



# Best Practices

## Every Cub Scout to Camp



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# Scouting's Organizing Principle #1

**Scouting is a volunteer driven membership movement**

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# Movement

**A group of people joining together  
for a common cause**



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# Scouting's Organizing Principle #2

## Partnership with Community Organizations

(Refer to Annual Charter Agreement)

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# Call to Service

If you or someone else in your unit have unique skills in;

- Leadership
- Fundraising
- Training
- Event planning

and have an interest at another level beyond the unit, please let this presenter know or contact your local district executive.

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# State of the Unit

**Talk about how your unit is doing** (2 minutes)

- **Is it growing**
- **Share some calendar highlights**
- **Is it financially sound**

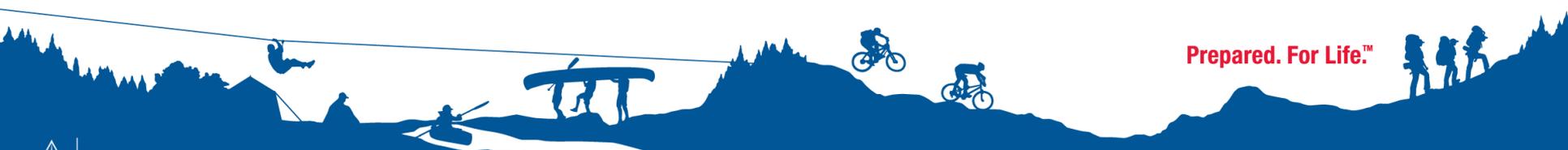
**What do you do best** (5 minutes)

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# Time to begin your module



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# How will this help my Pack?

- An active pack during the summer keeps kids more involved in Scouting
- It provides special experiences for your Scouting families you cannot do during the rest of the year
- Summer camp is the highlight of the Scouting year
- Helpful tips

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# Outline

- **Summer fun starts with Summer Camp**
- **More than just fun**
- **Day Camp**
- **Webelos Adventure Camp**
- **Tips for your best experience**
- **Pack Camp Coordinator**
- **Required Leadership**
- **Summertime Pack Award**
- **Resources to help you**

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# Summer Camp

The outdoor program is one of the biggest features about Scouting that appeals to boys. A week at camp is the pinnacle experience your boys will remember about Cub Scouting.

Consider the following:

- The program facilities and equipment can't be duplicated by a unit on its own. Council camps provide a variety of programs and facilities to match your unit's needs.
- Advancement opportunities are second to none. Cub Scouts will make great progress on achievements and arrow points.

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# Summer Camp

- **The enthusiastic, well-trained staff is available to help your dens with a program, whether for fun or training.**
- **Strict health and safety standards are maintained at all times: emergency facilities are available.**
- **National camp standards: Our camps are inspected and follow strict guidelines as required by the National Office of Boy Scouts of America. We pass all standards.**
- **Achievements, activity badges, electives, sports, and academic belt loops and pins may be completely or partially covered at camp. A certificate showing the types of activities covered at camp will be presented to Cub Scouts to discuss with parents or leaders so they may sign off their books.**

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# Summer Camp, more than just fun

Organized camping is a creative, educational experience in cooperative group living in the outdoors. It uses the natural surroundings to contribute significantly to physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth.

- **Camping;**

- Contributes to good health.
- Helps campers develop self-reliance and resourcefulness.
- Enhances spiritual growth.
- Contributes to social development.
- Is an experience in citizenship training.
- At the Cub Scout level introduces boys to the knowledge and skills that they will learn and apply more thoroughly as a Boy Scout.

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# Crossroads of America Council Day Camps

Seven camps are offered each summer, including;

- Camp Belzer, located on the north east side of Indianapolis
- Bear Creek Day Camp, located in Connersville
- Pathfinder Day Camp, held at Johnson County Park,
- Kikthawenund Day Camp held at Camp Kikthawenund in Frankton
- Red Wing Day Camp held at Camp Red Wing in Muncie
- Rotary Day Camp held at Camp Rotary in Crawfordsville
- Wildwood Day Camp held at Camp Wildwood in Terre Haute.

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# Required Leadership

**Every pack is responsible for providing their own adult supervision at all Crossroads of America Council Day Camps. Leadership can be shared at camp but it is your responsibility to make all arrangements prior to your scheduled camp week.**



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# Tag-a-longs\*

Tag-a-longs are the non-Cub Scout children of the adult leaders in camp and are welcome to attend with their parent or legal guardian. (No neighbors, friends, children being babysat, can be considered tag-a-longs)

## Requirements:

- Completed A & B health form on file at camp
- Paid the daily fee (\$7 for District Day camp, \$10 for Belzer Day Camp)
- Accompanied by a legal parent or guardian

