

Cub Scout Parent Orientation Guide



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WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURES OF CUB SCOUTING

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has served boys through Cub Scouting. Cub Scouting is a year-round family-oriented program designed for boys in the first through fifth grades.

Cub Scouting is a parent supported, character-building program that embraces the values of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect and responsibility.

As you join nearly 20,000 families involved in the Cub Scouting program across the Denver Metropolitan area, the Denver Area Council wishes you many hours of excitement and adventure.

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Getting involved in Scouting is worthwhile because Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been instilling lifetime values through fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness for their sons.

Boys join Cub Scouting to have fun while developing their character!

The Cub Scout Promise is:
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.

**SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!
SCOUTING PROMOTES FAMILY VALUES!**



- The Purposes of Cub Scouting**
1. Character Development
 2. Spiritual Growth
 3. Good Citizenship
 4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
 5. Family Understanding
 6. Respectful Relationships
 7. Personal Achievement
 8. Friendly Service
 9. Fun and Adventure
 10. Preparation for Boy Scouts

BSA PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Cub Scout Program



Tiger Cubs is a family and home centered program that encourages ethical decision making skills for first grade (or seven year old) boys. These boys participate in activities with an adult partner, usually a parent. Tiger Cubs emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding.



Cub Scouting is a family, home centered program that helps develop ethical decision-making skills for boys in the second and third grades (or who are 8 and 9 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.



Webelos Scouting is the part of the BSA program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth and fifth grade (or 10 year old) boys. Webelos Scouts participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become Boy Scouts.

Other Scouting Programs



Boy Scouting is a program for boys 11 through 17 years of age. Boys also may become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Arrow of Light Award, have completed the fifth grade, or are 11 through 17 years of age. Boy Scouting is designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program using peer group leadership with the council of an adult Scoutmaster.



Varsity Scouting is a program for young men 14 through 17 years of age. Emphasis is on advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.



Venturing is a program for young men and woman who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. Venturing is designed around six experience areas. Venturing can provide positive experiences through exciting and meaningful activities that help youth grow to adulthood, pursue their special interests, develop leadership skills, and become good citizenships.



Exploring is part of the Learning for Life career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) or 15 through 20 years old. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer post by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.



Learning for Life is a classroom-based program that provides an action-learning process with grade-specific lesson plans for grades K-12, plus a complete supplement for special-needs students.

HOW IS CUB SCOUTING ORGANIZED?

Your boy is a member of a Den

1. Each Den has four to eight boys
2. Meets once a week, scheduled at the leader's convenience
3. Led by a Den Leader (usually a parent)
4. Den meetings have games, crafts, stunts, songs and ceremonies
5. Dens are organized by grade

Dens make up the Pack

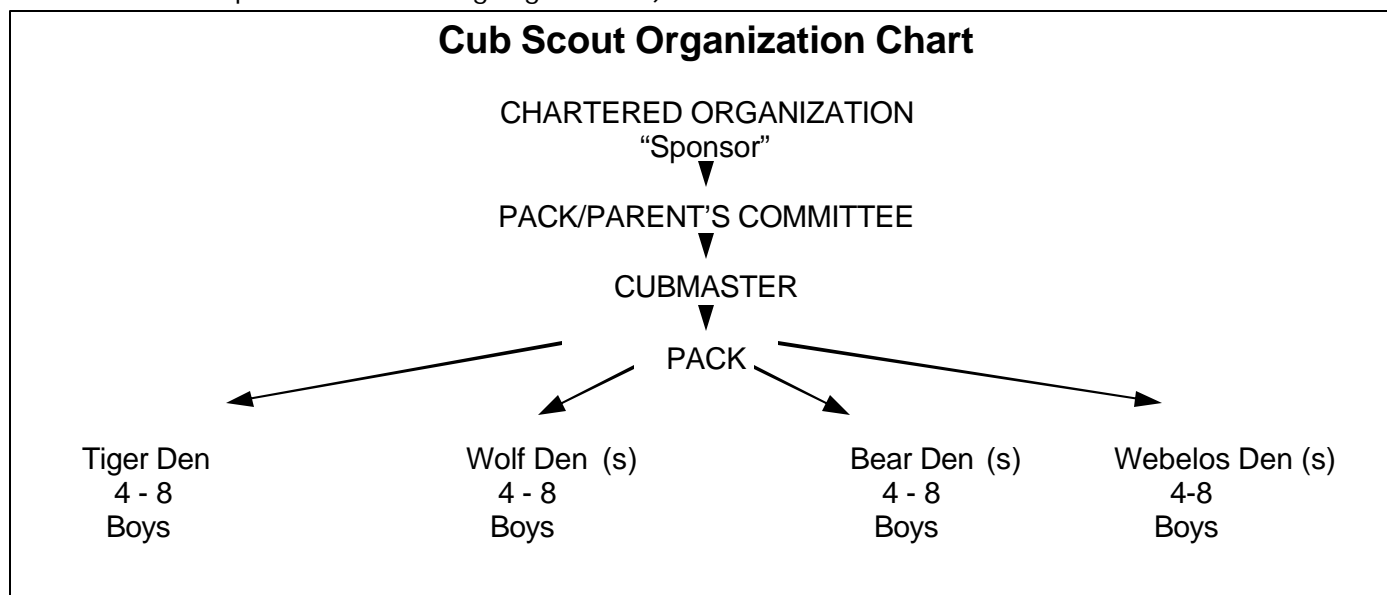
1. Made up of one or more dens
2. Meets once a month - all Cub Scout families are expected and encouraged to participate
3. Pack meeting is led by a Cubmaster (a parent volunteer)
4. Pack meeting is a climax of the months den meetings and activities
5. Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that boys earned that month

