



CUB SCOUTING AND YOUR FAMILY

The Cub Scout program helps to meet your boy's growth needs. As a boy develops, he has specific developmental needs such as:

- 1** To learn new physical skills. He can do this through games, sports, and crafts. As he develops his coordination, he gains a sense of worthiness and acceptance by his peers.
- 2** To learn to get along with boys of his same age. He needs to form friendships with other boys. He needs to learn how to balance giving and receiving affection if he is to relate well to his peers. He needs to belong to a group of boys his own age. Being a part of a Cub Scout den helps fulfill these needs.
- 3** To develop his mental processes. He can develop his mental process by reading, writing, and calculating. He needs opportunities to use language to express ideas and to influence others. He must move from a preoccupation with self to understanding how and what others think of him. Opportunities for observation and experimentation will help him learn self-reliance. Den activities and meetings, along with the advancement program, help him develop mentally.
- 4** To develop a value system. He is developing a sense of what is right and wrong and what is fair and unfair. He will do this by cooperating with other boys, by being taught, by examples of adults, and from positive reinforcement. He begins to develop democratic social attitudes.
- 5** To develop personal independence. He is becoming less dependent on adults. His same-age friends become important to him. In his den, and in the pack, he exercises his independence while learning to get along with others.

Your son also needs to belong to a "group" of boys his own age. This group is a key component of the Cub Scout program. A den is like a neighborhood group of six or eight boys in which he will achieve status and recognition.

As you learn more about how Cub Scouting works and what goes on in a den and a pack, you will see that the program helps your boy in these five important developmental needs. The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as his family, join the program with your boy. You will help him all along the way.

To find out how you can support your boy by becoming a Cub Scout family, please turn the page and complete the Family Talent Survey Sheet*. **Please turn it in at this meeting.**

* Also may be titled Parent and Family Talent Survey Sheet.

FAMILY TALENT SURVEY SHEET

**Each parent or adult family member should fill out a separate sheet
and turn it in at this meeting.**

Pack _____ Chartered Organization _____ Date _____

Welcome to the Cub Scout family of our pack. As explained to you, Cub Scouting is for parents as well as boys. We have a fine group of families who have indicated a willingness to help, according to their abilities. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that the best possible program can be developed for your boy and his friends.

Den leaders are always busy with den activities. Our pack leaders and committee members know you have some talent that will help in the operation of our pack. Although your help may not be on a full-time basis, whatever you can do will be appreciated.

In making this survey, your pack committee wants to uncover ways you can enjoy giving assistance. Please answer the following as completely as possible:

1. My hobbies are: _____
2. I can play and/or teach these sports: _____
3. My job, business, or profession would be of interest to Cub Scouts: _____
4. I am willing to help my boy and the pack as: pack committee member, Cub Scout den leader or assistant, Tiger Cub den leader, assistant Cubmaster, Webelos den leader or assistant, Cubmaster, Pack Trainer.
5. My Scouting experience: Cub Scout _____ Boy Scout _____ Girl Scout _____
 Explorer _____ Rank attained _____
 Adult leader _____

6. I can help in these areas:

General Activities

- Carpentry
- Swimming
- Games
- Nature
- Sports
- Outdoor activities
- Crafts
- Music/songs
- Bookkeeping

- Typing
- Drawing/art
- Radio/electricity
- Dramatics/skits
- Cooking/banquets
- Sewing
- Transportation
- Other _____

Special Program Assistance

- I have a station wagon or van or truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I have access to a cottage or camping property or a boat.
- I can help Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout skills.
- I can, or know others who can, help with our Cub Scout Sports and Academics program.
- I can give other help. _____

Webelos Activity Areas

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquanaut | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Readyman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artist | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete | <input type="checkbox"/> Forester | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Showman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicator | <input type="checkbox"/> Handyman | <input type="checkbox"/> Sportsman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman | <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoorsman | |

Name _____ Home phone _____
 Street address _____ Business phone _____
 E-mail address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Your cooperation and help are appreciated.