



CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE



Welcome to the Fun and
Excitement of Cub Scouting!!

Where character counts and
the adventure begins...



At tonight's meeting, we will:

- ✓ Inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting
- ✓ Invite boys to join Cub Scouting
- ✓ Involve parents in the program

Your Son, Scouting, and You "Scouting...An Aid To Parents"

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individual. Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1910 we have been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.



Scouting teaches family values...However, we know that boys do not join Scouting to get their character built! Boys join because it is fun!

SCOUTING IS FUN WITH A PURPOSE!

TIGER CUB PROGRAM

First Grade

- I. Tiger Cubs is a one-on-one program for boys and adults.
- II. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub Den which:
 - A. Has five to nine boy/adult teams.
 - B. Meets 2 times each month in den meetings.
 - C. Has one outing a month called a "Go See It."
- III. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader. (usually a parent)
 - A. A Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings
 - B. Each boy/adult team takes a turn at shared leadership running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader.

CUB SCOUT/WEBELOS SCOUT PROGRAM

Second Through Fifth Grade

I. Your boy is a member of a Den which:

- A. Has five to nine boys.
- B. Meets once a week. Regularly scheduled at the leader's convenience.
- C. Is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent), who is assisted by an assistant Den Leader, and often a Den Chief (an older Boy Scout), and a Denner (a Cub Scout elected by Den members).
- D. Includes games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.



THE CUB SCOUT PACK

First Through Fifth Grade

I. Your boy is a member of a Pack which:

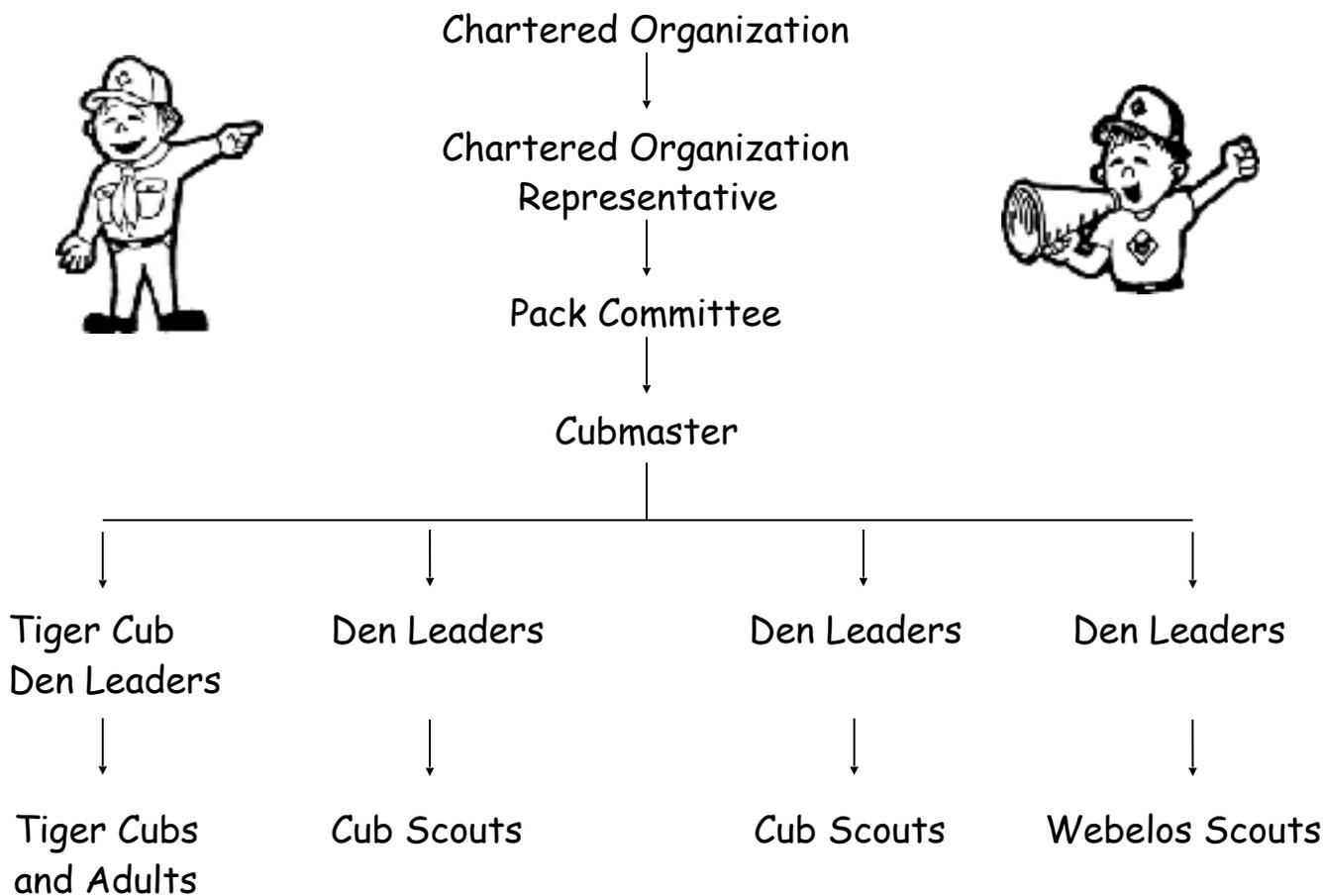
- A. Is made up of one or more dens.
- B. Meets once a month at the Pack meeting - all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
 - ✓ The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
 - ✓ The Pack meeting is the climax of the month's den meetings and activities.
 - ✓ Pack meetings follow a suggested theme that have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of badges that boys earned that month.

