

WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS

A PARENT'S GUIDE



South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America

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I belong to _____ District in South Florida Council, BSA

Pack # _____ Den # _____ Cubmaster _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Den Leader _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Pack Orientation Meeting: Date _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

How Cub Scouts is Organized

BSA (National): Cub Scouting is for boys in 1st - 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 office charters nearly 300 local Scout Councils to administer Scouting on a local level. The Council has a full time staff that oversees the Scouting program, plans camps, activities, enforces BSA policy, recruits and trains volunteers and operates year round camping facilities. Your local council is the South Florida Council.

District: Each council divides its territory 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 for their units. The district has a full time BSA staff person (District Executive), that supports the district committee and helps Cub Scout Packs.

Pack: Local councils grant charters to local organizations (churches, civic clubs, etc.) to operate a Cub Scout Pack. A Cub Scout Pack is usually around 20-60 families and is supported by 10-20 volunteer leaders. The Pack is led by the Cubmaster, Committee Chair and Charter Representative.

Den: Boys in a Pack are assigned to a den by grade; dens are 6-10 boys; 1st Grade = Tigers; 2nd Grade = Wolves; 3rd Grade = Bears; 4th Grade = Webelos I; 5th Grade = Webelos II. Each Den is led by a volunteer Den Leader and an Assistant Den Leader.

GLOSSARY

Cubmaster: The Cubmaster is a volunteer and is the face of the Cub Scout Pack. He/she recruits and trains Den leaders, runs the monthly Pack meeting, and communicates the Pack's plans to families.

Den leader: The Den Leader is a volunteer that runs the weekly den meetings with help from an assistant and parents.

Pack Committee: The Pack Committee is usually comprised of parents who are not Den Leaders. The committee plans activities, manages finances and supports the Cubmaster and Den Leaders. The committee is run by a Committee Chair who is selected by the chartered organization.

Chartered Organization: The community organization that owns the Cub Scout Pack.

Unit: A Cub Scout Pack is a "unit". As boys grow older they may join a Boy Scout Troop, or in high school join a Venture Crew. Packs, Troops and Crews are different kinds of Scouting "units". There are over 500 units in our council.

Glossary Continued

Rank Advancement: Boys in Cub Scouting learn new skills and have exciting adventures, and in the process, earn awards. The first “Rank” they will earn is the “Bobcat”. All Cubs, regardless of what grade they are in when they join, work on the Bobcat Badge first, usually earning it in the first month, and then begin working on their “Rank” for their grade level (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light). The goal is to earn their rank by February/March.

What to Expect as a New Scouting Family

This simple checklist should help you settle into your new Cub Scout Pack. If these things don’t happen, please call your Den Leader, Cubmaster or the council office to ask for assistance at 305-364-0020. Please visit www.sfcbsa.org to sign up for emails.

WEEKS 1 & 2

- ☐ Join Pack, complete joining paperwork
- ☐ Receive welcome call / email from Pack and/or Council
- ☐ Attend Parent’s Orientation meeting
- ☐ Receive schedule of meetings/activities for the school year
- ☐ Attend first Den meeting
- ☐ Purchase Cub Scout handbook
- ☐ Complete the child safety activity with your son from the front of the handbook
- ☐ Begin working on Bobcat Badge
- ☐ Complete Youth Protection Training at www.myscouting.org

WEEKS 3 & 4

- ☐ Attend second Den meeting
- ☐ Attend first Pack Meeting
- ☐ Attend first camping trip / outdoor activity
- ☐ Purchase Cub Scout uniform

WEEKS 5 & 6

- ☐ Attend weekly / bi-weekly Den meeting
- ☐ Receive Bobcat Badge at Pack Meeting
- ☐ Attend second outdoor activity

Scout Shop & Council Information

MIAMI LAKES SCOUT SHOP

15255 NW 82nd Avenue

Miami Lakes, FL 33016

Phone: 305-822-6287

Fax: 305-823-8176

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri.: 9:00AM - 6:00PM

Thurs.: 9:00AM - 8:00PM

Sat.: 9:30AM - 3:00PM



TATHAM SCOUT SERVICE CENTER

15255 NW 82nd Avenue

Miami Lakes, FL 33016

Phone: 305-364-0020

Fax: 305-821-6222

www.sfcbsa.org

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon - Fri.: 8:30AM - 5:00PM

DIRECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER & SCOUT SHOP:

You will need to get on the Palmetto Expressway (826) from wherever you live and follow the instructions below:

- 1) Exit the 826 at NW 154th Street, and turn left (North)**
- 2) Go to NW 82nd Avenue, turn left**
- 3) The Council Service Center and Miami Lakes Scout Shop will be on your left after the CVS store on the corner**

Volunteers

Cub Scouting is a program for elementary school age boys that is family centered and volunteer run. Parents serve as volunteers in many different ways. Here are a few ways you can support your son in Cub Scouting:

Pack Committee: The Pack Committee is comprised of parents that help oversee the administration and planning of the Pack. Volunteers help with record keeping, fundraising, planning camping trips, service projects and making sure the boys receive the proper recognition at Pack meetings. Committee members must be at least 21 years old.

