, AND CHARTERED BY CONGRESS IN 1916, IS TO PROVIDE FOR BOYS AND YOUNG ADULTS AN EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO BUILD DESIRABLE QUALITIES OF MORAL STRENGTH AND CHARACTER, TO DEVELOP FITNESS, AND TO TRAIN IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP.

SINCE 1930, YOUNGER BOYS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CUB SCOUTS IN A YEAR-ROUND, HOME-CENTERED PROGRAM THAT HELPS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY. CUB SCOUTING (WHICH INCLUDES TIGER CUBS, CUB SCOUTS, AND WEBELOS SCOUTS) IS THE LARGEST OF THE BSA'S PROGRAM PHASES. THE OTHER PHASES ARE BOY SCOUTING (WHICH INCLUDES VARSITY SCOUTING) AND VENTURING (WHICH INCLUDES SEA SCOUTS).

your son, SCOUTING, and you...

an aid to parents

as a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical and mental fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values. We know that boys do not join Scouting to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

The Cub Scout Pack

The pack is a group made up of several dens -- Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout dens. Most packs have a den for each grade level. The pack is led by a Cubmaster during the pack meeting. The Cubmaster leads pack meetings with games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges which the boys earned that month. The pack meets once a month on the third Thursday, unless otherwise directed by the calendar.

Tiger Cub Dens - 1st Grade

Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share

Tiger Cubs is a fun program that introduces first-grade boys and their adult partners to the excitement of Cub Scouting as they "search, discover, and share" together.

The Tiger Cub Den

Tiger Cubs are organized into Tiger Cub dens, which usually consist of five to eight boys and their adult partners. Each week the Tiger Cub den comes together for an activity built around the "big idea" that has been selected by the den. Leadership of the den meetings is shared among the adult partners with guidance from the Tiger Cub den leader.



The Tiger Cub den also attends the monthly Cub Scout pack meeting. At the end of the school year, in May or June, Tiger Cubs graduate and become part of a Cub Scout den.



Cub Scout Dens - 2nd and 3rd Grades

Cub Scouts are 8- or 9-year-old boys who are in the second or third grade. Cub Scout den meetings are run by an adult den leader with the help of an assistant den leader and a boy scout den chief. Meeting activities are planned around monthly themes and include playing games, making handicrafts, taking hikes and other outdoor activities, and taking part in simple ceremonies and songs. Sometimes work on advancement requirements is included. When they complete the third grade (or reach age 10), the boys graduate to a Webelos Scout den.

Webelos Den - 4th and 5th Grades

Webelos, which stands for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts", is a program for boys who are 10 years old and have completed the third grade. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop. As a Webelos Scout completes the requirements found in the Webelos Scout book, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout joining requirements -- all leading to the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light award.



TIGER CUBS – 1ST Grade

THE TIGER CUB PROGRAM IS FOR FIRST-GRADE (OR AGE 7) BOYS AND THEIR ADULT PARTNERS. THERE ARE FIVE TIGER CUB ACHIEVEMENT AREAS. THE TIGER CUB, WORKING WITH HIS ADULT PARTNER, COMPLETES 15 REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THESE AREAS TO EARN THE TIGER CUB BADGE. THESE REQUIREMENTS CONSIST OF AN EXCITING SERIES OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES JUST RIGHT FOR A BOY IN THE FIRST GRADE.



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.



BOBCAT

ALL BOYS, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY START CUB SCOUTING, EARN THE BOBCAT BADGE FIRST. THEY LEARN THE CUB SCOUT PROMISE, LAW OF THE PACK, HANDSHAKE, SALUTE, SIGN, MOTTO, AND MEANING OF "WEBELOS." AFTER RECEIVING THE BOBCAT BADGE, EACH BOY WORKS ON REQUIREMENTS BASED ON HIS GRADE LEVEL.



Bear – 3RD Grade

A CUB SCOUT WHO HAS COMPLETED SECOND-GRADE (OR IS AGE 9), WORKS TO COMPLETE 12 OF 24 ACHIEVEMENTS TO EARN THE BEAR BADGE. AFTER HE EARNS HIS BEAR BADGE, A BOY MAY WORK ON ELECTIVES IN DIFFERENT INTEREST AREAS UNTIL HE IS OLD ENOUGH TO BEGIN WORK ON THE WEBELOS RANK. AS WITH THE WOLF BADGE, FOR EVERY 10 ELECTIVES A BOY COMPLETES, HE EARNS AN ARROW POINT. A BOY MAY EARN AS MANY ARROW POINTS AS HE CAN.



