



Cub Scout Pack 97

A Guide To Cub Scouts



SCOUT ME IN™

Welcome to Pack 97! This book is designed to be a quick guide to all the intricacies of scouting.

Cub Scout Pack 97 was originally founded in 2002 by families from Holy Family Catholic School and is now chartered through the Capitol Area Council. We meet at Holy Family and we have a strong Catholic identity. We welcome any interested scout – regardless of school or faith – boys or girls – to join the program to be Prepared for Life!

As part of the Pack, you can expect Pack meetings, Den activities, camping outings, volunteering opportunities, and a Pinewood Derby competition to engage scouts with activities related to outdoor skills, STEM, leadership, fitness, reverence, and citizenship. We encourage scouts using the EDGE method (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Experience) in a safe environment where they can try more than once. Scouts are inspired to live up to the Cub Scout Motto – Do Your Best – while building lifelong friendships and having fun along the way.

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History of Scouting

Lieutenant-General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell (B-P) had a very successful military career, specializing in map-making and reconnaissance. From his experiences he wrote "Aids to Scouting". Which gained popularity among young readers, so B-P reworked his book and this became "Scouting for Boys". The book begins with an engaging narrative, highlighting the crucial scouting lesson of "noticing small details and remembering them." From humble beginnings scouting has become a global movement with millions of members in nearly every country around the world.

In 1907, B-P started organizing scouting camps. In 1910, after retiring from the military to focus on scouting, he started Girl Guides with his sister Agnes. Two years later he married and his wife, Olave St Clair Soames, became World Chief Guide and co-founder of the Girl Guides.

Also in 1910, an American entrepreneur, W. D. Boyce traveling in London was aided by one of B-P's scouts. After, he went to the Scout headquarters where he gathered information to bring to America. Many scouting groups have been created, and folded or consolidated.

In 1916, Cub Scouts was started for boys under the age of 11 in England, supported by the publication of the "Wolf Cub's Handbook" and using Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book" as a framework. "Cubbing" was started in America in 1918. This also went through a few versions officially chartering packs in 1930.

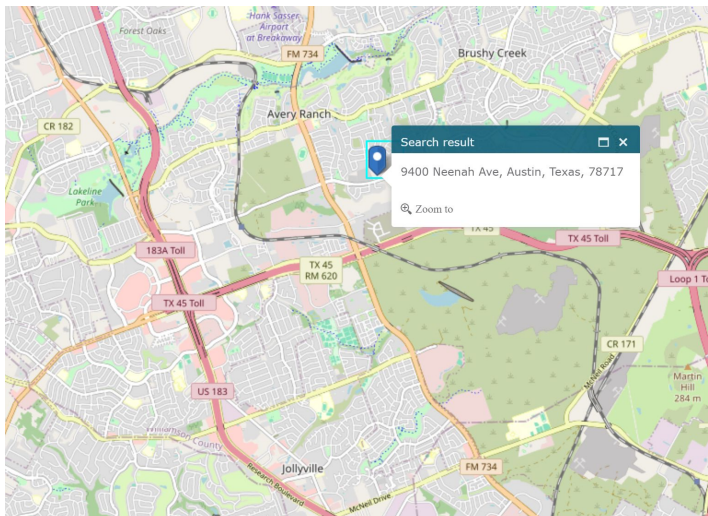
History of Scouting

In 2018, after a long period of deliberation and participant input, the Boy Scouts of America began allowing girls to participate in Cub Scouts. BSA also formally began the Lion program for kindergartners. Along with these changes to the Cub Scout program, girls were able to participate in the Boy Scout program in 2019, and the program changed names to Scouts BSA. Thus making all of the BSA Programs co-ed. These changes increase the opportunities for all children to benefit from the strong programs Scouting offers. To really show its co-ed, as of Feb 8, 2025 the official name is Scouting America.

Cub Scouts is a year-round family program designed for boys and girls who are in kindergarten through fifth grade. Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouts; promote character development, citizenship training, personal fitness, and leadership. As one mother of a cub said, "In scouts they do all those things you want to do with your kids but never find the time to." Currently, Cub Scouts is the largest of the BSA's membership divisions.