Den Leaders/Assistant Den Leaders: Each den of Cub Scouts is led by a Den Leader. The Den Leader is supported by the Cubmaster. Den Leaders work with an Assistant Den Leader to run the weekly / bi-weekly den meetings. Den meeting plans are found online at www.Scouting.org. Den Leaders must be at least 21 years old (Asst. Den Leaders must be at least 18 years old).

Cubmaster: The Cubmaster is the face of the Cub Scout Pack and supports and recruits Den Leaders, runs the Pack meeting and reports to the Pack Committee.

Committee Chair: The Committee Chair is the person who recruits & organizes volunteers to help make the Pack work more efficiently and reports to the Pack Committee.

WHAT IS THE COST OF SCOUTING?

National BSA Membership Fee: \$15 annually (Jan–Dec) or prorated at \$1.25 a month

Boy's Life Magazine: \$12 annually (12 issues Jan-Dec) or prorated at \$1.00 a month

Insurance: \$1 annually for secondary Health & Accident Insurance

Pack Dues: Each Pack sets up its own dues schedule & budget.

- Our Pack has dues of \$_____, per _____, due on _____ (date).

Unit Money Earning Projects: *Scouts are taught to "earn their own way"!* Many Packs hold a few money earning projects each year to help cover the costs of the annual program. Council endorsed projects include the Spring Camp Card and Fall Popcorn sales campaigns.

Handbooks & Uniforms: Handbooks cost \$6-\$9 each and a new uniform is \$80-\$100. A complete uniform consists of shirt, pants/shorts, hat, belt, neckerchief, slide and unit & council patches. These items can be purchased at the Miami Lakes Scout Shop.

Activities: Most Council & Pack activities cost less than \$20. Pre-registration is a must.

Day Camps: These council sponsored camps are offered each summer and cost about \$150 for a full week of fun and adventure. Register early for the early bird fee.

Earn the Bobcat Badge

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

1. Learn and say the CUB SCOUT PROMISE and complete the Honesty Character Connection.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE:

"I, ...(name)... promise to do my best, To do my duty to God and my country, To help other people, and To obey the Law of the Pack".

Know: Discuss these questions with your family:

1. What is a promise?
2. What does it mean to "keep your word"?
3. What does it mean to "do your best"?

Commit: Discuss these questions with your family:

1. Why is a promise important?
2. Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word?
3. When might it be difficult to keep your word? List examples.

Practice: Discuss with family members why it is important to be trustworthy and honest & how you can do your best to be honest when you are doing the activities in Scouting.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

2. Say the LAW OF THE PACK. Tell what it means.

"The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill."

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

3. Tell what WEBELOS means - "We'll Be Loyal Scouts".

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

Earn the Bobcat Badge

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

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

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

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

6. A motto is a guiding principle. Say the CUB SCOUT MOTTO -
“Do Your Best”.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

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

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials

8. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the
booklet - *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse*.

_____ Date Completed _____ Parent Initials



**I COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS!!
NOW WHAT?**

**Please turn this checklist into
your Cubmaster**

Start Having Fun Today

South Florida Council has planned some great activities this fall that include hiking; campfires filled with songs, skits and stories; supervised BB Gun and Archery ranges; Art & Crafts; and so much more. **For more information or to register for an activity event, please visit www.sfcbsa.org.**

CUB FUN DAY NORTH - Saturday, October 13th

Broward County: Camp Elmore in Davie, FL

Time: 9:00AM to 5:00PM **Registration Fee:** \$15.00

CUB FUN DAY SOUTH - Saturday, October 13th

Miami Dade: Coast Guard Station at SW 152 St & Turnpike (*subject to change*)

Time: 9:00AM to 5:00PM **Registration Fee:** \$15.00

Come enjoy your first event as a new Cub Scout. Cub Fun Days are packed with fun, exciting activities for the whole family. These include: arts & crafts; BB Gun; Archery; fishing; rope bridge; games; entertainment and much, much more! For more information, please contact Brian Estler at 305-364-0020 or bestler@sfcbsa.org

HAUNTED FOREST - Saturday, October 20th

Broward County - Markham Park in Sunrise, FL - 6:00PM to 10:00PM - \$10.00

The Haunted Forest is put on every year by our Order of the Arrow, O-Shot-Caw lodge and is a fun event for all ages - age appropriate trails for all. The Haunted Forest is more than a scary hike - it includes fun carnival type games for the family, food, entertainment and much more! Haunted Forest is held rain or shine. For more information, please contact Bill Gilliland at 305-364-0020 or bgillila@bsamail.org.

OLD CUTLER TRAIL HIKE - Saturday, November 17th

Miami Dade County - Downtown to Pincrest - 7:00AM to 4:00PM - \$7.00

This year marks the 38th Old Cutler Trail Hike. This historical hike begins at the Torch of Friendship in front of Bayside in downtown Miami and concludes at Pinecrest Gardens in Pinecrest, FL. Hike this beautiful route of old South Florida as it takes you down Old Cutler Road under the shaded canopies. For more information, please contact Brian Estler at 305-364-0020, x250.