WOLF – 2ND Grade

A CUB SCOUT WHO HAS COMPLETED FIRST GRADE (OR IS AGE 8), WORKS ON 12 ACHIEVEMENTS TO EARN THE WOLF BADGE. AFTER HE EARNS HIS WOLF BADGE, A BOY MAY WORK ON ELECTIVES IN DIFFERENT INTEREST AREAS UNTIL HE IS OLD ENOUGH TO BEGIN WORK ON THE BEAR RANK.



WEBELOS – 4TH AND 5TH Grade

WHEN A CUB SCOUT HAS COMPLETED THE THIRD GRADE (OR BECOMES 10 YEARS OLD), HE TRANSFERS TO A WEBELOS DEN, LED BY AN ADULT WEBELOS LEADER. THE BOY WORKS ON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WEBELOS BADGE, 20 ACTIVITY BADGES, AND THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD (THE HIGHEST AWARD IN CUB SCOUTING). CAMPING AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WEBELOS PROGRAM. TYPICALLY, IN MARCH OR APRIL OF THE WEBELOS SCOUT'S 5TH GRADE YEAR, HE GRADUATES FROM CUB SCOUTING INTO THE ADVENTURE OF BOY SCOUTING AT AN IMPRESSIVE GRADUATION CEREMONY WITH HIS PACK AND BOY SCOUT TROOP 555.



ARROW POINTS

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THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION FRIENDS & FAMILY OF NORTH STAR SCOUTS BEGAN WITH TROOP 555 IN 2005 AS PART OF LARGER SCOUTING FAMILY SERVING BOYS AGED 7 THRU 21. THE FOUNDING LEADERSHIP OF PACK, TROOP, AND CREW 555, AND NOW PACK 500, WERE AND ARE TRAINED VETERANS WHO CAME FROM OTHER SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING VENTURES IN THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY AND ELSEWHERE. THE NEW UNITS WERE FORMED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE AND COHESIVE SCOUTING FAMILY, PLACING THE EMPHASIS ON THE SCOUTING PROGRAM AND ALL IT BRINGS TO OUR YOUNG MEN.

ROLES

Committee Chair

THE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S ROLE IS TO OVERSEE ALL ASPECTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP OF PACK 555. THIS PERSON COORDINATES WITH THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THAT THE UNIT REMAINS ON TRACK WITH BSA AND CHARTERED ORGANIZATION RULES, POLICIES, AND OBJECTIVES.

Committee members

ALL PARENTS ARE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY PACK LEADERS' MEETING TO HELP PLAN PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES.

Cubmaster

CONDUCTS MONTHLY PACK MEETING; AIDS DEN LEADERS BY COORDINATING MONTHLY PROGRAM FOR ALL LEADERS, AND HE TYPICALLY LEADS THE MONTHLY PACK LEADERS' MEETING.

Parent Helpers

ASSIST PACK AND/OR DEN WITH SPECIFIC PROJECTS AS NEEDED BY THE LEADERS. ALL PARENTS HELP THEIR SONS WITH ADVANCEMENT. REVIEW CHAPTER 18, "ADVANCEMENT," OF THE CUB SCOUT LEADER BOOK, NO. 33221a, AND THE INDIVIDUAL BOY BOOKS FOR TIGER CUBS AND WOLF CUB, BEAR CUB, AND WEBELOS SCOUTS.

Tiger Cub Den Leader

COORDINATES SHARED LEADERSHIP AMONG THE TIGER CUB ADULT PARTNERS. THIS ENSURES DEN MEETINGS AND OUTINGS ARE PLANNED, PREPARED FOR, AND CONDUCTED BY ALL ADULT PARTNERS ON A ROTATING BASIS AND DEN ACTIVITIES PROVIDE ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BOYS IN THE DEN. SERVES AS DEN HOST FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AT PACK MEETINGS.

Cub Scout Den Leader

MEETS WEEKLY FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH A DEN OF SIX TO EIGHT BOYS. DEN MEETING IS HELD IN DEN LEADER'S HOME, A CHURCH, OR OTHER SUITABLE PLACE. THE DEN LEADER DETERMINES TIME, DAY, AND LOCATION OF DEN MEETING THAT IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR HIM OR HER. ATTENDS MONTHLY PACK LEADERS' MEETING.

