



Dear Scout Family:

What do you need to know about this year's Popcorn Campaign???

1. You can start now!!! Starting now through the end of October (check specific dates with your leader) thousands of other Scouts from throughout our council are earning money for camp and fantastic prizes! How are they doing it? The Trail's End Popcorn Campaign!

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Timeless Values!

Welcome To
Scouting's Quality Program

Building For Tomorrow & Beyond!

Tonight We Will:

- Inform Parents And Boy about Cub Scouting
 - Sign-up Boys for Cub Scouting
 - Sign-up Parents to be Leaders

Additional Resources can be found at:

www.minsitrails.com
www.scouting.org
www.joincubscouting.org

Your Son, Scouting, and You

Most parents want their sons to grow up to be persons of worth, self-reliant, dependable, and caring individuals. Scouting has these same goals in mind for boys.

Scouting develops strong values in each boy. Scouting honors the home, school, and religious organizations as the origins of our youths' values. Scouting's goal is to nurture and extend these values by emphasizing the Scout Oath and Law.

Scouting teaches first aid, swimming, outdoor skills, hiking, camping, and many other skills—life skills they will take with them into adulthood. Knot tying might seem a quaint and outmode skill in this computer age, but such hands-on learning develops coordination and helps boys realize their own potential for learning and mastering new skills. That builds pride and confidence to handle challenges that cross their path. Scouting builds young men who are competent to handle the tough questions.

While every skill Scouting teaches is important, the self-confidence, fun and sense of accomplishment boys get from skill-building activities are equally important. Each Scouting activity has the basic goal of building character. In Scouting for today and tomorrow, character counts.

Did You Know?

For every 100 boys who join Scouting:

- 12 will have their first contact with a religious organization
- 5 will earn their religious emblem award
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 18 will develop hobbies that will last through their adult lives.
- 8 will enter a career that was learned through activity badges
- 1 will use his Scout skills to save a life
- 1 will use his Scout skills to save his own life
- 17 will become Scouting volunteers
- 4 will become Eagle Scouts

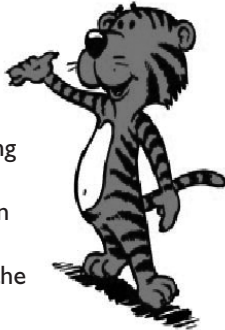
Scouting alumni include:

- 63% of Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of West Point graduates
- 70% of Annapolis graduates
- 72% of Rhodes scholars
- 85% of FBI Agents
- 85% of Student Council Presidents
- 89% of senior class presidents
- 90% of the first 26 astronauts
- Over 90 million Scouts since 1910

Cub Scout Programs

First Grade Boys - TIGER CUBS

- Boys sign up with an adult partner as a team
- Boys will be part of a Tiger den
- Each Tiger den has 5-9 boys and their partners
- One adult partner will be the Tiger den leader
- Most Tiger dens meet twice a month, have one outing a month, and take part in a monthly pack meeting
- Each adult partner takes a turn working with the den leader to plan and lead a den meeting/activity
- Meetings are based on monthly themes that follow the Tiger Cub motto of "Search, Discover, Share"
- Nine month program following the school year



Second & Third Grade Boys - WOLF & BEAR

- Second grade boys are in Wolf dens
- Third grade boys are in Bear dens
- Each den consists of 6-8 boys
- Each den meets regularly usually weekly
- Dens also participate in monthly pack meetings
- A parent of one of the boys is the den leader and conducts meetings on his/her own schedule
- The den leader is assisted by one of more assistant leaders parents of other boys
- Den meetings consists of ceremonies, games, crafts, songs, and skills



Fourth & Fifth Grade Boys—WEBELOS I & II Scouts

- Webelos Scouting is an 18 month program designed to prepare boys for the transition into the Boy Scout program.
- Boys are members of a den consisting of 5-8 boys.
- Each den meets regularly (usually weekly). They also participate in monthly pack meetings.
- A parent of one of the boys is the den leader and conducts meetings on his/her schedule.
- The den leader is assisted by one or more assistant leader (parent of other boys).
- Meetings consist of ceremonies, games, crafts, songs, and skills.



