



Pre-event tasks:

1. Ensure you review the Fall Youth Recruitment guidebook to include pre-meeting checklist and suggested room configuration.
2. Try to have a room that has one way in/one way out, have your check-in table right next to the entrance inside the room.
3. Ensure all your signage is up at least 30 minutes prior to your joining meeting and table tents, pens, etc. are disbursed on the meeting room tables.
4. The check-in table should have attendees fill out the triplicate attendance roster form, hand out youth applications, Welcome to Cub Scouting Booklets, BL mini-mags, pack information sheet, and anything else you want to give them

Good evening and welcome everyone.

I'd like to welcome you to \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_, and I have been a Scout leader for \_\_\_\_\_. I am looking forward to spending some time with you this evening and sharing with you how you can get involved with your son in a great family program.

# Our Goals

- Inform you about the Scouting program
- Register your son for Scouting
- Provide you information for our first pack meeting and parent orientation meeting

Let's Get Started!



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Our goal this evening is to accomplish four things:

1. Briefly inform you about the Scouting program
2. Sign up boys for Scouting and
3. Provide you information for our first pack meeting and parent orientation meeting

[ "do your best" to complete the registration process quickly, ½ hour meeting]

Now how many boys here want to be a Cub Scout/Boy Scout?

Show me your hand. Great! Let's get started then.

# Boy Scout Troop

## Pledge of Allegiance

- *I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*



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I would like to start off our evening with an opening ceremony by Scouts of Troop \_\_\_\_\_ (recruit your partnered troop to help you with this).

(Scouts to conduct brief opening ceremony and/or posting of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, etc.)

After the Pledge of Allegiance, 11 year olds are dismissed to another room for their portion of the meeting. Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster with the Troop Senior Patrol Leader runs the 11 year-old breakout. The Fall Youth Recruiting team continues with the Cub Scout event.



#### Boy Scout Breakout

Have the Senior Patrol Leader show contents of his backpack and explain what they need to bring camping, and how to pack it. Focus on items that the boy most likely already has so he/his parents don't have to go out and purchase new camping materials immediately. Hand out the "Your first campout" materials list and tell time/date/location of their first campout. Have them bring these materials to the first troop meeting to make sure they are properly prepared. Explain that the troop meets weekly (time/date/location) to review/learn skills needed on campouts and to plan outings.

While the Senior Patrol Leader is doing this with the "Scouts", the Scoutmaster can talk to the parents about the troop. Talk about troop meeting times, campouts, and troop committee times. Hand out annual program plan to parents and briefly review.

#### Girl Scout Breakout

Some Cub packs hold their youth recruiting event in coordination with the local Girl Scout Troop... this would be a good time to break out the Girls who are joining Girl Scouts to the other side of the room (or however you have coordinated it with the Girl Scout leaders).



Each individual table is a Cub Scout den. Kindergartners – Lion Cubs, First Graders – Tiger Cubs, Second Graders – Wolf Cubs, Third Graders – Bear Cubs and Fourth and Fifth Graders will be Webelos Scouts.

Many of the fun things we do in Cub Scouts is done by dens.

Dens - Boys are placed in dens according to grade levels. Dens are typically made up of two adult leaders and 5 to 8 boys. Den meetings normally occur two to three times a month. They are typically 60-90 minutes in length.

Packs – Once a month all the dens come together for a pack meeting to recognize the boys for their achievements and let dens show off what they did during the month. Pack meetings are family activities.

Special activities **[insert your own pack activity info]** may include holiday parties, pinewood derby races, community service projects and resident camp to name just a few.

# What is Cub Scouting?

1. Character Building
2. Citizenship Training
3. Family Oriented
4. FUN!
5. For Boys in Grades K through 5



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This section may be done with the script or you may use the “Parent Orientation and Recruiting” DVD supplied in your roundup crate. (10 min)

Cub Scouting’s 12 core values are used throughout all elements of the program including service projects, ceremonies, games, skits, songs, crafts, and other activities. On page 2 of your welcome booklet you will see these core values; citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health & fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect and responsibility – all things we want our children to emulate.

