How Much Does Scouting Cost?

**Registration fee:** Annual fee for youth and leaders ......................$33
(The leader’s fee includes a subscription to Scouting magazine)

**Boys’ Life magazine** (optional, but strongly recommended): ......................$12

**Pack Dues:** Pack dues cover the annual operating expenses of a successful Cub Scout program. The amount varies by pack. Many packs cover all fees with successful fundraisers and have no pack dues.

**Uniform:** Uniforms and costs vary by program. Uniforms can be purchased by local providers or at the Fargo Scout Shop inside the Jon L. Wanzek Center for Scouting. A list of local providers is available at the Northern Lights Council website. Uniforms can be ordered and shipped from the Fargo Scout Shop.

**Books:** Youth handbooks are the **Lion Handbook, Tiger Handbook, Wolf Handbook, Bear Handbook, and Webelos Handbook.** Books range from $10 to $17 and can be purchased at local Scout Centers and the Fargo Scout Shop.

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**Cub Scouts Parent Information Guide**

**Adventure is waiting,**
**Start yours today!**

**For Youth in Grades K-5**

**NLCBSA.org**
Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts of America
**Why Join Cub Scouting?**

- Your time is valuable. More than ever, families struggle to find time to spend together. Cub Scouting helps support your family by providing readymade opportunities for you to do things together. Cub Scouting exists to support your family and help enrich family time together.

- As a parent, you want to be assured the groups your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness. The Boy Scouts of America has been weaving these lifetime values into fun and educational activities since 1910.

**Did You know?**

- There have been over 90 million Scouts since 1910
- 12% of Scouts will have their first contact with a religious organization
- 90% of the first 26 astronauts were Scouts
- 89% of Senior Class Presidents were Scouts
- 72% of Rhode Scholars were Scouts
- 68% of West Point Academy Graduates were Scouts

**Adult Training & Youth Protection**

**Quality Training for Volunteers**

Your district provides classroom-based training for adult volunteers in how to be a successful leader. All required training courses for Cub Scout leaders are also available online for you to complete at your pace and at your convenience. Information about Cub Scout leader training is available at the Northern Lights Council website, [www.NLCBSA.org](http://www.NLCBSA.org).

**Youth Protection**

Every registered adult volunteer within the Boy Scouts of America is required to take Youth Protection Training every two years. This training ensures safety for our youth and adults. It is strongly encouraged for all adults to also take this training and can be done online at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org).

**Camping**

The Northern Lights Council offers dozens of camping opportunities for Cub Scouts each year.

**Day Camps**

These camping experiences are held throughout the summer across the Council and give youth the opportunities to spend the day in the outdoors shooting bb guns, archery, fishing and other Scouting skills.

**Cub Resident Camps**

A great way to enjoy the “Outing in Scouting” is to spend it at one of our resident camps. These Camps take place at our Council Camp properties located throughout Minnesota at Camp Wilderness and in North Dakota at Heart Butte Scout Reservation and Big 4 Scout Camp. These camps run throughout the summer and involve overnight camping experiences. These camps run throughout the week and over the weekends.

For more information on camping opportunities visit our website at [www.NLCBSA.org](http://www.NLCBSA.org).
**Den & Pack Information:**

My scout is in Pack ______

Pack Meeting location: ________________

Pack Meeting dates & time: ________________

Den Meeting location: ________________

Den Meeting dates & time: ________________

**Our Den & Pack Leaders:**

**Den Leader:** __________________________

Phone #: ______________________________

Email: _________________________________

**Cubmaster:** __________________________

Phone #: ______________________________

Email: _________________________________

**Committee Chair:** _____________________

Phone #: ______________________________

Email: _________________________________

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**Chartered Organization**

Your pack is sponsored by an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate the Cub Scout program. This chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure the pack works within their guidelines and policies as well as those of the BSA.

Our pack is sponsored by:

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**Northern Lights Council**

The professional staff at your local council service center is ready to help with any questions you may have about providing a quality Cub Scout program for your child. Visit us at www.NLCBSA.org

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**How Does Cub Scouting Work?**

The Cub Scout program takes place at two levels. Your child will be part of a den, a small group of youth in the same grade. Den meetings last about an hour and typically are held twice a month. Your child is also part of a Pack. Dens from all grade levels form a Cub Scout pack. Once a month all dens, and their families, meet together at the pack meeting where scouts show off new skills and projects they worked on and are recognized for their accomplishments.

Cub Scouts at each grade level have handbooks with age appropriate activities. As they advance through these books by working on activities at meetings and with family, they earn badges and other recognition to wear on their uniform.

**Dens & Den Meetings**

**The Lion Scout Den (Grade K)**

At the Lion level a child and an Adult Partner (their parent or guardian) join the den together and attend all meetings and activities together.

A den is made up of three to eight Lion-Adult Partner teams. Each den has a Lion Den Leader (usually a parent) who shares the planning of the den meetings with the parents. Each den meets once or twice a month.

**The Tiger Scout Den (Grade 1)**

At the Tiger level a child and an Adult Partner (their parent or guardian) join the den together and attend all meetings and activities together.

A den is made up of three to eight Tiger-Adult Partner teams. Each den has a Tiger Den Leader (usually a parent) who shares the planning of the den meetings with the parents. Each den meets once or twice a month.

**The Wolf Scout (Grade 2) and Bear Scout (Grade 3) Dens**

Parents continue to be vital to the Wolf and Bear dens by helping the Den Leader. As Wolves and Bears are becoming more independent, not every child needs a parent at every meeting. The den consists of three to eight scouts, a Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader (usually parents of scouts in the den).

**The Webelos (Grade 4) and Arrow of Light (Grade 5) Scout Dens**

The Webelos and Arrow of Lights dens focus on scouts learning to take leadership roles and preparing to become Scouts.
The 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 meeting and activities. There are games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges scouts earned during that month. This is where the families—not just parents, but siblings, too—can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.

The pack, including families, also participates in special events including:

- **Pinewood derby®** - Cub Scouts build and race a model car!
- **Blue and Gold banquet** - Cub Scouting’s birthday party!
- **Camping** - Overnight and day camp opportunities for parents and Cub Scouts.
- **Service projects** - Food drives, conservation projects, and more.
- **Field trips and special outings** - Great ways to learn more about the people and places in your community.

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

How Can You Help?

The most important help you, as a parent, can give your Cub Scout is to work with them on advancement activities. Their handbook is full of activities you will enjoy doing together. When they complete an activity or project, you can sign their book to verify they have done their best. You also attend the monthly pack meeting with them, so you can celebrate their achievements. Your role as a parent is the secret of success of the Cub Scouting program!

Successful dens and packs also rely on parent participation. Both the den and pack operate through volunteer leadership. Scouting volunteers exemplify Scouting’s principle of service to others. By volunteering you are also giving your child the gift of your time. What could be more valuable? Here are some ways you could volunteer:

- **Den leader**. Leads the den at den and pack meetings. Participates in the monthly pack committee meeting.
- **Cubmaster**. Works closely with the pack committee to plan and carry out the annual program. Emcees the monthly pack meeting.
- **The Pack Committee**. Meets monthly to plan and carry out the annual program. Pack committee members fill a variety of positions to support the annual program of the pack. Some pack committee positions include: Committee chair, Advancement chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Pack Trainer. All parents are invited to participate on the pack committee as parent helpers.
- **Parent Helpers**. Parent helpers assist with short-term projects in the den or pack. This might be coordinating pack events, fundraisers, service projects, field trips or outings.

*Time With Your Child

*Time Well Spent!*