Pack Facts

- Your son is a member of a den.
- The Pack is made up of one or more dens.
- The Pack meets once a month in the Pack meeting.
- All families are expected to participate.
- Pack meetings are the climax of the month's den meetings.
- Pack meetings are a time for boys to be recognized for their accomplishments during the month, to perform skits and songs they have learned in den meetings, and to have fun with the entire family.
- The Pack is lead by the Cubmaster and pack committee, which is led by the committee chairperson.
- The committee consists of parents who serve as committee members and assist in the planning, organizing, and executing the Pack program, as well as keeping records and managing Pack funds.
- The committee meets monthly to plan for upcoming activities and events.
- The Pack is owned by a chartered organization (sponsor).
- Sponsors include schools, parent-teacher organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, or other organizations interested in youth.
- Sponsors approve leadership, help secure a meeting place, and enforce BSA and organization policies.
- Sponsors select a chartered organization representative to serve as a liaison between the Pack and the organization.



What Do Tigers Do?

The Tiger Cub Program

- All first grade boys work together with their adult partners on achievements and electives described in the Tiger Cub Handbook.
- As boys advance, they receive recognition items to mark their progress: Tiger Cub belt totems and totem beads, the Tiger Cub badge and Tiger Track beads.
- Some achievements can be done at anytime with the adult partner; others are intended to be completed with the den.
- Den activities are planned by a different family each month, and boys earn different beads for participation in these activities.
- Tiger Cubs and their families also participate in the monthly pack meetings.

Achievements

Making My Family Special



Where I Live

Keeping Myself
Healthy and Safe

How I Tell It



Let's Go Outdoors

Each Achievement has three parts:

Family Activities
Den Activities
Go See It Outing

What Do Cub Scouts Do?

All boys in grades 2-5 work toward specific rank advancements. All ranks are designed to be age relevant and grade specific. The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family. Some advancements requirements are completed at den meetings, but most are done at home with the family.

Regardless of grade, all boys who join Cub Scouts start by earning the Bobcat badge. After receiving the Bobcat badge, a boy works on the requirements based on his grade level. So that your son can start immediately on his Bobcat badge, the requirements are listed below:

Bobcat Badge Requirements

1. Learn and say the Cub Scout Promise:
"I, (your name), promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to help others, and to obey to law of the pack."
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."
*pronounced "Uh-Kale-Uh"
3. Tell what Webelos means: "WeBeLoS is a Cub Scout secret.
It means We'll Be Loyal Scouts"
4. Make the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
5. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
6. Say the Cub Scout motto: "Do Your Best!"
7. Give the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.



With your parent or guardian, complete the exercise in the booklet "How to Protect your Child from Child Abuse."

Wolf Badge Requirements

A Cub Scout who is in the second grade works to complete the following 12 achievements to earn his Wolf Badge.

1. Feats of skill
2. Your flag
3. Keep your body healthy
4. Know your home and community
5. Tools for fixing and building
6. Start a collection
7. Your living world
8. Cooking and eating
9. Be safe at home and on the street
10. Family fun
11. Duty to God
12. Making choices



Bear Badge Requirements

A Cub Scout who is in the third grade works to complete a selected 12 of the following 24 achievements to earn his Bear badge:

1. Ways we worship
2. Emblems of faith
3. What makes America special?
4. Tall tales
5. Sharing your world with wildlife
6. Taking care of your planet
7. Law enforcement is a big job
8. The past is exciting and important
9. What's cooking?
10. Family fun
11. Be ready
12. Family outdoor adventures
13. Saving well, spending well
14. Ride right
15. Games, games, games!
16. Building muscles
17. Information . Please
18. Jot it down
19. Shavings and chips
20. Sawdust and nails
21. Build a model
22. Tying it all up
23. Sports, sports, sports!
24. Be a leader



What Webelos Scouts Do?

1st Year Webelos Scouts

A Cub Scout who is in the fourth grade works to complete 3 of 20 achievements to earn his Webelos badge

Physical Skills

1. Aquanaut
2. Athlete
3. Fitness (Required)
4. Sportsman

Mental Skills

5. Artist
6. Scholar
7. Showman
8. Traveler

Outdoor Skills

9. Forester
10. Geologist
11. Naturalist
12. Outdoorsman

Community Skills

13. Citizen
14. Communicator
15. Family Member
16. Readyman

Technology Skills

17. Craftsman
18. Engineer
19. Handyman
20. Scientist

What Do Webelos Scouts Do?