**Discuss a bit about how Scouting has influenced you and your son’s life – nothing is better than a personal testimonial from a pack leader.**

Some ideas are: increased confidence in his adult interactions (popcorn sales). Goal setting (advancement). Values (Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, Cub Scout Motto, community service projects). Dedicated time to spend with your son (pinewood derby car making, working on advancement)

# What Parents Want

1. Bring the family together
2. Help boys develop
3. Meet other people
4. Learn to get along
5. Master new skills
6. Be Happy!



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Cub Scouting promotes positive character attributes by teaching boys teamwork, self-reliance, and the confidence to handle challenges that cross their paths.

These are the things that parents want.

But what about boys?

# What Boys Want . . .

**FUN!**

- Activities
- Camping
- New Friends



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Boys just want to have FUN!



# Registration

1. Youth Application (print clearly and press hard - you are making three copies)
2. Annual Fee
3. Boys' Life Magazine Fee
4. Uniform information



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Now let's complete the registration forms.

Annual fee is just \$15.00. Pro-rated fee is \$8.75 (Sept.) Boys' Life Magazine is just \$12 annually. Pro-rated fee is \$7.00 (Sept.)

If you pack has 'dues' beyond the annual BSA fee of \$15, ensure you state to the parents what they get for these packs dues (handbook, neckerchief, meeting snacks/refreshments?).

Also, briefly let them know about Scouts "earning their own way" by participating in the pack annual money earning project – Trails End Popcorn!

Do not go into great detail about the money earning project, you can cover this at the parent orientation meeting.

Handout the Uniform information Scout Shop store locations sheet (from FYR crate).

**Note:** No boys should be denied Scouting due to a lack of family funds. Many pack committees help provide registration 'scholarships' to disadvantaged youth. If your pack committee is unable to do this, contact the Scout office for help at 763-231-7201.

Ensure you have a few knowledgeable pack leaders walking around to help people fill out youth applications. Ensure you encourage parents to fill out all their pertinent data (where they work, previous Scouting experience) – this information will help you determine likely adult leaders that you will recruit at the parent orientation meeting. This person can help adults fill out the den roster form at the grade specific table they are sitting at.

Adult Leader Recruiting:

The joining event is intended to be short – just register the boys. Adult recruiting should occur at the parent orientation meeting.

However, if you have an eager parent who wants to be a registered leader, ensure you have them fill out the application completely and inform them of going online to take youth protection training (mandatory for new leaders). See flier in recruiting crate for training info.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ARE MANDATORY on adult applications (safeguard the applications until you turn them into the Scout office)! Collect all applications even if a parent forgot their money for payment at the meeting. Congratulate all new Scouts!



Ensure everyone leaves the meeting with a pack information flier that has at a minimum: the date/time/location of the next pack meeting and/or new parent orientation meeting. You should also include the following on the flier:

Key pack leader contact information

Pack website

Calendar of meetings/events



After the meeting

Ensure the youth recruitment report envelope (these are in the FYR crate) with applications and fees is ready for turn-in.

Check the application/fee turn-in envelope to be sure the information on the applications totals the amount collected.

Ensure that the 'council copy' of the applications are the ones being turned in. Fill in the front of the report envelope.

Please have the pack treasurer complete **one check** for the registration dues

Leave the room and the meeting place in at least as good a condition as when you found it.

Turn in your report envelopes immediately following your Recruiting event .

Before you turn in the Cub Recruitment Crate to the district, you will want to ensure you take some of the material out of the crate to use at your parent orientation session:

1. Adult leader applications
2. Adult leader training information
3. Parent and family talent surveys
4. Pack org chart and adult leadership position responsibilities
5. Hard copy of the MS PowerPoint slide pack for orienting new parents & script.