

# Cub Pack Leadership & Parent Toolkit

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Your Pack's Key 3 (Cubmaster, Committee Chair and Charter Organization representative) along with your unit Commissioner are committed to providing a quality Scouting experience to the Scouts and Scouters of your unit.

To help your unit deliver a quality program, the BSA has generated an array of useful information for the Committee and Parents which is posted on the BSA national website: <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/CubScouts.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/CubScouts.aspx</a>

This guideline provides hyperlinks to basic information about the Cub Scout program and highlights what Scouters and Parents should know to enable or maintain their Pack in being a high performing unit. We encourage the Pack's Key 3 to work closely with their Unit Commissioner to monitor and manage their performance.



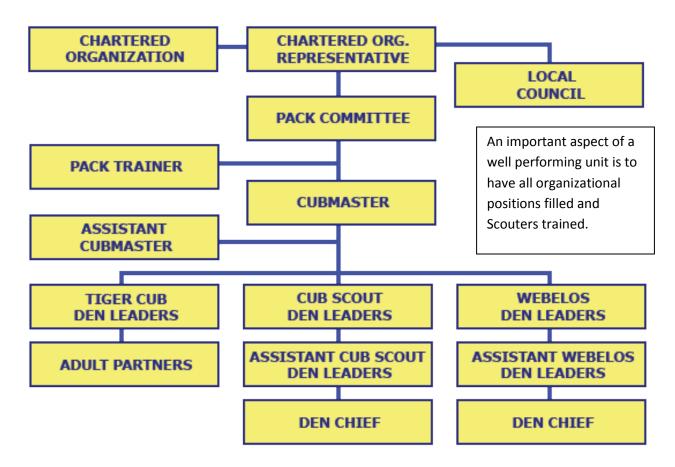
This page from <a href="https://www.scouting.org">www.scouting.org</a> provides key information about the Cub Scout program and Scouting in general.

We encourage you to use these resources in addition to advice from your Unit Commissioner and Council office to help your unit deliver a quality Scouting program.

Text in blue is generally a link to the BSA national website. Hyperlinks can be accessed when the document is opened using Adobe.



#### **Pack Organization**



<u>Cubmaster:</u> Cub Scouting's volunteer leaders work with boys and their families to improve their communities by enriching the lives of the families who live there. Cub Scout leaders support the family. They take an active part in helping to strengthen families and their boys by providing a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values

Pack Meetings
So You're A New Cubmaster, No. 510-237 
Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide
Pack Meeting Plans

<u>Den Leader</u>: Cub Scouting's volunteer leaders work with boys and their families to improve their communities by enriching the lives of the families who live there. Cub Scout leaders support the family. They take an active part in helping to strengthen families and their boys by providing a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values.

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values



So You're A New Den Leader, No. 510-239 So You're A New Tiger Cub Den Leader, No. 510-233 So You're A new Webelos Leader, No. 510-247 Resources for New Leaders
Cub Scouts Academics and Sports Program
Den Meetings
Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide

<u>Pack Committee</u>: Cub Scouting's volunteer leaders work with boys and their families to improve their communities by enriching the lives of the families who live there. Cub Scout leaders support the family. They take an active part in helping to strengthen families and their boys by providing a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values.

The Cub Scout Pack - An Organizational Chart
The Pack Trainer Blue and Gold Banquets
District and Council Activities
Unit Awards
Newsletter, Poster, and Calendar Templates
Planning Your Annual Pack Budget, No-510-273 Pack Operating Budget Worksheet PDF Pack Excel
Newsletter, Poster, and Calendar Templates
So You're a New Pack Committee Member, No. 510-240 Pack Trainer's EDGE Creating a Training Culture
Staffing the District Committee (Log in to MyScouting to take this course online)
Chartered Organization Representative Fast Start

ScoutParents Unit Coordinator Fast Start 

✓ (Log in to MyScouting to take

this course online)

Cub Scout Parent Information Guide, No. 520-259 🔑

Selecting Cub Scout Leadership, No. 510-500

Cub Scout Pack Newsletter and Calendar Templates

Outdoor Events for New Cub Scouts, No. 510-299

National Summertime Pack Award, No. 33748A 🔑

# **All Leaders**

Purposes and Methods of Cub Scouting The Cub Scout Pack - An Organizational Chart History of Cub Scouting



Guide to Safe Scouting

The Language of Scouting

Brand Identity Guide 🔑

This is Scouting, No. 511-003

Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities

**Cub Scout Camping** 

Outings and Field Trips

**Cub Scout Derbies** 

Service Projects

**BSA** Insignia Guide

Adult Leader Awards

**Emergency Preparedness BSA** 

Religious Emblems

Scouting for Youth With Disabilities, No. 34059

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values

Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines, No. 510-631

Philmont Training Center E

Philmont Promo Video

What Makes A Trained Leader 🔑

Youth Protection Training Online Course (Log in to MyScouting to take this course online) 

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Generational Diversity

**Teaching Leaving No Trace** 

Hazardous Weather (Log in to MyScouting to take this course online)

Ideas for Connecting Core Values with Outdoor Activities, No. 510-097

Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide

Scouting Magazine

Forms and Resources

#### **Parents**

In Cub Scouting, boys and their families have fun and adventure in a program that builds character and instills values. Cub Scouting embraces the values of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility. These values come to boys in all parts of the Cub Scout program - all while they're having a great time with their friends and families.