The Pack is run by the Pack/Parent's Committee

1. Made up of all of the parents serving as Pack leaders, Den Leaders and various other positions
2. Meets once a month or more often if needed
3. The Pack Committee is overseen by a Committee Chairman (a parent position)
4. Committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages Pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders

The Pack is sponsored by a Chartered Organization

1. Sponsors include schools, parent-teacher organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in service to youth
2. Sponsor approves leadership, helps to secure a meeting place, keeps the Pack within sponsor's and Boy Scouts of America guidelines and policies
3. Sponsor selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between your pack and chartering organization)



THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

WHAT IS ADVANCEMENT?

- ◆ Advancement is one of the methods to achieve Scouting's purposes.
- ◆ Advancement is the process by which a boy progresses from badge to badge.
- ◆ Advancement gives boys a means of measuring their progress.
- ◆ Advancement provides a satisfying means of recognizing boys for their progress.
- ◆ Advancement is not competition among boys.
- ◆ Advancement is a boy/family experience.

RANKS AND BADGES

Cub Scout ranks are set up by grade and age, except for the Bobcat, which all boys must earn.



BOBCAT

All Cub Scouts earn the Bobcat badge by learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, motto, and meaning of "Webelos". After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level. If a boy joins Cub Scouting as a Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos Scout, he must earn the Bobcat badge before receiving any other award or rank.

TIGER CUB

The Tiger Cub Badge is for those boys who have completed kindergarten (or are 7 years old). Tiger Cubs earn the Tiger Cub badge after completing five achievements grouped in three areas: den activity, family activity, and a Go See It. After completing the badge boys may earn one Tiger Track bead when they complete 10 electives.



RANKS AND BADGES



WOLF

To earn the Wolf badge a Scout works to complete 12 achievements. This rank is for boys who have completed the first grade (or who are 8 years old).

BEAR

A Cub Scout, who is in the third grade, works to complete 12 of 24 achievements to earn the Bear badge. The Bear badge is for those boys who have completed the second grade (or are 9 years old).



After he earns his Wolf or Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the next rank.

For every 10 electives a boy completes, he earns an Arrow Point. A boy may earn as many Arrow Points as he can.



WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade, 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 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout fifth-grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventures of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation crossover ceremony. Every boy deserves the opportunity to be a Boy Scout.

Each boy should be encouraged to earn the rank for his grade (or age). If a boy is close to earning a badge of rank when the school year ends, he may be allowed a few extra weeks to finish before going on to the next rank. Earning the badge will give him added incentive when he tackles the next rank.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

POWWOW

Special supplemental training event designed to provide Cub Scout leaders with additional ideas and skills to make Cub Scouting exciting!

GOOD TURN WEEK

This annual event, held in November, is a time for a Scouting groups to conduct a meaningful, visible service project of their choice in their communities.

SCOUT SHOW

An annual event for all Scouting groups in the council. Each group sets up an interactive exhibit. Boys sell Scout Show Coupon Cards and earn exciting prizes! Proceeds from the card sales benefit your pack and Scouting in the Denver Area Council.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Cub Scout Day Camps are three to five day adventures held at parks across the Metropolitan area. Campers participate in programs including sports, crafts, nature, and archery.

