

How can you help?

Your role as a parent is the secret to success for your Cub Scout!

Since Cub Scouting operates through volunteer leadership, several opportunities for your family to contribute in a meaningful way will be shared. By volunteering in Scouting, you will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in the life of your child as well as their friends.

The handbook is full of activities that you will enjoy doing together at den meetings and at home.

It is important for you to attend the monthly Pack meeting together, so that you can celebrate your child's achievements.

The den and the pack rely on parent participation to run a successful program. You will have an opportunity to be a positive influence in your child's life and in the lives of their friends.

Regardless of the role you choose, resources, training and networking opportunities will be provided so you are successful. Here are two ways to help:

DEN LEADER Uses the Den Leader Guide and den meeting plans to coordinate den meetings.

THE PACK COMMITTEE Every Cub Scout parent or guardian is invited to become a member of the pack committee, which helps to perform administrative functions of the pack to plan and coordinate events and activities.

Keeping Children Safe

Youth safety is the top priority for the Gulf Stream Council. To accomplish this, each volunteer in our organization undergoes a thorough background screening and must complete a 90-minute online training course (safeguarding youth) designed to introduce & teach the barriers to abuse used in the Scouting program to keep children safe. Learn more at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection.



To Join

Register online at beascout.org or scan the QR code below using your phone's camera.



To learn more & guarantee your child's spot in Scouting, use this QR code to sign up NOW!

My child is in Pack: _____ which meets at _____ Location

at _____ Time on _____ Day and Week of Month

Leader: _____ Name

Phone No. _____ Email _____



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2025-2026 Parent's Guide to Scouting



#ADVENTUREON!

For boys and girls grades K-12



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What is Cub Scouts?

Through Scouting, you will have the opportunity to have great experiences, learn new things and grow together as a family. Whether it is shooting bows and arrows or camping together, Scouting allows you the opportunity to share a special experience with your children while providing a social outlet and complement to educational learning.

Our mission is to provide your child with a program of fun and adventure while instilling in them values that will last a lifetime to better serve and strengthen their family, community and country.

As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Kids join because it is fun. Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.

How is Cub Scouts Structured?

Scouting activities operate in conjunction with the school calendar and take place at two levels. The first level, which we call a **den** (see below) is comprised of a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level. A den typically meets twice per month for 60 minutes to complete age and grade appropriate activities with parental support and supervision. The “roadmap” and support materials for these adventures are contained within a **scout handbook** (more information can be found within this guide).



- Kindergarten - Lions
- First Grade - Tigers
- Second Grade - Wolves
- Third Grade - Bears
- Fourth Grade - Webelos
- Fifth Grade - Arrow of Light

Each den, from kindergarten through fifth grade make up the second level, a **pack**, which meets once per month. Here, all families grades K-5 come together to celebrate the adventures and activities they’ve completed as a family within the den throughout the month. The Scouts are recognized with achievement badges that they can proudly wear on their Cub Scout **uniform** (more information on the scout uniform can be found within this guide).

As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching.

Your child’s success in Cub Scouting depends on you!
Additional information on the Pack’s volunteer leadership structure may be found on the back of this Parent’s Guide.

How Much Does Cub Scouts Cost?

There are three financial investments in your family’s Scouting year.

- 1. Annual registration:** The annual membership fee for new Scouts is \$110 and is paid at the time of sign-up. This fee covers your Scouting experience for the following 12 months.
- 2. Handbook and uniform:** The handbook (approx. \$24) is your roadmap to adventure in Scouting each school year. The uniform (approx. \$140) is where your Scout can proudly display their achievements and can be worn year-to-year. More info and an order form is available within this guide.
- 3. Pack Activity Fee:** varies by Pack based on calendar of events and fundraising participation.

To offset the cost of Scouting, two fundraisers are offered to families each year. Popcorn is sold in the fall (information available within this guide) and discount cards are sold in the spring. All funds generated are kept and leveraged locally by your Pack and the local Council.