Second Year Webelos Scouts

A Cub Scout who is in the fifth grade spends the last six months working toward the highest award Cub Scouting offers – The Arrow of Light. Typically in February, Second Year Webelos Scouts graduate from the pack and join the local Boy Scout troop. The requirements for the Arrow of Light help to prepare a young man to join Boy Scouts.

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six months since completing the fourth grade and earn the Webelos badge.
2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing the following:
 - Repeat from memory and explain the Boy Scout Oath and Law.
 - Tell how you practice them in your everyday life.
 - Give and explain the Boy Scout Motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handclasp.

- Understand the significant of the First Class Scout badge.
 - Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos uniform.
 - Tie the joining knot (square knot).
3. Earn 5 additional activity badges.
 4. With your den, visit a Boy Scout troop meeting and a Boy Scout oriented outdoor activity.
 5. Participate in a Webelos overnight camp out or day hike.
 6. Complete and turn in a Boy Scout joining application at a conference with a Scoutmaster.

Pack Activities

Most packs conduct a well-planned and organized annual program. You will receive a specific calendar of events for your pack, which may include several of the following:

Pinewood Derby

Boys and their parents build cars from pine blocks and race. Awards may be given for fastest, best design, and much more.

Blue & Gold Banquet

Celebrate the anniversary of Scouting in February with your pack with dinner, entertainment, and special ceremonies.

Cub Scout Sports and Academics

Earn belt loops and pins by participating in a wide variety of sports and academic activities.

Scouting for Food

Participate in a national service project to collect canned food that is then distributed to the needy in your community.

Field Trips & Activities

Your pack will participate in local field trips and in district and council activities like Scout Days with sports teams, family camp, and fishing derby.

Camping & Outdoor Programs

Camping and outdoor activities fulfill a Cub Scouts dream of fun, excitement and adventure. They provide a natural setting for quality time with family and friends. Camping satisfies young men's curiosity about the pioneering way of life in America. Minsi Trail Council sponsors camps with certified leadership and ideal settings for activities such as swimming, archery, BB guns, boating, nature, ecology, crafts and games. Many opportunities are waiting for your son and his family.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout day camp runs during the summer months. Monday through Friday, during the day. A full, detailed schedule of dates, times, and costs is mailed to all registered Scouts about six months before camp begins. Additional information is available at the council office.

The council conducts a number of district day camps each summer. Each summer, camp is centered around a theme. More information can be provided by your district executive or by calling the council office.

Day Camp offers challenging and fun activities for all Wolf, Bear, and Webelos scouts.

Cub Scout Resident Camp

Trexler Scout Reservation, located in Jonas, PA, is the home of our Cub Scout Resident Camp. The programs at "Akelaland" provide a natural bridge from Cub Scouting to many of the activities in Boy Scouting. The boys sleep in tents and spend their days pursuing outdoor skills combined with many fun activities. Nights are spent around the campfire with songs and skits.

Cub Scout District Events

Each district offers special day long or weekend campouts or special activities. See your Cubmaster or contact your district executive or Activities Chairman for specific details on these events.



Signing Up!

How Do We Get Your Son Signed Up For Scouting?

Step 1: Organize Dens

- Your pack will create dens by forming groups of boys by grade.
- Dens should be at least 4 boys, but no more than 8 boys.
- It helps to group boys by neighborhoods and/or friendships.

Step 2: Recruit Leaders (Boys or Books?)

- Decide as a parent, would you rather help the pack by working directly with the boys or by working with the “books.”
- An adult application needs to be completed for all new leaders.
- Boys—Within the organized den, 1 parent needs to volunteer to be the den leader, and at least 1 parent needs to volunteer to be an assistant den leader.
- Books—The other parents will be asked to volunteer to help on the pack committee as an event chair, secretary, treasurer, advancement chair, etc.

Step 3: Complete Registration

- An application will need to be completed for all boys.
- Remember to include birth date, address, phone number, and parent’s signature.
- Registration fees will be collected with the applications.

Step 4: Share Vital Information

- It is important that the new den leaders have a copy of the den roster.
- Also, each family should complete the Parent Talent Survey listing all the ways that you might be able to help the pack.