PINEWOOD DERBY



An adult/youth project that includes building a race car. The car must weigh 5 ounces or less and must clear the track. Most packs schedule an annual racing event in the spring.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

A birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held in February. Most often this event is a dinner but can be a dessert. A special program or entertainment is customary.

BOY'S LIFE MAGAZINE

Boys' Life

A magazine for boys and adults. It has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. Subscribing to the magazine is optional and costs \$10.80 per year.

SCOUTING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Denver Area Council partners with local organizations to host special Scout events throughout the year. Special thanks to these community involved organizations.

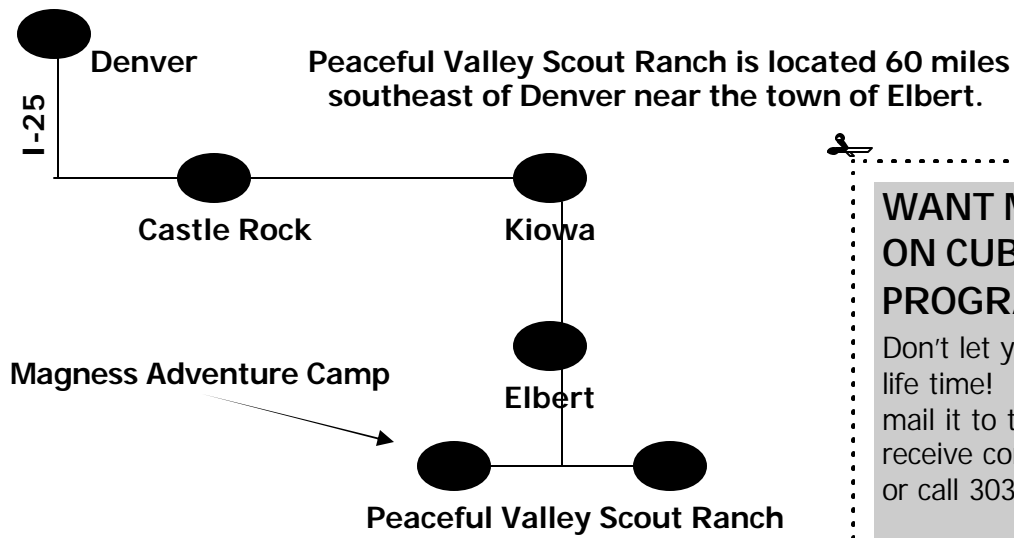


OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

MAGNESS ADVENTURE CAMP

The Magness Adventure Camp is our council Cub Scout overnight camping facility and is located at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. In 2007, there will be 16 three-day, two night sessions for Cub Scouts, leaders and families. While packs are encouraged to come as a group, many parents and boys choose to attend camp as a family. Either method is good as long as your son attends summer camp.

Magness Adventure Camp offers a unique age-specific, grade-appropriate, exciting program for all youth and adults who attend. Campers have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs including sports, handicrafts, nature, swimming, boating, and a whole lot more. Some of what we do is advancement oriented, but most activities are just done for fun.



WANT MORE INFORMATION ON CUB SCOUT CAMPING PROGRAMS?

Don't let your son miss this chance of a life time! Clip this form, fill it out and mail it to the Council Service Center to receive complete registration materials or call 303-455-5522.

Parent's Name: _____

Scout's Name: _____

Pack Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Remit to:
Denver Area Council, BSA
2901 W. 19th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204

"Reach For The Stars" Fall Family Camp Magness Adventure Camp

August 25-27, 2006
September 15-17, 2006

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to attend the Fall Family Camp. Two sessions are available this fall. The cost is \$10.00 per person (\$12.00 after August 18th and September 8th) and includes all crafts and activities. (This fee does not include meals.) Activities are planned for every family member around the theme of "Reach for the Stars". Space is limited to the first 300 campers. You must provide your own tent, camping equipment, food and cooking stove (no charcoal).

Visit www.denverareacouncil.com for continued updates on outdoor activities.