Map of main location

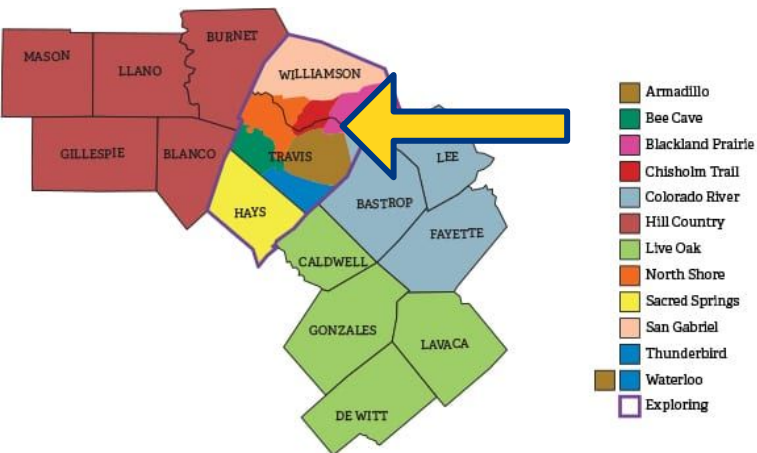


Pack Meetings
1x per Month
Usually 3rd Sunday
3pm-4pm

“A [scout] is not
a sitting-down
animal.” B-P



Our Council



Scouting America is split into various local Councils. Each Council is further subdivided into Districts.

Pack 97 is in the Chisholm Trail District of the Capitol Area Council (CAC).



Commonly Used Acronyms

- ACM – Assistant Cubmaster
- AHMR – Annual Health & Medical Record
- AOL – Arrow of Light
- B-P – Baden-Powell (see page 2)
- CAC – Capitol Area Council (see page 5)
- BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
- BSA – Boy Scouts of America
- CC – Committee Chair
- CM – Cubmaster
- COR – Chartered Organization Representative
- EDGE – Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable
(Training Method used in Scouting)
- GTSS – Guide to Safe Scouting
- JTE – Journey to Excellence (Pack Award)
- LNT – Leave No Trace
- YPT – Youth Protection Training



Cub Scout Organizational Chart

Chartered Organization

Pack Committee

Cubmaster



Lion Den Leader

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AOL Den Leader

Lion Scouts

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AOL Scouts

Kindergarten 1st



Lions



Tigers

2nd



Wolves

3rd



Bears

4th



Webelos

5th



Arrow of Light

★ Webelos: **We'll Be Loyal Scouts**

★ Arrow of Light: AOLs

"Teach Scouts not how to get a living, but how to live." B-P



Bobcat Adventure

Every year each den will do the bobcat as their first adventure. It will go over the basics things every scout needs to know.



Cub Scout Motto

Do your Best!

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.

Cub Sign, Salute, and Handshake



★ Older scouts use 3 fingers for sign, salute, and handshake

“An individual step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.” B-P



Outdoor Essentials and Ethics





Six Scouting Essentials

-  First Aid Kit
-  Water Bottle
-  Sun Cover

-  Food
-  Emergency Whistle
-  Flashlight

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:

-  Be clean in my outdoor manners.
-  Be careful with fire.
-  Be considerate in the outdoors.
-  Be conservation minded.

Leave No Trace - Seven Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

“Try and leave this world a little better than you found it.” B-P



Lion to Bear Uniforms

Class A

Grade K-4

Cub Scouts

◆
Neckerchief
& Slide
(provided by Pack)



Uniform
Shirt

Belt for
loops ★

◆ Hat
(Optional)

Pants /
Shorts / Skort



Optional Lion Uniform



Class B



◆ Changes with each rank

★ Loops awarded after activity completed

“Smartness in uniform and correctness in detail may seem a small matter, but has its value in the development of self-respect.” B-P

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Tiger to Bear Sleeve



Meeting Dress Checklist

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pants & Belt  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woggle/Slide  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes  |

Webelos to AOL Uniforms

Class A

Grade 4-5

Webelos

Neckerchief
& Slide



Hat
(Optional)