Volunteer Now to Become a Scout Leader

Scouting is a volunteer organization. Parents of the boys are the primary source of leaders in Scouting.

As a leader, you will not only serve Scouting, but you will have a chance to spend quality time with your son and his friends.

Volunteer leadership has many intrinsic benefits:

- Satisfaction of being in a worldwide movement;
- Privilege of helping to strengthen families;
- Opportunity to be a positive role model to youth and adults;
- The fun and fellowship Scouting provides.



“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove; but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy.”

—Walt Whitcraft

You Are Not Alone! All these resources are available to help you be successful

Staff Support:

Our professional and support staff and Scout service center can assist when needed and get you in touch with other necessary resources (610-264-8551). In addition, each community is served by a full-time District Executive.

Roundtables:

A monthly leaders in-service meeting for all adult volunteers which provides help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use in den and pack meetings.

Program Helps:

A booklet which contains meeting plans for den and pack meetings as well as ideas for crafts and games. Mailed to all adult leaders as an insert inside Scouting Magazine.

Pack Leadership:

Most packs have been in existence for many years and have existing leadership which will provide direct assistance and support to your den program. Many packs even have a library of resource books to aid leaders in putting on quality den and pack programs.

District Staff:

A group of packs in a geographic area are organized into a district which is staffed by an experienced volunteer corps of specialists to provide on-going support to packs and dens.

Fast Start Training:

Your pack has a 30 minute video designed to give you a “fast start” to your volunteer leadership. The video will help you get through your first few den meetings. Also available on-line at www.scouting.org.

Essentials & Leader Specific Training:

The district provides frequent training courses in your community. This training is put on by experienced Cub Scout leaders. The training will give you a full understanding of the Cub Scout program, as well as many aids and resources to help you in den positions. It is required that all Den Leaders attend New Leader Essential training, as well as the Leader Specific Training (approximately 3-1/2 hours long).

Supplemental Training:

The University of Scouting is a great event to sharpen your skills and to get great information. Youth Protection Training and Risk Zone Training are two additional courses important to your leadership position. Details are available at the service center or at www.minsitrails.com.

Training Opportunities

Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training:

New Leader Essentials is the initial training for adult leaders. New leaders in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing all complete this part of the training. As a group session, it lasts approximately 90 minutes. Leaders learn about the objectives of the Scouting program and the methods used to achieve them.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training includes five different courses related to specific Cub Scouting positions—Cubmasters and assistants, pack committee chairmen and Members, Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders and assistants, Webelos den leaders and assistants.

You must complete both Leader Essential and a Leader Specific course. It is the philosophy of Minsi Trails Council that a Quality Program begins with quality volunteer leadership. Quality volunteer leadership starts with participation in one of these high quality training courses.

For more information about training:

Call Priscilla Nagy at 610/465-8578 with questions or to register. Or visit www.minsitrails.com for specific dates and to register.

Boy's Life



Boys' Life Mission Statement

The mission of Boys' Life is to “entertain and educate America’s youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. We do this through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting. We bring lively writing to a wide range of story topics illustrated with colorful graphics and photos.”

Boys' Life and quality Scouting go together. Boys' Life help to develop a taste for good reading and take the program of Scouting into every home, every month. Boys' Life tells our youth that life is good and that America is a neat place to live. The magazine opens a Scout's eyes to the joyous world of reading.

Boy's Life is 95 Years Old and Still Growing Strong!

Since 1911, Boy's Life magazine has published more than 1,000 issues, and it has attracted more than 4 billion readers! As we begin the 21st Century, Boy's Life stands alone as the premier magazine for youth concerned with good reading and good character.

What Does Scouting Cost?

Immediate Costs

Annual Registration Fee	\$10.00
Annual Boys' Life Magazine (optional)	\$10.80
Handbook (Tiger Cubs)	\$ 4.25
-or-	
Handbook (Wolf, Bear)	\$ 6.95
-or-	
Handbook (Webelos)	\$ 6.95
Pack Program Fees	Determined Locally

Pack Budget

The pack prepares an annual budget to fund their "ideal year" of Scouting which includes for most packs, den and pack activities, awards and advancements, recognition, day camp, etc.

