

Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America serves 26 counties in central Indiana. Nearly 17,000 youth participate in the Council’s Scouting programs through more than 900 packs, troops, crews, and posts. Our mission is to provide character development, citizenship training, and growth in physical, mental and spiritual fitness and to help create the next generation of leaders. Nearly 7,000 adult volunteers dedicate their time and talents to make the Scouting program a success. The Council is divided into 7 services areas, called districts, where the Scouting program is delivered to the local communities.

Promise to Parents

Parents will say Scouting in Crossroads of America Council offers their family fun and adventurous things to do. This fun and adventure will help their son or daughter develop leadership skills and values important to good citizenship and service to others.

The Mission

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The 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.

The Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,  
Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient,  
Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and  
Reverent.

The Cub Scout Motto

Do Your Best.



Cub Scouting™

A year-round, family-friendly program designed for children in kindergarten through fifth grade (ages 5-10). Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting—citizenship training, character development and personal fitness.



Scouts BSA

Designed for ages 11-18, Scouts BSA learn responsible citizenship, character development and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities and educational programs.



Scouting for Tomorrow

Scouting for Tomorrow character development program equips at-risk and special needs youth with life skills to overcome life’s challenges by providing grade-specific, character education and basic skills.



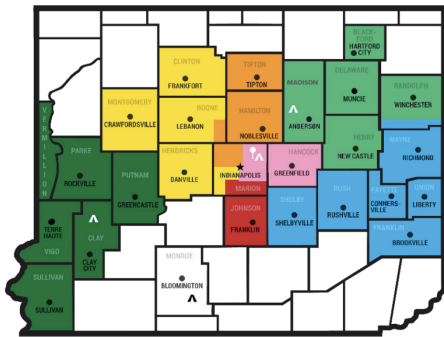
Exploring

A workforce readiness program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Exploring units have a focus on a single career field, such as police, fire,/rescue, health, law, aviation and engineering.



Venturing®

A high-adventure based program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Its purpose is to provide positive experiences to help youth mature and prepare them to become responsible adults.



Special Programs & Activities

Cub Scout Summer Day Camp

Crossroads of America Council offers many exciting Cub Scout summer camping opportunities, including Belzer Day Camp located at Camp Belzer in Indianapolis. District Day Camps are offered regionally throughout the Council. At Cub Scout Day Camp, adventures are endless! Whether taking aim at archery, exploring STEM activities, or making new friends, your Scout will have fun and make life-long memories!

Cub Scout Fun Day & Cub Family Weekends

Join us at Cub Scout Fun Day for adventure for the entire family! Archery, BB guns, STEM activities, ecology and conservation are just a glimpse of the activities that await. Families who are ready to explore camping are invited to stay overnight for Cub Family Weekend.

Pinewood Derby

An annual parent-child project where you can design and build a race car from a block of wood. Cub Scouts learn the valuable lesson of sportsmanship by racing their cars on a gravity track against their fellow Scouts. After participating in your Pack’s race, Scouts can also race at the District Pinewood Derby and Indiana State Museum Pinewood Derby.

Popcorn Fundraiser

The Council partners with Trail’s End for our annual fundraiser Scouts participate in. In addition to boosting confidence, earning prizes, and helping their pack, their participation in this sale helps fund the Scouts’ activities. A portion of their sales goes directly to the Pack to help with payment for activities, badges, and summer camp fees. The proceeds from these sales reduces out-of pocket spending and helps your family save money.

Blue & Gold Banquets

These are a “birthday party” for Scouting in the Spring, as Packs hold an annual family celebration. Often, Scouts receive their rank advancements at this event.

Scouting For Food

Scouting For Food is an annual food collection drive that helps provide meals for families in need throughout central Indiana. In the Spring, Scouts go out to hang door tags on residential homes and return the following Saturday to pick up donations. Go to [www.crossroadsbsa.org/123](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/123) to find out more about our service projects.

Annual Campaign

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is our annual fundraising campaign. Scouting families, businesses, and civic-minded citizens are asked to support Crossroads of America Council in providing the financial assistance for the Scouting program it thousands of youth in our service area.

Camp Scholarships

Finances should never be a reason for a Scout not to attend camp. Crossroads of America Council offers a camp scholarship program where recipients can receive up to 50% off the early summer camp fee in exchange for performing an age-appropriate service project.

