



# Cub Scout Family - Quick Reference Sheet

More than ever, today's families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing ready-made opportunities for you and your Scout to do things together!

Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. Scouting activities can bring added value to the time you already have with them.

In a society where your child is taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches them to "do their best" and to be helpful to others... but we know that youth don't join Cub Scouting to get their character built, *they join because it's fun!*

**How Does Cub Scouting Work?** In Cub Scouts, families are encouraged to join in on the program with your Scout and help along the way.

Scouts have a different handbook at each grade level, with suggested activities that are age appropriate for their developmental level. As your Scout advances through these books by working on the activities with you, they will earn badges and other recognitions that are worn on a uniform. *Your Scout's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!*

**The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels.** Your Scout will be part of a *Den*; a small group of Scouts in the same grade level who meet weekly. All dens, from grades K through 5th, make up a *Pack*. Once a month, the dens, with their families, are together at the pack meeting where Scouts show off the new skills they have learned that month and are recognized for the badges they have earned.

**What can Parents do?** Scout Parents assist with short-term projects in the den or pack. This might be coordinating pack money-earning projects, service projects, conservation projects, field trips or outings, blue and gold banquet, day camp, pinewood derby, pack overnight camping, or field day events.

My Scout is a \_\_\_\_\_ (rank) in Pack \_\_\_\_\_. Our pack's chartering organization is \_\_\_\_\_.

## When do we meet?

### Den Meetings

Day/Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

### Monthly Pack Meetings

Day/Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*please view or request a Calendar for other activities and events*

## Leader Information

### Den Leader

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Cubmaster

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Our pack is in the \_\_\_\_\_ district. Our local council name is **Montana Council**.

Phone: 406-761-6000

Website: [www.montanabsa.org](http://www.montanabsa.org)

## What Den is my Scout in?

**Lion Cub Den (Kindergarten):** Scout and parent join the den together and attend all meetings and activities together. The den usually has 2 meetings a month and can plan additional fun activities

**Tiger Cub Den (Grade 1):** Scout and parent join the den together and attend all meetings and activities together. The den has 2 meetings each month, 1 "go and see it" activity, and attend the monthly pack meeting where all grade levels get together as a larger group for an activity and awards ceremony.

**Wolf Cub Scouts (Grade 2) and Bear Cub Scouts (Grade 3) Dens:** While parents are needed to support the den leader, not every scout needs their parent at every meeting. The den leader, assistant den leader, and sometimes older scout lead the meetings once a week attend the monthly pack meeting where all grade levels get together as a larger group for an activity and awards ceremony.

**The Webelos Scout Den (Grades 4 and 5):** Webelos meetings are much like other Scout dens, but more emphasis on the youth taking leadership roles. Preparation for training is needed for Boy Scouts. Parents are needed to help the den leaders with program activities.

**Do Boys and Girls meet together?** Cub Scout dens will be single gender — all boys or all girls. Cub Scout packs, meanwhile, can include any combination of all-boy or all-girl dens, or all single gender packs. The choice is left to individual leaders in consultation with their chartered organization. This hybrid model builds on the benefit of a single-gender

program while including whole families and providing character and leadership opportunities for both boys and girls.

**Make memories with your Scout that will last a lifetime!**

**? What are the activities like?**

**Pack Meetings**—The Cub Scout pack is made up of all the dens, which meet monthly at the pack meeting, led by the Cubmaster. This is the climax of the monthly den meetings and activities. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges the boys earned during the month. This is where families—not just parents, but siblings, too—can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

**Pinewood Derby**—You can build and race a model car with your Scout.

**Blue and Gold Banquet**—Cub Scouting’s birthday party—for all pack members and their families—in February.

**Camping**—Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.

**Service Projects**—Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.

**Field Trips and Special Outings**—Great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.

**Scouting is FUN with a PURPOSE!**

**How can I help my Scout?** The most important help that you, as a parent, can give your Scout is to work with them on their Cub Scouting activities. Their handbook is full of age-appropriate activities you will enjoy doing together at home.

**Your role as a parent is the secret of success of the Cub Scouting program!** The den and the pack also rely on parent participation to run a successful program. Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Consider volunteering as a member of the pack leadership team or as a parent helper. Speak with your Scout’s current leader about the ways you could volunteer.

**Training-** The Boy Scouts of America offers convenient training for everyone—parents, leaders, and youth members. As a new parent, you can learn all about Cub Scouting and the wonderful year-round adventure he is about to experience. Log onto [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org), click the “Parent” tab, then “Training,” and you will discover all the courses available. Create a “My Scouting” account and get started.

**? What are the costs?** Scouting is one of the most cost-effective youth development programs available.

- Registration** for youth and leaders (The leader’s fee includes a subscription to *Scouting* magazine). Annual fee.....\$33
- Insurance** is required for Scouts and Lion/Tiger adult partner. Annual Fee .....\$2.40
- Boys’ Life magazine**—optional, but strongly recommended. Annual subscription .....\$12
- Pack dues**—The amount varies by pack, depending on money-earning projects conducted by the pack to decrease the amount needed to run the pack program.
- Books-** Lion Handbook- \$10 Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos Handbook-\$16.99
- Uniform**—The uniform and its cost vary by program for both you and adult and can often be worn for several years. Uniforms may be purchased from your local Scout shop.

Rank/Age	Shirt	Belt	Hat	Neckerchief	Neckerchief Slide	Patches	Shorts/Pants
Lion:	\$9.99	\$9.99	\$12.99	\$9.99	\$5.99	---	\$19.99-24.99
Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos:	\$24.99+	\$9.99	\$16.23	\$9.99	\$5.99	>\$15	\$19.99-24.99

*While uniforms are an important part of the program, you do not need a full uniform to begin attending meetings.*

**? Where can I purchase a Uniform and Handbook?** Official Cub Scout uniforms, accessories, books and other Scouting items can be purchased at the Scout Shop in Great Falls. Uniforms and accessories can also be ordered by phone and will ship the next day (shipping fees apply).

**Montana Council Service Center**  
820 17th Ave. South  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
Phone: 406-761-6000

**Store Hours**  
Monday– Friday  
8am-5pm

**Billings Field Office**  
1310 24<sup>th</sup> St West  
Billings, MT 59102  
Phone: 406-259-4513

**Store Hours**  
Monday– Friday  
8am-5pm

**Bozeman Field Office**  
1902 Dickerson, Suite 104  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
Phone: 406-585-0272

**Store Hours**  
Monday- Thursday  
12-5pm



**Missoula Field Office**  
805 West Spruce St. Ste A,  
Missoula, Montana 59802  
Phone: 406-926-1810

**Store Hours**  
Monday 1-6pm  
Tuesday-Thursday  
12-5pm