SCOUTING RESOURCES



- ◆ The staff at both Council Service Centers (303-455-5522) can help or put you in touch with someone who can. For updated council information you may also visit our website at www.denverareacouncil.com.
- ◆ Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult Scout volunteers in your District, is very valuable. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas.
- ◆ "Fast-Start" a video or computer based training to get new leaders familiar with the Scouting program.
- ◆ Your District offers New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training - everything a leader needs to know about Cub Scouting.
- ◆ "Program Helps" (available at the Scout Shop) contains pre-planned meetings for both den and pack meetings, and shows you how to do theme based crafts and games. Many packs purchase annual Program Helps for their leaders.
- ◆ Your District has a volunteer group called the District Committee which conducts quality District-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- ◆ Your District has another volunteer group called the Commissioner staff. They are your "service crew". They help support the pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- ◆ Web Resources: www.denverareacouncil.com, www.scouting.org, www.scoutstuff.org
- ◆ Each pack is served by a full time paid employee called a District Executive, and a volunteer Unit Commissioner. They are a resource for unit leaders.

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?

Annual Registration Fee: \$10.00
 (Pro-rated throughout year based on joining month. Each Scout renews membership in February)

Annual Boy's Life Subscription: \$12.00
 (optional)

Book: \$4.25 - \$6.95

Uniform: (See Below)



Pack Dues (Varies by Pack): \$_____

(Most Packs do fundraising including popcorn sales and Scout Show coupon card sales to decrease the amount of pack dues required.)

(Please check with your pack to see what the pack's recommended uniform is and also remember that "experienced" uniforms can be purchased at the Denver Area Council Service Center, and many packs also have a uniform exchange program.)

WELCOME TO SCOUTING! NEW MEMBER CHECKLIST

Cub Scouts: Tiger Wolf Bear Webelos

District Name _____ Den Number _____ Pack Number _____

Cub Scout Checklist:

Tiger Cub Shirt (short sleeve)	\$22.95	_____
Tiger Cub belt with buckle	\$6.30	_____
Cub Scout shirt (short sleeve)	\$22.95	_____
Cub Scout belt with buckle	\$8.65	_____
Webelos shirt (short sleeve)	\$22.95	_____
Webelos buckle	\$3.35	_____
Cub Scout Pants	\$33.95	_____
Cub Scout Shorts	\$25.70	_____

Insignia:

Council shoulder patch	\$4.45	_____
World Scout Crest Emblem	\$1.50	_____
Unit numeral	\$.90	_____
Den numeral	\$1.40	_____
Webelos colors	\$3.55	_____
Webelos shoulder loops	\$1.75	_____

Neckerchiefs:

Tiger	\$5.10	_____
Wolf	\$5.10	_____
Bear	\$5.10	_____
Webelos	\$6.25	_____

Handbooks:

Tiger Cub	\$4.25	_____
Wolf	\$6.95	_____
Bear	\$6.95	_____
Webelos	\$6.95	_____

Neckerchief Slides:

Tiger	\$2.40	_____
Cub Scout	\$2.40	_____
Webelos	\$2.40	_____

Prices on this list were taken from the Boy Scouts of America supply catalog.

Prices are subject to change.

Hats:

Tiger Cub	\$11.80	_____
Wolf	\$11.80	_____
Bear	\$11.80	_____
Webelos	\$11.80	_____

I AM A NEW LEADER!

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Congratulations you are now in one of the most influential positions in the lives of these youth. The first requirement: Don't panic, and have fun. Once you get over the initial steps there are a few things to help you out.

- I. MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED AS AN ADULT LEADER. Registered leaders receive a free subscription to *Scouting* magazine. You can sign up on line to receive a monthly Newsletter, the *Front Range Scouting News*. *Scouting* magazine is a National Publication which will help you plan and carry out your monthly programs. The *Front Range Scouting News* is a Council publication and helps to keep you up to date on the local events in the Denver Area Council.
- II. GET A COPY OF PROGRAM HELPS 2006-2007. This publication from the Scout Shop contains outlines and programs for every den meeting, and pack meeting for the entire year.
- III. GO TO ROUNDTABLE. Each District holds a monthly meeting during the first week on the month. This is a great opportunity to meet with other people working the same position in other packs and learn the tricks of more experienced volunteer leaders.

The Denver Area Council's training program provides training for new leaders to help them get started in the right direction and also provides continuing training for all leaders. There are four levels in the training program. Visit www.denverareacouncil.com for a complete list of training opportunities and dates.