II. Our Pack is run by the Pack Committee

- A. Made up of Den Leaders, Pack leaders, the Pack trainer, and parents.
- B. The committee meets once a month or more often if needed.
- C. Led by the Committee Chairman.
- D. 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.

III. Our Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization

- A. Chartered Organizations include parent-school organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other organizations interested in youth.
- B. Our Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place and keeps the Pack within both their guidelines and policies and those of the BSA.
- C. Our Chartered Organization selects a Chartered Organization Representative (a liaison between our Pack and our Chartered Organization).



TIGER CUB MOTTO



SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE

Tiger Cubs is a 1-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family-oriented activities. These include things from family camping to preparing for emergencies.

The time you and your son spend in Tiger Cubs is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub Den whom you see at meetings.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO



DO YOUR BEST

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to "do his best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Cub Scout Promise.

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Reinforce mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn awards and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

The responsibility of a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the den or pack. Some advancement requirements are done at den meetings but most are done at home with the family.

BOBCAT

All boys earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Cub Scout Motto, the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the meaning. After receiving the Bobcat badge, the boys work on requirements based on their grade level.



TIGER CUBS

The Tiger Cub badge is earned after completing six required adventures and one elective adventure. After completing the Tiger Cub rank, boys may work on the remaining 12 elective adventures. He receives an additional adventure loop to wear on his belt for each one.



WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8), works on 6 required adventures and on elective adventure achievements to earn the Wolf badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on the remaining 12 electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to begin work on the Bear badge.



BEAR



A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9), works to complete 6 required adventures and one elective adventure.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he is old enough to become a Webelos.

WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den. Led by an adult Webelos leader, the boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, five required adventures and two elective adventures, and the Arrow of Light (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18 month Webelos program. In the Spring of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony. Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.



THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide a program which will aid youth in: 1) Character Development, 2) Citizenship Training, and 3) Personal Fitness (mental, physical and emotional). The purpose of the Council is to guide and support its Districts for the achievement of the movement's purpose. The Five Rivers Council encompasses eleven counties in New York and Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the District is to organize and support successful Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops by working through chartered organizations. The end result of effective District support is continued growth in membership and those members receiving a quality program.