These hyperlinks
will take you to
supporting
information on
leadership
positions, the role
of the leaders or
parent's guide.



#### **Values**

#### Prepared. For Life.

New Parent BSA Insignia Guide Orientation ☑ Youth Literature

History of Cub Age Appropriate Guidelines for

Scouting Scouting Activities Chart

Purposes and Service Projects

Methods Den and Pack Meetings Benefits of Cub Blue and Gold Banquets

Scouting Safely

Cub Scout Values The Advancement Trail

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports Awards

Uniform Other Awards

#### Fun

# **Family Environment**

Family Activities
Your Role as a Parent
Becoming a Leader
The BSA Family

Award

Boys' Life Magazine
Cub Scout Camping
Cub Scout Derbies
Outings and Field

**Trips** 

The BSA Family Activity Book Scouting Magazine

These hyperlinks will take you to supporting information for parents.

# **Joining Cub Scouting**

How old (or young) can a boy be to join Cub Scouting? How can I become an adult volunteer in Cub Scouting? Is there a Cub Scout pack in my area? Is it possible to be a Cub Scout if there is not a pack in my area? Must I be a U.S. citizen to join Cub Scouting?



Are Cub Scouts the same as Boy Scouts? How often do Cub Scouts meet? May parents attend den meetings?

# **Uniform and Supplies**

What supplies and equipment are needed to participate in Cub Scouting? Where can I purchase BSA literature, uniforms, and other program materials? How can I save money on the cost of uniforms and equipment?

#### **Advancement and Awards**

Open hyperlinks for answers

If a boy joins a Bear den, may he go back and earn the Tiger and Wolf badges?

If a boy completes the Wolf badge early, may he begin working on the Bear badge?

May Cub Scouts earn badges such as the 50-Miler Award or Mile Swim, BSA?

When a Cub Scout earns the Arrow of Light, may he immediately join a Boy Scout troop?







Commissioners: Commissioners are district and council leaders who help Scout units succeed. They coach and consult with adult leaders of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews. Commissioners help maintain the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. They also oversee the unit charter renewal plan so that each unit reregisters on time with an optimum number of youth and adult members.

Roles the Commissioner Plays: A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor," teacher, and counselor.



The commissioner is a **friend** of the unit. Of all their roles, this one is the most important. It springs from the attitude, "I care, I am here to help, what can I do for you?" Caring is the ingredient that makes commissioner service successful. He or she is an advocate of unit needs. A commissioner who makes himself known and accepted now will be called on in future times of trouble.

The commissioner is a **representative**. The average unit leader is totally occupied in working with kids. Some have little if any contact with the Boy Scouts of America other than a commissioner's visit to their meeting. To them, the commissioner may be the BSA. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.

The commissioner is a unit "**doctor**." In their role as "doctor," they know that prevention is better than a cure, so they try to see that their units make good "health practices" a way of life. When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.

The commissioner is a **teacher**. As a commissioner, they will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing knowledge with them. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know. That is the best adult learning situation since the lesson is instantly reinforced by practical application of the new knowledge.

The commissioner is a **counselor**. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems. Counseling is the best role when unit leaders don't recognize a problem and where solutions are not clear-cut. Everyone needs counseling from time to time, even experienced leaders.

#### **Annual Program Planning**

 $\underline{http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/PackCommitteeResources/UnitProgramPlanningTools.aspx}$ 



# Sample Calendar

# Cub Scout Pack No. 2013-2014 Calendar

September 2013 MAR 2014				
<b>Date</b> Date	Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat			
Pack Meeting	1			
New Boy Recruiting	2 3 4 5 6 7 8			
	9 10 11 12 13 14 15			
	16 17 18 19 20 21 22			
Pack Meeting	23 24 25 26 27 28 29			
	30 1			
November 2013	APR 2014			
	Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat			
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	6 7 8 9 10 11 12			
December 2013	13 14 15 16 17 18 19			
Pack Meeting	20 21 22 23 24 25 26			
	27 28 29 30			
January 2014	MAY 2014			
Pack Meeting	Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat			
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	18 19 20 21 22 23 24			
	25 26 27 28 29 30 31			
Blue and Gold Banquet				
March 2014	JUNE 2014			
	Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat			
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	8 9 10 11 12 13 14			
<b>April 2014</b>	15 16 17 18 19 20 21			
	22 23 24 25 26 27 28			
Pack Meeting	22 23 24 23 20 27 28			
	Pack Meeting New Boy Recruiting  October 2013 Pack Meeting  November 2013 Pack Meeting  December 2013 Pack Meeting  January 2014			