- I. FAST START TRAINING - Fast Start Training is a video-based training designed to provide specific meeting planning information related to the leader's volunteer position.
- II. BASIC LEADER TRAINING - Basic Leader Training is designed to give position-related information to all adult leaders in Scouting. This training has two parts: New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training.
- III. SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING - Supplemental training includes a variety of courses given on a District, council and national basis. They are designed to provide Cub Scout leaders with additional information on specific areas of Cub Scouting.

Monthly Roundtable Meetings
Pow Wow
Youth Protection Training
Webelos Leader Outdoor Training
Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

- IV. ADVANCED TRAINING (WOOD BADGE) - Wood Badge is advanced training in leadership skills for all adults in BSA programs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

My Pack number is _____.

My Den number is _____.

My Scouting District is _____.

My Council is **Denver Area Council, (303-455-5522)**
(www.denverareacouncil.com)



My Den Leader's name is _____.

My Den Leader's phone number is _____.

My Den meets on _____.

My Den meets at _____.

My Cubmaster's name is _____.

My Cubmaster's phone number is _____.

My Pack meets on _____.

My Pack meets at _____.

My Unit Commissioner's name is _____.



**Sign up for the Denver Area Council's
monthly on-line newsletter to receive
information on activities, training,
camping and more! Sign up at
www.denverareacouncil.com**

SCOUTING SERVICE CENTERS

Main Council Service Center

2901 W. 19th Avenue
 Denver, CO 80204
 303-455-5522
 Fax: 303-455-4689

Southeast Service Center

6399 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Suite 340
 Greenwood Village, CO 80111
 303-455-5522
 Fax: 720-482-1217

Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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- ◆ *These full service administrative offices handle all Council and District event registrations, membership applications, camping reservations plus a host of training aides and audiovisuals designed to assist volunteer leaders in understanding their roles in the Scouting program.*

Denver Scout Shop

2929 W. 19th Avenue
 Denver, CO 80204
 303-477-4830

Southeast Scout Shop

6399 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Suite 340
 Greenwood Village, CO 80111
 720-482-7646

Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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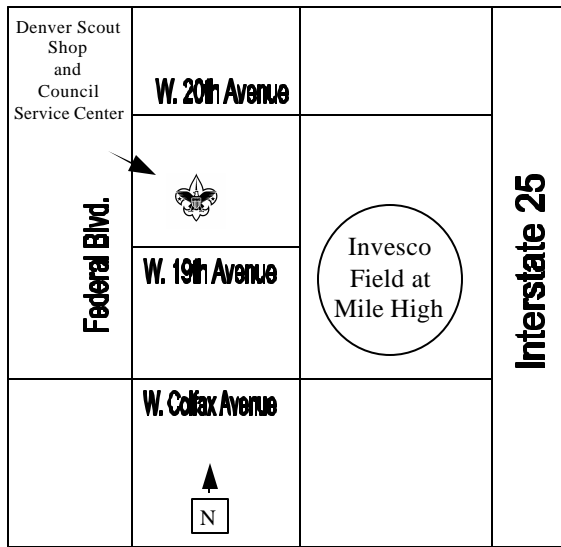
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- ◆ *These official suppliers to the Scouting program offer Uniforms, Insignia, Literature, Trophies, Awards, Crafts, Camping Equipment, Gift Certificates, and much more.*

Maps to Service Centers and Scout Shops

Main Council Service Center

Southeast Service Center



Children's Activity

PARENT HELP POSITIONS

The following positions all need to be filled for your pack to have a successful year. Please indicate your first four choices of committees and positions that you would be willing to work on this coming year. Some of these positions are short-term and others are for the entire year. Each parent will be asked to assist for this program to work most effectively for the boys. **Please turn this sheet into the pack Cubmaster as soon as possible.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Pack Parents' Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Pack Song Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Pinewood Derby Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Turn Week Coordinator (November)
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue and Gold Banquet (February)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster
<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Show Coupon Card Sales & Booth Coordinator (February - April)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cub Day Camp Coordinator (March - August) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout Weekend Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Pack Holiday Party Committee (December)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pack Sports Program Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Den Leader or Assistant Den Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Camp-out Adult Participant
<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn Sales Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit Webmaster
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
|---|--|

Hobbies: _____

Sports Interests: _____

Occupation: _____ Work Shift: _____

I have a Truck: ___ Van: ___ Trailer: ___ Station Wagon: ___ I have a workshop: ___

Parent's Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Scout's Name: _____ Grade: _____

*Mike Shaw welcomes you and
your family to the
“Adventures of Cub Scouting”*



Mike Shaw is proud to support
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