Districts are responsible for carrying out four (4) standard functions:

1. Membership
2. Finance
3. Program
 - a. Cub Scout Activities
 - b. Scout Camping
 - c. Activities and Civic Service
 - d. Training
 - e. Advancement and Recognition
4. Unit Service

The District Committee serves as a vehicle by which Scouting programs and services are carried to the chartered organization, their units, and youth. It serves as a sounding board for the needs of chartered organizations and units. This enables the consideration of those needs as the Council program is planned. The District Committee also participates in the building and raising of the council budget to finance the program of Scouting. Since the major role of the Council and its Districts is to extend Scouting and to provide service to all youth and adults who participate, please feel free to call upon an appropriate representative when you need help.

WHICH DISTRICT AM I IN?

NAME	AREA	DISTRICT EXECUTIVE
Andaste	Bradford, Sullivan and a portion of Lycoming counties in PA and a portion of Tioga County in NY	Ryan Ross 570-336-6236 ryan.ross@scouting.org
Indian Waters	Chemung and Schuyler counties in NY	Karl Ziegenfus 6607-743-6899 karl.ziegenfus@scouting.org
Thunderbird	Northern, central and western portions of Steuben County, eastern Allegany and southern Livingston counties of NY	Elizabeth Benedict 607-661-7851 elizabeth.benedict@scouting.org
Williamson Rd	Southeastern portion of Steuben county, NY and Tioga County, PA	Chris Theurich 607-368-4138 chris.theurich@scouting.org



HOW IS SCOUTING FINANCED?

When you register your son into the Scouting program there is a \$36.00 National Registration and Insurance fee. This fee allows your son to be part of the Scouting program and goes directly to our national office to help provide many of the services that our leaders receive (training courses, Scouting magazine, insurance, etc.). None of this money stays in the local Council. Providing the Scouting program within the Five Rivers Council takes an annual budget of approximately \$1.3 million; of which 92% must be raised from the generous support of friends, families, corporations and foundations. The Five Rivers Council budget includes things; like subsidization of the summer camp program, maintenance and upkeep of the land and property at two different camping facilities, support staff, a quarterly newsletter (The Tributary), training courses for leaders, and much, much more. The funds needed to support Scouting programs in the Five Rivers Council come from a variety of areas. Major areas of support include:

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS)

Each year the Council conducts a "Friends of Scouting" campaign to solicit contributions from families and members of the community. A personal appeal is made to parents, leaders and community members to invest in the future. When you hear "Friends of Scouting" please consider making a donation to support the local Scouting program.

POPCORN SALE

Most units in the Council participate in the annual Popcorn sale. Sales from this fundraiser benefit both the Council and those units that participate. The annual sale occurs during September and October, and popcorn is delivered in November.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Each year the Council conducts a number of special-event fundraisers to help raise money to support our Scouting program. Events include everything from Golf Tournaments to Citizen of the Year Dinners.

UNITED WAY

The Scouting program is not a government sponsored agency and does not receive any tax dollar support. Five United Ways (Southern Tier, Central Bradford, Schuyler County, and Alfred-Alfred Station Community Chest) provide support of approximately 8% of the Council's annual budget.

Comparative Costs of Scouting

With a \$36 registration fee, \$66 uniform, \$10 Pack dues (varies by Pack), and a \$13 book, the cost of Scouting comes to \$125 per year or \$11 per month for a 12 month program. Compared to the costs of uniforms, lessons and fees for seasonal youth activities such as hockey, football, little league, basketball, and soccer, the costs of Scouting on a per month basis are hard to beat. In addition, the Family values, citizenship and leadership skills that scouting instills in youth, make it (dollar for dollar) an exceptional investment!!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



SUMMERTIME CAMPING

Cub Scout Day Camp: An activity for all Cub Scouts that includes crafts, games, nature, sports, songs, and skits. Camps run four to five days in a local park.



Cub Scout Resident Camp: A four day and three night camping experience open to all Cub Scouts at Camp Gorton. Activities include swimming, archery, nature study, sports, games, crafts and more!