# **Sample Budget**

Completed Sample					PACK OPERATING BUDGET						
Date budget completed: July 15			July 15	UNIT DETAIL:			Date budget completed:				
		Pack No.:		1234	Cubmaster:				Pack No.		
					Assistant Cubmaster:						
		District:	Su	squehanna	Committee chairperson: Treasurer:				District:		
	Projected No. of	Cub Scouts:		50	Popcorn chairperson:	<u> </u>	Pro	iected No.	of Cub Scouts:		
			10	r opcom onamperson.		Projected No. of Cub Scouts:  Projected No. of registered adults:					
Sample Pack Budget							•		Actual Expense	es	
	Annual	No. of		Total			A	nnual	No. of	Total	
	Cost Per	Scouts/		Unit				ost Per	Cub Scouts/	Unit	
	Scout/Unit	Adults		Cost	PROGRAM EXPENSES:			erson	Adults	Cost	
\$	15.00	60	\$	900.00	Registration fees (1)	Total youth + adults @ \$15 ea.	\$	15.00			
\$	20.00	1	\$	20.00	Unit charter fee (2)	Yearly flat fee @ \$20				\$ 20.00	
\$	12.00	50	\$	600.00	Boys' Life (3)	Total subscriptions @ \$12 ea.	\$	12.00	<u> </u>		
					Advancement (5)	Ideally, 100% of youth included in activity pins, belt loops, ranks,					
\$	12.00	50	\$	600.00	Recognition (5)	etc. (example @ \$12 ea.)					
\$	10.00	50	\$	500.00	Handbooks/neckerchiefs	One for each youth @ \$10 ea.					
\$	10.00	6	\$	60.00	Pack leaders	Thank-yous, veteran awards, etc.					
\$	10.00	50	\$	500.00	Special events (6)	Blue and gold banquet					
\$	8.00	50	\$	400.00		Pinewood derby					
\$	6.00	10	\$	60.00		Graduation					
\$	5.00	50	\$	250.00							
					Special activities (6)	Location					
\$	10.00	50	\$	500.00	Field trip A						
\$	10.00	50	\$	500.00	Field trip B					-	
\$	10.00	50	\$	500.00	Field trip C	<del></del>					
					Camp (7)						
\$	75.00 x	40	= \$	3,000.00	Cub Scout day camp						
\$	145.00 x	15	= \$	2,175.00	Webelos resident camp						
\$	20.00	50	\$	1,000.00	Program materials (8)	Ceremony supplies, bridge crossings, camping items, etc.					
\$	1.00 x	50	= \$	50.00	Reserve fund (11)	Registration scholarships					
\$	0.50 x	50	- \$ = \$	25.00	Other expenses (12)	Contingency funds					
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\$ 18,625.00 \$ 16,125.00				18,625.00	A) TOTAL UNIT BUDGETED	PROGRAM EXPENSES				\$ 20.00	
				16,125.00	C) TOTAL FUNDRAISING N	EED (A minus B)					
					REVENUE (B)				Revenue		
\$	46,071 x Gross Sales (+/- 35% includes	35% Commission s qualifying for all		16,125 <b>Need</b> (ollars)		<b>DGET</b> (Should equal C above) commission percentage and bonuses.)		Need	/ Commission	= Pack Goal	
\$	46.071 /	50 Cub Scouts	= \$	921	POPCORN SALES GOAL P	ER CUB SCOUT			/	=	
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<sup>\*</sup> Many packs include all or a portion of the Cub Scout Resident Camp or Day Camp fee in the annual budget. This helps ensure that all Cub Scouts have the opportunity to attend. Pack budgeting should include payments on time and qualifying for any discou



# Scouting's Journey to Excellence

"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's new council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

#### **Scorecards**

- **2013**
- Council Toolkit for Success

# **Spreadsheets**

- **2013**
- Instructions

# **Support Documents**

- Definitions / Glossary
- Implementation Timing
- What's In It For Me?
- Webinars with Audio
- 2013 JTE Changes <a>
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- How to get unit training statistics for JTE
- ▶ How to pull unit retention from MyBSA

# Frequently Asked Questions

- Unit
- Voice of the Scout (VOS)

# **PowerPoint Slide Decks**

Pack <a>
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#### **Dashboard Information**



- Dashboard Training Slide Deck
- Dashboard Resource Guide
- Journey to Excellence Dashboard Training
- Journey to Excellence Tri-Fold Brochure
- 2013 JTE Dashboard Important Announcement

#### **Service Projects**

- Journey to Excellence Service Hours Information:
  - Service hours website
  - New user instructions
  - Unit Tips for Success
  - Sample Reports
  - Service Hours Worksheet
  - Running Service Hour Reports from ScoutNET

#### Voice of the Scout

- References and Resources
- Campaign Materials
- Training Videos and Presentations
- ScoutNET Email Saturation Tool
- ScoutNET Email Saturation Tool Guide
- Findings and Analysis
- Post Survey Action Tools

### Communications

- JTE Recognitions Memo
- JTE 2012 End of Year <a>
  </a>
- General Overview of VOS (5-10 minute version)
- 2012 JTE Award Form for Units
- 2013 JTE Dashboard Important Announcement

# Strategic Planning Aligned to JTE

Strategic Planning Guides

#### **Pack Deliverable to Council**

Charter renewal, JTE summary, Honor Unit Award requests, President Award nominations and unit representatives to Council committees.



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