Activities and Adventures

There are many fun adventures in Cub Scouts! **Each local pack designs and schedules their own activities.** You can visit www.gulfstreamcouncil.org to view the calendar of all activities and adventures available to your family, den or pack; simply register online for any events you want to participate in! Some highlights of the Scouting year include:

- Family Campouts** (Spring and Fall) – takes place at Scout-owned property where the entire family can participate in camping, swimming, fishing, shooting sports, climbing, crafts, campfire program & MUCH MORE!

- Pinewood Derby** – build and race a model car with your child. Takes place in spring.
- Blue and Gold Banquet** – Cub Scouting’s birthday party! For all Pack families, typically held in February or March.
- Field Trips and Service Projects** – opportunities for hands-on learning throughout the community.
- Camping And Outdoor Activities With Your Pack**

Earn Money For Your Family's Scouting Adventure With 2 Amazing Fundraisers!

SCOUTS EARNING THEIR OWN WAY

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FALL POPCORN SALE

Trail's End America's Best

CAMP CARDS!

Fall Popcorn Sale

Starting in August, the annual popcorn sale helps Scouts raise funds for badges, uniforms, camps and activities, all while learning valuable skills and selling a tasty product!



Ask your unit leader about these fundraising opportunities so you can pay for 100% of your Scouting experience with nothing out of pocket!

Spring Camp Card Sale

Beginning in February, the camp card sale is a fantastic way for Scouts to earn money to pay for summer camp and Scout dues, while winning prizes and free camp experiences!



Handbook and Uniform Order Form

Books Only							
Kindergarten Lion	1st Grade Tiger	2nd Grade Wolf	3rd Grade Bear	4th Grade Webelos	5th Grade Arrow of Light	Ages 11-18 Scouts BSA Boys	Ages 11-18 Scouts BSA Girls
\$12.99	\$23.99	\$23.99	\$23.99	\$23.99	\$23.99	\$24.99	\$24.99



Belt Up Uniform and Book
(Book, Shirt, Belt, Required Patches, Neckerchief, Slide)
approx. \$125

Full Uniform and Book
(Book, Shirt, Belt, Required Patches, Neckerchief, Slide, Shorts, Hat, Socks)
approx. \$184

*All pricing subject to change

SAVE 10%*

On Matching Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Uniform Top

*Selection and quantities may vary online and in-store. Offer valid online and in participating Scout Shops on select merchandise and while supplies last. Offer valid from 07/28/25–12/31/2025 at 11:59 pm EST. Not valid on previous purchases or wholesale orders. May not be combined with any other offer and cannot be redeemed as cash. Check with your local Scout Shop for more information. Uniform top and bottom must be from the same program and purchased together.

Visit, Call or Email your order to the Scout Shop Today!

The Scout Shop will call for payment information.
Orders can be shipped direct to you!

Phone: 561.691.3929
Email: merinkerscoutshop@scouting.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Finalize Your Package!

Unit Number:

Grade/Rank:

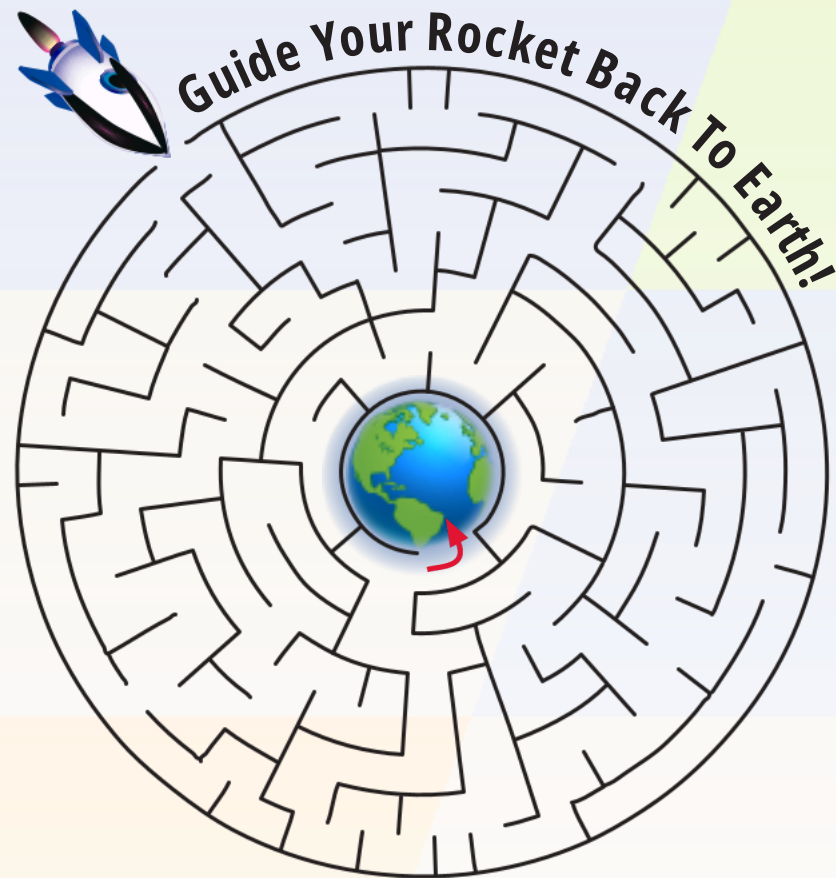
Shirt Size:

Pant Size:
(full uniform only)

Scout Fun!

Cub Scout Ranks

Write the correct rank under each image.



Scout Law Word Search

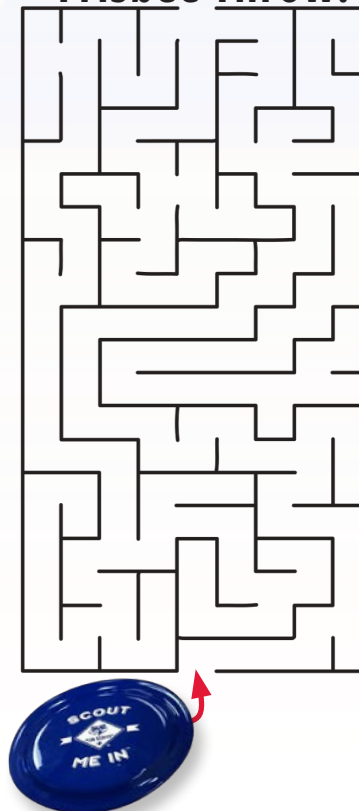
Find and circle all 12 words.

A Scout is

- ☐ TRUSTWORTHY,
- ☐ LOYAL,
- ☐ HELPFUL,
- ☐ FRIENDLY,
- ☐ COURTEOUS,
- ☐ KIND,
- ☐ OBEDIENT,
- ☐ CHEERFUL,
- ☐ THRIFTY,
- ☐ BRAVE,
- ☐ CLEAN,
- and
- ☐ REVERENT.

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F B L T Q O V	T L V O P F A G

Frisbee Throw!



Tracking the Scouting Experience from Lion Cub to Eagle Scout

Scoutbook ensures no moments are missed – tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way. Simply input the Scouting task completed and all documentation is automatically saved. Download the Scoutbook app in the Apple or Android store & use your My.Scouting.org login credentials or create your account today at www.scoutbook.com to begin following your child's advancement journey through Scouting.



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Plan Your Summer 2026 Now!

Day Camp - Takes place at our local Scout Camps or in the communities. A week-long camp of fun activities may include water games, science experiments, field sports, exploring nature, arts and crafts, and developing scout skills. Attend one or more!

Registration begins March 2026 at www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/daycamp. Families with register through their units.

Date: June 1-5: Everglades District

Date: June 8-12: Indian River District

Date: June 8-12: Treasure Coast District

Date: June 13-17: Lighthouse District

Cub Scout Resident Camp!

Cub Scout Resident Camp - Cub Scout Resident Camp offers a 3-day overnight camping experience at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation to Cub Scouts ranging from Tigers to Arrow of Lights. Experience the best of what Cub Scouting has to offer while completing a wide array of adventures.

Visit www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/cub-resident to learn more.