PINEWOOD DERBY

Parent/son project to build a race car made from a block of wood. Boys will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. Be there for the big race!



BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Our birthday party for Cub Scouting usually held at the February pack meeting.

BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE

A monthly magazine for boys and adults. Boys' Life has interesting features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, magic, science, and U.S. history. There are also jokes, comics, and short stories. The magazine is \$12.00/year for Scouts. There are special Tiger Cub and Cub Scout Editions.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to help your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

WHAT DO YOU RECEIVE IN RETURN?



Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents, and enthusiasm to Scouting:

- Fun and fellowship with other families, sharing your pride in the boys' accomplishments.
- The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families.
- A chance to help boys learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.
- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of boys as they grow strong in mind and body.
- A code to live by which will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults.
- The satisfaction of being a member of a worldwide movement, and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization--wearing the Scouting uniform is a visible means of showing you believe in and stand up for the ideals and objectives of the Boys Scouts of America.

PACK VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP



DEN LEADER (S)

Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

CUBMASTER

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of the pack committee. Emcees the monthly pack meeting and attends the pack leaders' meeting.

PACK COMMITTEE

Pack committee (positions listed below) members perform administrative functions of the pack.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult leaders. Also attends pack meetings.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Keeps all records for the pack, including pack bank account, financial records, etc. Attends pack meeting and pack leaders' meetings.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

Maintains advancement records for the pack. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

SCOUTPARENT UNIT COORDINATOR

Enlists parents to help with at least one project and keeps them updated on the program and their children's involvement.

PACK TRAINER

Ensures that all leaders of the pack are trained. Attends pack meetings and committee meetings.

PARENT HELPERS

"One shot" program jobs such as coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, pinewood derby, blue and gold banquet, day camp, etc. These jobs are of short duration.

TRAINING

*** All leaders must complete "Youth Protection" Training, "Fast Start" Training, "This is Scouting" and "Job Specific" Training ***

Thank you so much for agreeing to be a leader in your son's Cub Scout Pack. We know you will have a great journey together and share many lifelong memories. The first step we are going to ask you to take in being a new leader is to complete training. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for the boys. Leaders who understand the whys and hows of the program are more effective in their roles and have a better understanding of how to use all available resources to provide an exciting and worthwhile program for their Scouts. Training is offered in a class room session several times during the year and is available online at www.my.scouting.org

IN THE FIVE RIVERS COUNCIL, WE REQUIRE ALL LEADERS TO COMPLETE "YOUTH PROTECTION" TRAINING BEFORE YOU REGISTER IN THE CUB SCOUT PACK. WE ENCOURAGE THAT YOU TAKE "FAST START" TRAINING, "THIS IS SCOUTING" TRAINING AND "JOB SPECIFIC" TRAINING BEFORE YOU REGISTER IN THE CUB SCOUT PACK. HERE IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH TRAINING.

"YOUTH PROTECTION" TRAINING

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. This training covers the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures. It does so by taking you through situations that require choices and produce consequences. This training is available online and in each district throughout the year. **In order for an adult to remain a registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Youth Protection Training is required every two years.** Please print the completion certificate and attach it to your application.

"FAST START" TRAINING

... is the first step in training for all new leaders in Scouting. The course introduces the aims and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America's program, then zeroes in on the job. Subsections of the course will brief anyone new to the job of Tiger Cub Den Leader, Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, or Cubmaster. You will learn the standard parts of the meeting and where additional resources can be found. This course typically takes no more than an hour to complete, and training is available online and in each district throughout the year.

"THIS IS SCOUTING" TRAINING

... builds on the foundations established in "Fast Start" Training and goes into greater detail on youth development, boy behavior, program planning, activities and the purpose of the programs. This training is available online and in each district throughout the year.