Camping Programs

South Florida Council also maintains and operates three Camping properties throughout South Florida. They are:

1. **Camp Elmore** - Davie, FL - available throughout the year for weekend camping, Council and District Events, and Summer Programs.
2. **Camp Everglades** - Homestead, FL in Everglades National Park - available throughout the year (closed late spring through summer) for weekend camping, Council and District Events.
3. **Camp Sawyer** - The Florida Keys at mile marker 34 - available throughout the year for weekend camping, Council and District Events, and Summer Programs.

For More Information about these facilities visit www.sfcbsa.org

OR call 305-364-0020 to make a reservation

2012 Training Info

EVERY BOY DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

Your council encourages and supports volunteers in becoming fully trained to ensure that all youth are having a great Scouting experience. This brochure outlines some of the 2012 training opportunities. We remind you that an important opportunity for training comes from your monthly Roundtable and we encourage you to attend regularly.

WHAT MAKES A TRAINED CUB SCOUT LEADER?

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained, and eligible to wear the official Trained emblem, once they have completed :

1. Youth Protection - available online at www.myscouting.org - *required*
2. Job Specific Training (by position) - available online at www.myscouting.org

Both of these trainings, and numerous other valuable fast-start and supplemental trainings and videos, are available on-line at www.myscouting.org.

2012 Training Info

HOW CAN I BE TRAINED?

The most common way people are trained is by attending one of the instructor-led trainings that are offered throughout the year. On the opposite side of this page is the schedule for the trainings coming up this year.

The instructor-led version of trainings is the preferred method of training in the BSA. These give you the advantages of interactions with experienced adult leaders and the ability to ask questions and learn from seasoned, trained leaders. However, online courses are available and a good way to get you off to a quick start, with basic knowledge of the Scouting program.

ONLINE COURSES

In our technology savvy world, many of the BSA trainings are located online at our Online Learning Center. Go to www.myscouting.org to create your personal account, click on the training tab and go to the E-Learning Center to see the complete listing of trainings offered

The courses you need to be trained can be found online and completed at your own pace.

CUB SCOUT BASIC LEADER TRAINING

Registration Fee: \$10, includes lunch

Saturday, September 29th - 8:00AM to 2:00PM

Tatham Scout Service Center

15255 NW 82nd Avenue

Miami Lakes, FL 33016

Come learn the basics of what it takes to be a leader in Cub Scouts. This training is put on by volunteers with years of experience and they know how to make it fun! Registration flyers should be distributed at your Join Scout Night and are also available at www.sfcbsa.org.

Do not miss out on this opportunity.

2012 Training Info

Go to www.sfcbsa.org for more info, a full list of courses and to register.

CUB SCOUT BASIC LEADER TRAINING - North Broward

Saturday, September 22nd: 8:00AM to 2:00PM Registration Fee: \$10.00

Pompano Beach Elks Lodge - 700 NE 10th Street - Pompano Beach, FL - 33060

For more information, call Keith Jones at 954-584-4200, 229

CUB SCOUT TRAINING - Homestead Area

Saturday, September 22nd: 8:00AM to 2:00PM Registration Fee: TBD

Basic Training/Youth Protection: 8-10:30am Leader Specific: 10:45-2:00pm

Silver Palm United Methodist - 15855 SW 248th St. - Homestead, FL 33031

For more information, call Ayesha Carter at 305-364-0020, x232

CUB SCOUT BASIC LEADER TRAINING - S. Miami/Kendall Area

Saturday, October 6th: 8:00AM to 2:00PM Registration Fee: TBD

Location: TBD

For more information, call Shannon Rodriguez at 305-364-0020, x233

UNIVERISTY OF SCOUTING

Saturday, October 27th: 8:00AM to 4:00PM Registration: \$20, includes lunch

Barbara Goleman Sr. High - 14100 NW 89 Avenue - Miami Lakes, FL 33018

Back to School! This event is a fun filled day of numerous trainings in a classroom setting. Come get a full day of training from seasoned Scouters in a variety of different areas - including basic training, job specific training, advanced levels, youth protection and much much more!

MY TRAINING COURSE

I am registered for the following Cub Scout training:

Course Date: _____

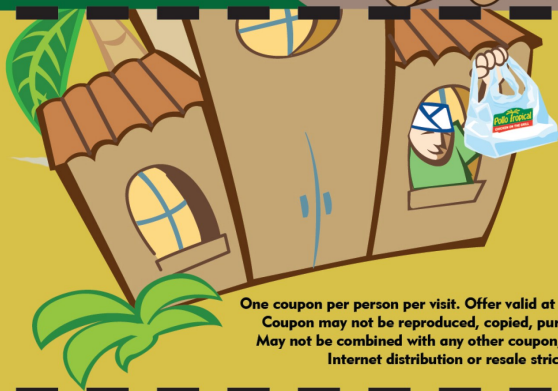
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