Webelos Den Leader

SAME AS CUB SCOUT DEN LEADER EXCEPT WORKS WITH OLDER WEBELOS SCOUTS. ENCOURAGES PERIODIC PARENT/SON OVERNIGHT CAMPOUTS. ATTENDS MONTHLY PACK LEADERS' MEETING. WORKS CLOSELY WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP 555 LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL CROSSOVERS.

Chartered Organization

THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION, FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NORTH STAR SCOUTS, IS MADE UP OF CONCERNED PARENTS LIKE YOU. IT HELPS PACK 555 BY PROVIDING TRAINING, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND OTHER SUPPORT AS NEEDED BY THE UNIT.

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST?

Program fee: \$100 annually (paid to "TROOP 555")

THIS FEE INCLUDES: 1 YEAR REGISTRATION TO BSA, BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION, DERBY CAR, A PACK T-SHIRT AND GRADUATION COMPONENTS IN MAY (INCLUDES UNIFORM AND BOOK COMPONENTS FOR NEXT RANK).

PACK 555 REQUIRES THE FULL CLASS-A CUB SCOUT UNIFORM EXCEPT FOR THE PANTS AND SOCKS. FOR PANTS WE RECOMMEND SOMETHING DURABLE SUCH AS JEANS, ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM PANTS ARE FINE IF DESIRED. IN ADDITION WE HAVE OUR OWN CLASS-B UNIFORM COMPONENTS, WHICH INCLUDE T-SHIRTS, AND ALSO THE TROOP 555 HAT FOR SECOND YEAR WEBELOS. UNIFORMS CAN OFTEN BE PURCHASED AT THRIFT SHOPS, EBAY, OR EXCHANGES WITH PARENTS, BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY NEW AT WWW.ScoutStuff.org OR THE LVAC SERVICE CENTER.

PLEASE REFER TO THE PRICE LIST FLYER FROM LAS VEGAS AREA COUNCIL FOR THE CURRENT PRICE LIST FOR YOUR SON'S UNIFORM COMPONENTS.

ITEMS MARKED '555' CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PACK. SEE A LEADER FOR DETAILS.

MANY COMPONENTS, LIKE BELTS AND SHIRTS ARE RE-USED FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

THE *Las Vegas Area Council Trading Post* IS LOCATED AT 7220 S. PARADISE RD, LAS VEGAS, 89119, AND IS FREEWAY ACCESSIBLE FROM THE BELTWAY OFF THE WARM SPRINGS EXIT. HOURS ARE 9A-5:15P MON, TUES, THURS, FRI; 9A-7P WEDNESDAYS, AND 10A-4P SATURDAYS. CALL THEM AT 702-736-4366.

Programs

Day camp

exciting summertime activity that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run five days in a local park.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

a national food drive held to benefit local food banks. Part of our program is to help the hungry. This event takes place in November, so watch for details.



Boys' Life

BOYS' LIFE magazine

a magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and US history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The monthly magazine is provided as part of your son's annual program fee.

PINWOOD DERBY

one of our premier events of the year, held in January, is the parent/son project that builds a race car made from a block of wood. There are rules and specifics concerning the construction of the cars. Be there the night of the big race!



Blue and Gold Banquet

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting, held during our February pack meeting.

JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

COLOR US!

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BALOO

YOUR PICTURE

**FOLLOW THE TRAIL
TO BALOO'S HOME!**

START

NOTES:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (HOLD ON TO THIS)

- MY COUNCIL IS Las Vegas area council (#328)
- MY DISTRICT IS NORTH STAR
- MY PACK IS PACK 555
- MY PACK WEBSITE AND CALENDAR: WWW.PACK555.US
- ON FACEBOOK: LVAC CUB SCOUT PACK 555
- CHECKS are made PAYABLE TO: TROOP 555
- MY PACK MEETINGS START AT 6:30PM THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT IMAGINE SCHOOL, IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.
- MY DEN MEETINGS are HELD WEEKLY AT MY DEN LEADER'S HOME.

my Den Leader IS: _____

my Den Leader's PHONE: _____

my Den Leader's e-mail: _____

my Den meeting NIGHT IS: _____