"JOB SPECIFIC" TRAINING

... is designed to present in-depth information for a new leader in a specific leadership position such as

Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc, This course is presented several times a year in your district or at the council level. Be sure to ask your unit trainer for an upcoming training date or check the Council web site.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

- ✓ The staff at the Five Rivers Council Scout Service Center can help you or they will get you in touch with someone who can.

Phone # - (607) 796-0699
Toll Free - (800) 724-6099
Website - www.fiverivers.org
- ✓ Roundtable, a monthly leaders' meeting for all adult volunteers in your district, is available. You can get help with crafts, games, skits, and songs for use at den and pack meetings. It's a great place to ask questions and share ideas. (Roundtable locations are listed below).
- ✓ Many packs have a pack library that contains the leader books you need.
- ✓ Your district has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs in which boys can participate.
- ✓ Your district has another volunteer team called the Commissioner staff. They are our "service team." They check on the health of your pack and are a communications link between your pack and the Scouting organization. A Commissioner is assigned to assist your unit.
- ✓ We have award winning videos for teaching Scouts and adults about child abuse protection and avoiding potentially dangerous situations.

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE LOCATIONS

DISTRICT	WHERE	WHEN
Andaste	Towanda Elementary School - Library State Street, Towanda, PA	2nd Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m.
Indian Waters	GST BOCES - Bldg 1, Conference Rms A,B,C 459 Philo Rd, Elmira, NY	2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.
Thunderbird	First Baptist Church 28 Church St, Hornell, NY	1st Monday of the month 7:00 p.m.
Williamson Rd	Williamson High School 33 Jct Cross Rd, Tioga, PA	1st Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m.

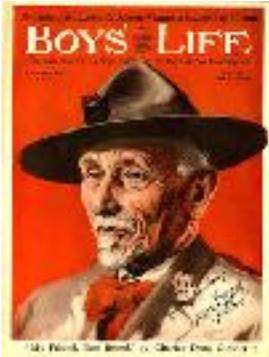
CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPOUTS!



For Cub Scout families! You won't want to miss the fun and excitement. Friday night program, lots of fun and games on Saturday. Check the council website for latest dates to see when and where your district's Cub Scout Family Campout will take place!



BOYS' LIFE RECOMMENDED



Boys' Life magazine has been around almost as long as boys have been Scouts. It is the only magazine especially designed for the Scout.

With features such as camping around the world and hiking the great trails, hobbies such as model cars and boat building, bicycling, fishing, and nature, and articles on current Scouting, sporting and new events, Boys' Life just gets started. It has comics including Pee Wee Harris, Bible stories, and Scouts in Action. Boys' Life has just about everything to offer your boy from computers and photography to how to use your compass.

Make sure on your application you mark the Boys' Life square and put your correct mailing address. In approximately 2 to 3 months, your Scout will receive his first issue delivered directly to his home. This is one step you can take to insure your son will receive a full year of great Scouting.

HOW TO START...BASIC NEEDS FOR NEW CUB SCOUTS

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

Don't get the idea that uniforms aren't important, they are. After going through your son's book with him you'll probably have a good idea how serious a Cub Scout he will be. The uniform is an important part of the program and it represents 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 him to grow into.

If you can find an 'experienced' uniform in good shape, be sure to get it. Many of these 'experienced' uniforms will be just like new and will be all he needs at a very low cost.

Most new Cub Scouts will have to buy a uniform and the Council Scout Shop is the official distributor of BSA uniforms and equipment. The Scout Shop is located in the Council Service Center at the Arnot Mall 3300 Chambers Rd. Suite 5190, Horseheads, NY 14845-5190.

Cub Scouts don't require much more than this, but later on Boy Scouts will need to acquire personal camping gear for their many outings. The boys are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on the day of their Scouting meetings. The Cub Scouts especially enjoy this, and the uniform serves as school clothing one day a week.

WHAT WILL SCOUTING COST ME?*

\$36.00/Year

Boys' Life Magazine
Book (Tiger)
(Wolf)
(Bear)
(Webelos)
Pack Dues

Registration & Insurance fee:

\$12.00/Year
\$ 12.99 (paper) \$18.99 for coil bound
\$ _____

Note - uniforms and Boys' Life are not required (but recommended).