Uniform
Shirt



Belt



WEBELOS

Class B

Webelos Colors
for pins ★

Pants/Shorts



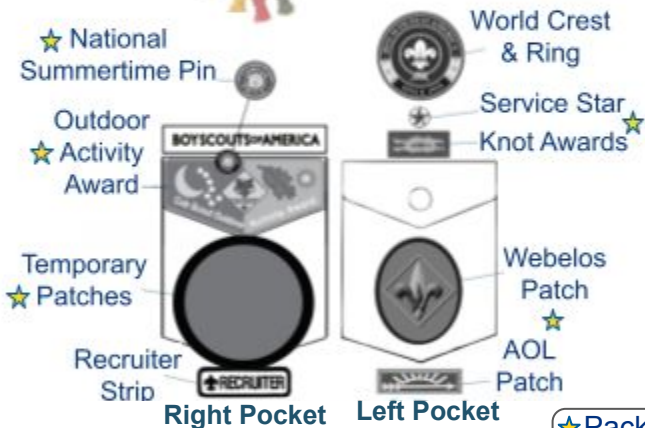
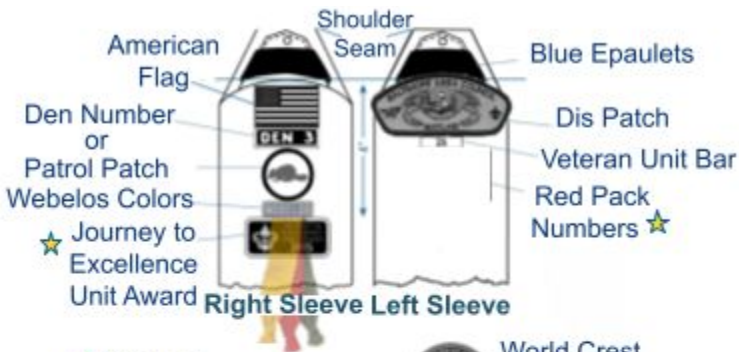
★ Pins awarded after activity completed

“The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country.” B-P

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Webelos to AOL Sleeve



★ Pack provided

Meeting Dress Checklist

- Shirt 
- Neckerchief 
- Woggle/Slide 
- Hat 
- Pants & Belt 
- Shoes 

Flag Ceremony

Narrator	Action
Color guard, attention. Will the audience please rise?	Pause to give the audience time to stand up.
Color guard, advance. Scout salute.	Scouts carry US & Pack flags walking by twos. Remember: color guard don't salute & U.S. flag is taller. In Uniform: salute, else: hand on heart.
Color guard, post the colors.	Guards place the flags in the stands and salute the American flag.
Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.	Everyone except the color guard says the Pledge.
Two.	Everyone drops their salute.
Color guard dismissed.	The color guard walks to the back of the room.

"If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk." B-P



Songs of Scouts

Below are some songs we sing throughout scouts and chants from camp. We also love doing skits, which are usually created by the scouts and are very important to the learning process.

Scout Vesper Song

Tune: "O Tannenbaum"

Softly falls the light of day, While our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask: "Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright? Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared everything to be prepared?"

Scout Vesper Song (Funny Version)

Tune: "O Tannenbaum"

Softly falls the rain today, as our campsite floats away.
Silently each Scout should ask: "Have I brought my
scuba mask?"
Have I tied my tent flaps down, and learned to swim so I
don't drown?
Have I done and will I try, everything to keep me dry?

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." B-P

Songs of Scouts

Quartermaster's Store

There are rats, rats, as big as alley cats,
At the store, at the store.

There are rats, rats, as big as alley cats,
At the Quartermaster's store.

Chorus My eyes are dim, I can not see.
I have not brought my specs with me. [Repeat]

Mice . . . running through the rice.
Snakes . . . as big as garden rakes.
Beans . . . as big as submarines.
Gravy . . . enough to float the navy.
Cakes . . . that give us tummy aches.
Scouts . . . eating brussel sprouts.

Invisible Bench Skit

Scout #1 walks onstage and squats down as if he is sitting on a bench that is invisible.

Scout #2 walks up to #1.

Scout #2: Whatcha doin'?

Scout #1: Just sitting on this invisible bench.

Scout #2: Can I join you?

Scout #1: Sure.

Scout #2 sits down next to #1.

Scout #3, #4, ,, #x repeats the dialog.

Last scout walks up to line of scouts.

last Scout : What are you guys doing?

all people: Just sitting here on this invisible bench.

last Scout : No you aren't. I moved the bench over there. (points)

All the sitting scouts fall down.



Safeguarding Youth Training

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, Scouting America continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting. Scouting America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, numerous procedural and leadership selection policies have been developed and provide parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs. All leaders are required to complete Safeguarding Youth Training yearly. All parents are encouraged to take the training. To complete the training online, go to my.Scouting.org and establish an account using the member number you receive when you register for a membership.



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