

## What is Cub Scouting?



Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), whose overall mission is to help young people build character, learn citizenship and develop personal fitness. While the BSA serves boys from ages 7 through 20 and girls from ages 14 through 20, Cub Scouting focuses on boys in the first through fifth grades (or from ages 7 through 10).

## Glossary of Cub Scouting Terminology

**Bear** – The Cub Scout rank for a third-grade Cub Scout (or one who is 9 years old).

**Blue and Gold Banquet** – A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and Cub Scouting in 1930.

**Bobcat** – A rank for all boys who join Cub Scouting. The Bobcat badge must be earned before a boy may be awarded his Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos rank.

**Boys' Life** – The monthly magazine published by the Boy Scouts of America.

**Chartered Organization** – A religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other group that has applied for and has received a charter to operate a Scouting unit.

**Council** – A chartered body responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic area. Our local council, serving 17 counties in central and southern Ohio and Greenup County in northern Kentucky, is **Simon Kenton Council**.

**Cub Scout Day Camp** – An organized program of activities for Cub Scouts held at a BSA-approved site under certified leadership. Day Camp is usually held from one to five days during daylight or early evening hours, but not overnight.

**Cubmaster** – A registered leader at least 21 years of age who leads a Cub Scout pack.

**Den** – A small group, usually of five to nine Cub Scouts, in the same grade. Dens meet each week at a **den meeting**.

**Den Leader** – A registered leader at least 21 years of age who leads a Cub Scout den.

**District** – A geographic area of the local council that helps support packs in providing a successful and high-quality program. Our local district, which serves northwestern Franklin County, is **Buckeye District**.

**District Executive (DE)** – A professional paid Scouter who works under the direction of the council Scout Executive and acts as an advisor to the volunteer leaders in his or her assigned district.

**Go See It** – A field trip or outing conducted by a Tiger Cub den

**Pack** – A Scouting unit made up of dens, which conducts Cub Scouting for the chartered organization.

**Pack Meeting** – A monthly meeting of all dens and pack families for games, skits, presentation of advancement awards, and other recognitions.

**Pinewood Derby** – A pack activity that involves making and racing model cars on a track.

**Tiger Cub** – A boy who is first grade (or is 7 years old) and is registered, along with his **Tiger Adult Partner**, in a Tiger Cub Den.

**Tiger Cub Den** – A den of five to nine Tiger Cubs and their adult partners which meets weekly for a shared leadership experience.

**Unit Commissioner** – A volunteer district Scouter who works with the pack to help it succeed in delivering a quality program.

**Webelos** – A Cub Scout who has completed third grade (or is 10 years old) and is a member of a Webelos den.

**Wolf** – The Cub Scout rank for a second-grade Cub Scout (or one who is 8 years old).