Please check with your pack to see what your pack recommends and also remember that uniforms can be purchased at thrift shops and many packs have a uniform exchange program. Check with pack leaders regarding financial assistance if needed.

New Member Checklist

Cub Scouts:



Tiger Cub



Wolf



Bear



Webelos

Pack # _____ Den# _____

Uniforms:

Cub Scout Shirt (short sleeve):

Size: small - 2XL
Price: \$24.99

Cub Scout Switchback 2" Pants:

Size 6 - 36 Husky
Price: \$24.99

Neckerchief Slides:

Tiger - Price: \$5.99
Wolf - Price: \$5.99
Bear - Price: \$5.99
Webelos - Price: \$5.99

Webelos/Boy Scout Shirt:

Size: youth / small / large
Price: \$24.99-34.99

Webelos/Boy Scout Zip-offs

Switchbacks - **Canvas**:
Size: 6 - 36 Husky
Price: \$34.99-44.99

Insignia:

Council Shoulder Patch
Price: \$3.75
World Crest - Price: \$1.99
Webelos color - Price: \$6.99
Unit Numbers 1-9 - Price: \$1.59
Den Numbers 1-24 - Price: \$3.50
Shoulder Loops - \$2.49

Tiger Cub Belt & Buckle:

Price: \$7.99

Cub Scout Belt & Buckle:

Size: small / medium
Price: \$9.99
Size: medium / large
Price: \$9.99

Webelos/Boy Scout Zip-offs

Switchbacks - **Nylon**:
Size: sm -xl
Price: \$49.99

Handbooks:

Tiger - Price: \$12.99 - 18.99
Wolf - Price: \$12.99 - 18.99
Bear - Price: \$12.99 - 18.99
Webelos - Price: \$12.99 - 18.99

Cub Scout Hats

\$14.99 - 17.99

Neckerchiefs:

Tiger - Price: \$8.99
Wolf - Price: \$8.99
Bear - Price: \$8.99
Webelos - Price: \$8.99

* Prices subject to change.

For online purchases, visit www.scoutstuff.org

FIVE RIVERS COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP

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CAMPING EQUIPMENT • GIFT CERTIFICATES • AND MORE

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From Elmira: Take I-86W to Chambers Rd in Big Flats Airport. Take exit 51A.

From Corning: Take I-86E to Chambers Rd in Big Flats Airport. Take exit 51A.

Inside the Mall: Once inside the Arnot Mall the Service Center is located between Sears and Center Court.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday through Friday
Saturday
Sunday and Monday
Holiday Hours

Noon - 7 PM
10 AM - 2 PM
Closed
Please call in advance



AMERICA'S POPCORN SALE



Each year the Five Rivers Council conducts its annual popcorn sale to benefit the Scouting programs of our Packs, Troops and the Council.

Why do we sell popcorn?

- Help pay for your son's summer camp
- Help pay for your son's entire year in Scouting: registration, dues, handbooks, pack supplies, etc.
- Teach your son that a Scout is thrifty, that he earns his way in Scouting.
- Scouts can also earn prizes, be invited to special events, and receive college scholarship money for being top sellers.

How do we sell?

- Door to Door in your neighborhood
- Parents selling at work
- Set up an online sales account at orderpopcorn.com
- Show-n-Sell in front of local businesses

What is expected of me as a parent?

- Make the sale a family affair
- Help your son understand that he's making a contribution, not only to himself, but to his pack
- Make this a chance for your son to improve his communication skills and to gain self-confidence



PACK LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

My son's Den Leader is: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

My son's Den meets on: _____ at _____
Day Time

The meeting location is _____

My son's Cubmaster is: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Our Pack meets on: _____ at _____
Day Time

The meeting location is _____

My Committee Chair is: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Our Parent's Committee meets on: _____ at _____
Day Time

The meeting location is _____

NOTES



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