A pack funds the annual budget in many ways. Often dues are charged to each Scout family to help fund the budget.

However, most packs participate in the council sponsored Trail's End Popcorn Sale which offsets or eliminates pack dues for Scout families and also helps boys raise enough money for their summertime camp experience. Your pack leadership will give additional detailed information about your pack budget and the annual popcorn sale.

Uniforms

Uniforms are not required to join Scouting, but they provide a special way for boys to display awards earned and show Scout spirit. Your pack has its own uniform guidelines. Uniforms can be purchased at our Scout Shop, as well as at a number of sporting or department stores.



Uniform Checklist

Tiger & Cub Scout Uniform

Long Sleeve Blue Shirt	\$26.95
Short Sleeve Blue Shirt	\$22.95
Blue Trousers	\$30.85
(husky available)	\$33.95
Wolf Neckerchief (Yellow)	\$5.10
Bear Neckerchief (Blue)	\$5.10
Neckerchief Slide (Wolf/Bear)	\$2.40
Scout Twill Hat (Tiger/Wolf/ Bear)	\$11.80
Cub Scout Socks (Ankle)	\$4.40
Cub Scout Socks (Crew)	\$4.65
Patch Vest	\$12.25
Cub Scout Belt (S/M)	\$6.30
Blue Web Belt (M/L)	\$8.65
Tiger Neckerchief (Orange)	\$5.10
Tiger Slide	\$2.40

Webelos Scout Uniform

Long Sleeve Tan Shirt (Youth)	\$30.40
Short Sleeve Tan Shirt (Youth)	\$24.25
Green Trousers	\$37.35
(Husky Available)	\$40.95
Boy Scout Socks	\$4.65-\$5.75
Khaki Web Belt	\$6.30-\$8.65
Webelos Neckerchief	\$6.25
Webelos Neckerchief Slide	\$2.40
Webelos Twill Cap	\$11.80

Adult Tiger Cub Uniform

Twill Cap	\$11.80
T-Shirt (Adult)	\$10.75
Sweatshirt (Youth)	\$16.55
Sweatshirt (Adult)	\$18.40

Handbooks

Tiger Cub Scout Book	\$4.25
Wolf Cub Scout Book	\$6.95
Bear Cub Scout Book	\$6.95
Webelos Scout Book	\$6.95

Insignias

World Crest Emblem	\$1.50
Shoulder Loops (tan shirts only)	\$1.75
Council Shoulder Patch	\$3.40
Patrol Emblem (Webelos Only)	\$1.90
Den Numerals	\$1.40
Pack Numerals	\$.90/digit

Note: Prices Subject To Change

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The Council could use your support too...

In order for the many identified Scouting Services to be provided for you and your son, Minsi Trails Council needs to raise additional funds. To support the Scouting program in all areas, we need to raise an extra \$100.00 per youth member.

Each year, usually in January or February, all Scouting families are given the opportunity to participate in the annual Friends of Scouting campaign to help support the annual cost of Scouting. You have the opportunity to help.

Between now and the time when the Friends of Scouting Campaign representative visits your pack, if you feel that the Scouting program has had significant impact on your son, please consider becoming a Friend of Scouting and make a contribution to the ongoing success of Scouting and in making a difference in the lives of boys.

Mission of Boy Scouts of America

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Cub Scout Promise and Law:

Cub Scout Promise

I, _____,
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.

The Law of the Pack

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

Vision of the Minsi Trails Council

- Every Scout advances in rank each year;
- Every Scout has a summer camping experience each year; and
- Every Scout has a trained leader.

My Den & Pack Information

I am in the Minsi Trails Council

My pack is part of the _____ District

I am in Pack : _____ I am in Den: _____

My den type is (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos): _____

My chartered organization is: _____

My den leader's name is: _____

My den leader's phone number is: _____

My den leader's e-mail address is: _____

My Cubmaster's name is: _____

My Cubmaster's phone number is: _____

My Cubmaster's e-mail address is: _____

The training I plan to attend: _____

My first den meeting will be: _____

My first pack meeting will be: _____

My district executive's name is: _____

My district executive's phone number is: _____

My district executive's e-mail address is: _____

My pack commissioner's name is: _____

My pack commissioner's phone number: _____

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