Social Media



To keep up to date on local Scouting, follow us on social media @BSACrossroads

When sharing your Scouting stories on social media.... use the hashtag #CACImpact or tag us @BSACrossroads



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FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT IS

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# Adventure Begins Here



## The Basics

Youth development program for those in kindergarten through fifth grade (ages 5-10).

- Builds character
- Teaches citizenship



## Why Cub Scouting?

- Bring the family together
- Master new skills
- Make new friends
- Learn teamwork
- Build self-confidence
- Appreciate helping others
- FUN!



## Scouting Activities

- Camping
- Pinewood derby
- Raingutter regatta
- Hiking, fishing, biking
- Get active
- Cool field trips
- And more!



## What You Need

- Uniform
- Book
- Scout's Life Magazine (optional)
- Patches

## The Big Picture

Den meetings

- Small groups organized by grade & gender

Pack meetings & activities

- Family events combining all Dens

District & Council events

- Community-wide activities



## Advancement

Age based rank

- Assigned by grade

Awards & badges

- Connecting effort & success
- Recognition
- Celebrating achievement & building self-confidence



## Training

- Youth protection
- Position-specific training
- Printed resources



## What's Next?

- Learn about your Pack
- Register tonight!
- Attend the Pack's parent orientation
- Get involved!

## Cub Scouting is a family-centered program for youth & adults

### Your child is part of a grade-specific Den which:

- Has five to nine youth
- Meets 2-3 times each month in Den meetings and once a month with the entire Pack (all grades)
- Is led by a Den leader (usually a parent), assisted by an assistant Den leader and possibly a Den Chief
- Participates in various outings / field trips
- Includes STEM programming, outdoor adventures and ceremonies



### Dens are based on grade level:

#### Lions (Kindergarten)

- This one-on-one program requires an adult partner for every activity as they complete 5 required adventures
- A Lion Guide with previous Scouting experience will help coordinate the meetings
- Each adult partner takes a turn coordinating and leading the activity

#### Tigers (1st Grade)

- This one-on-one program also requires an adult partner for every activity as they complete 6 required adventures and 1 elective

#### Wolves (2nd Grade) & Bears (3rd Grade)

- Each rank is earned by completing 6 required adventures and 1 elective

#### Webelos (4th Grade)

- This rank is earned by completing 5 required adventures and 2 electives

#### Arrow of Light (5th Grade)

- Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting and helps prepare for the transition to Scouts BSA) This rank is earned by completing 4 required adventures and 3 electives

The majority of achievements and advancements are completed through Den meetings. Don't worry if you have to miss a meeting. Your Den Leader will support the completion of activities at home and, regardless of achievements, your child will progress to the next rank with the peers in their grade level.



For further information on the activities and advancements, visit [www.crossroadsbsa.org](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org).

### Dens come together to form your Pack:

- All families meet once a month as a Pack, led by the Cubmaster
- Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that have

games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that Scouts earned that month

### Your Pack is run by the Pack committee:

- Made up of volunteer Den leaders, Pack leaders, and parents
- The committee, led by the committee chair, meets once a month or more often if needed
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities

It takes EVERYONE's involvement to provide the best program possible. Be sure to ask your leaders how you can help! As parents we have such a short time to make an impact on our child, so make it count...enjoy the adventure together!

## How to Get Started

Contrary to what your child may tell you, the first thing they will need to get started is not a uniform, but a book. The books in Cub Scouting are related to their age. A kindergartener will need the Lion Book, a first-grader will need the Tiger Book, a second-grader will need a Wolf Book, a third-grader will need a Bear Book, and a fourth or fifth grader will need the Webelos Book. These books contain the basics they will need for the coming year, including the requirements for each particular advancement award.

Lions will purchase their program book and t-shirt as a set. This Lions t-shirt will serve as their uniform for the year. They do not need to purchase the formal Cub Scout Uniform, known as Class A, until their Tiger year.

## Cub Scout Uniform

The uniform is an important part of the program and your child is encouraged to wear it to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. Although the uniform is an investment on your part, our uniforms are of very high quality and, in most cases, will last for several years. So, be sure to buy one large enough for them to grow into. If you can find an 'experienced' uniform in good shape, you can use that, too.