## Restrictions

- May not participate in – BBs, Archery, Rafting

\*These tag-a-long guidelines apply to CAC Day Camps

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# Friday family overnight

**Make it extra special by making it a campout! There is something special about having an overnight experience in the great out of doors, especially if it is with your parent or someone else that is special to you.**

- Camp Belzer Friday family overnight is \$7 per person. District Day Camp Friday family overnight is \$5 per person. Family Overnight registration and fees are to be turned in during your week at camp. Please do not pay overnight fees at the Scout Office.**

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# Webelos Adventure Camp

**Camp Kikthawenund, located in Frankton, Indiana near Anderson, is the council's resident Webelos Scout camp, which caters to the adventurous minds of nine and ten year-old boys. This popular offering gives Webelos a four-day, three-night camping experience with many unique facilities, like Fort Miami and Daniel Beard's Tree Houses. Activities include, swimming, boating, crafts, nature study, shooting safety, air rifle and archery, knot tying, challenge area and many other activities. The program will help first and second year Webelos earn parts of many of the Webelos activity badges.**

**Reservations are made by pack and begin the first business day of the year. Contact any Crossroads of America Council office for details on dates and cost for this year.**

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# Tips for your best experience

- **Have a Camp Coordinator**
- **Pick up camp promotion presentation packet at Pow-wow or look for it in the mail in November**
- **Schedule and present a Summer Camp presentation at your December or January Pack Meeting**
- **Turn in pack registration form for Day Camp (B-47) & Webelos Adventure Camp (B-52) to Scout office with \$15 non-refundable per Scout registration fees**
  - First come first served basis on availability of dates
  - Sessions will close when maximum number of Scouts is reached
  - Usually opens the first business day of the year

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# Tips for your best experience at all CAC Cub Scout Camps

- **Final fees due (for early bird discount) due to Council Office in Early April**
  - Turn in final rosters (B-44), medical records from this packet (B-20), & Workship forms (B-50) **ALL FEES PAID AFTER APRIL 13 WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL \$10.** Remember to deduct your \$15 reservation fees when figuring your final fee balance.
- **MAKE SURE YOU KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS FOR YOUR PACK RECORDS PRIOR TO TURNING IN TO SCOUT OFFICE OR CAMP**
- **Attend one of the pre-camp meetings in early May**

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# WORKERSHIP PROGRAM

- The Workership program assists Scouts in need attend camp. This program encourages Scouts to complete age appropriate service hours in exchange for up to 50% of their early bird camp fee. Verification of service hours completion will be done. The council holds a “Cookout on the Circle” to raise funds for Scouts in need. Applications are available in your camp packet or at a Scout Service Center. Application due by April 13th.
- This program is for families in need and helps a youth earn part of his way to camp. If there is a financial need and the Scout is willing to do service to help earn his way there everyone wins.

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# Pack Camp Coordinator

One of the ways to ensure a great camp experience is to have someone who is responsible for it

- Obtain all information for summer camp through your District Outdoor Program chair or Scout office.
- Schedule and organize your pack's summer camp promotion presentation for all families.
- Plan and schedule your pack's summer camp dates.
- Organize unit leadership for summer camp. (Remember that you will need a minimum of two adults, and a one to ten ratio of leaders to Scouts.)
- Assure health forms, payments, and camp rosters are turned in to the Council Scout office on time.

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# National Summertime Pack Award

- A pack can earn the National Summertime Pack Award by doing one activity in June, July, and August.
- Packs that qualify get a colorful streamer for their pack flag.
- Dens that have at least half of their members at the three summer pack events can earn a den ribbon.
- Pack members who take part in all three events are eligible for the National Summertime Pack Award pin, to wear on the right pocket flap of their uniform.
- Summer Camp counts for the monthly activities!

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# Leadership Resources

- **Crossroads of America Camping Webpage**
  - <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Forms/Camping%20Forms.aspx>
- **Guide to Safe Scouting**
- **Cub Scout Leader Book**
- **Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide**
- **Academics and Sports Program**
- **Boys' Life**
- **Scouting Magazine**

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# Online Resources

- <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/>
  - Crossroads of America Council Website
  - Links to District sites
  - Council & District Calendars
- <http://www.scouting.org/>
  - BSA National Website
  - Visit and explore often
- <http://www.usscouts.org/>
  - By Volunteers for Volunteers
  - Covers topic A-Z
- <http://www.meritbadge.com/>
  - Excellent advancement resource

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# Who can Help?

- **First contact should *always* be your Unit Commissioner**
- **District OA and Firecrafter (Camp Promotion Teams)**
- **District Commissioner and staff**
- **District Executives**
- **Council Support Staff**

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# What does success look like.....

- **Have we taken the Journey to Excellence. Use this tool to measure how successful the Pack truly is.**
  - Bronze Level - 30% or 2 percentage points increase.
  - Silver Level - 45% or 30% and 2 percentage point increase.
  - Gold Level - 90% or 45% and 2 percentage point increase.

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