



BEAR CUB SCOUT

Boys and Girls in 3rd Grade or 9 Years Old

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America! Bear Cub Scouts is the beginning of what we hope will become a lasting relationship between your Scout and the Boy Scouts of America.

The Bear Cub Scout program helps your child connect with a group of kids their own age, where they can learn new skills, earn achievements, and gain a sense of personal accomplishment.

This form is designed to give you a closer glimpse into the Bear Cub Scout program and handbook. For more information, visit www.cubscouts.org.

Your Scout is a Member of a Bear Den...

- The Bear den is typically made up of five to eight boys or girls who are in the third grade or nine years old.
- The den meets one to three times a month. One of the den meetings each month may include a fun and educational field trip.
- Two registered adult volunteer leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. Parents or guardians of the Bear Cub Scouts are encouraged to attend meetings and assist the registered adult leaders.
- The Bear den has a den leader and an assistant den leader.



Your Scout is a Member of a Cub Scout Pack...

- A pack consists of several dens with boys and girls from the different age groups. The dens meet together once a month for a pack meeting.
- The Cubmaster leads the monthly pack meeting, but each den will have a part in the pack meeting.
- Some months, the pack meeting will have special themes such as Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet or guest speakers. Other months may be devoted to recognizing the Scouts for the projects they have completed by the presentation of Adventure loops, Adventure pins, or badges of rank.

Bear Cub Scout Uniform

- Blue Cub Scout uniform
- Blue Bear Cub Scout neckerchief
- Cub Scout belt
- Uniforms can be purchased at Crossroads Outfitters. Visit www.crossroadsbsa.org/shop for location and store hours.



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BEAR ADVANCEMENT

In Scouting, advancement is the process by which a member meets certain requirements and earns recognition. Boys and girls in Cub Scouting work on advancements with their families and at den meetings.

To advance, Cub Scouts complete Adventures. As these are completed, they are awarded Adventure loops to mark their progress.

- Bobcat (Character / Leadership)
- Bear Habitat (Outdoors)
- Bear Strong (Personal Fitness)
- Paws for Action (Citizenship)
- Standing Tall (Personal Safety)
- Fellowship (Family / Reverence)

Once a Scout completes the requirements for the six required Adventures and at least two elective adventures, they will be eligible to receive their Bear badge, signifying that they have earned the Bear rank and can move on to completing more Adventures.



After your Scout has earned the Bear badge, they can earn more Adventure loops by completing elective Adventures outlined in the handbook. The wide variety of electives help broaden a Scout's horizons and reinforce the aims of Scouting. Electives provide advancement opportunities and recognition for your Scout until they are eligible to begin working on the Webelos rank (boys and girls in fourth grade or 10 years old).

- A Bear Goes Fishing
- Balancing Bears
- Baloo the Builder
- Let's Camp
- Critter Care
- Race Time
- Forensics
- Summertime Fun
- Marble Madness
- Top Chef Tech
- Roaring Laughter
- Whittling
- Salmon Run
- World Conservation
- Super Science
- Archery
- Bears Afloat
- BB Guns
- Bears on Bikes
- Slingshot



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