



**TIGER
CUB SCOUT**



**1ST GRADE
ADULT PARTNER
GUIDE**

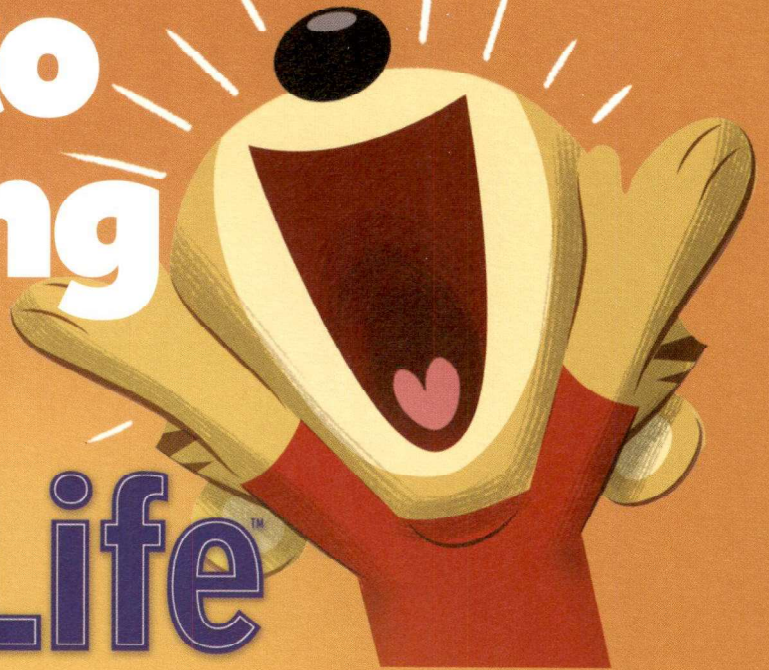


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WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING



Adventures await you and your Cub Scout. Your Cub Scout will have many first moments as the two of you complete the program elements. The best part is that you will be there to share those moments with them.

This handbook is for you, the Tiger adult partner. A Tiger adult partner is typically a Cub Scout's parent or legal guardian. A child in first grade enjoys spending time with the adults who care about them and enjoy sharing experiences with them. In Cub Scouting, there are so many new adventures and experiences, it is hard to tell how a child at this age will react. As the adult partner, you provide social and emotional support for your Tiger Cub Scout. In addition, you add an important measure of safety.

**FOR THESE REASONS, IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR YOU,
AS AN ADULT PARTNER, TO BE WITH THE TIGER CUB SCOUT
DURING ALL SCOUTING ACTIVITIES.**

The Cub Scout program is designed for you to share adventures together. Be active, have fun, and enjoy the moments you have together. You, too, as an adult partner may make new friends and have opportunities to try new things.

GETTING STARTED

1. **Find out who your contact person is for Cub Scouting.** The contact person may have a specific title like **den leader** or **Cubmaster**, or they just may be an active parent. This is the person whom you can contact to ask questions as you are getting started.
2. **Confirm the details of the den meetings,** pack meetings, and other activities. Add them to your personal and family calendars.
3. **Plug into the communication channel** that your pack and your den use. Each Cub Scout pack has different ways to communicate with parents; some have multiple ways. It may be as simple as a text message group, a communications app, or a social media page. Make sure that the contact information you give to the Cub Scout pack is accurate.
4. **Download the free Scouting app** from the Apple App Store® and Google Play™ store. The Scouting app gives parents an easy way to stay connected with their Cub Scout's progress and official records.
5. **Read the remainder of this chapter,** Cub Scout Parent Guide, and the Essential Cub Scout Family Activities chapter.

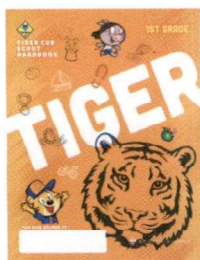
What is Cub Scouting?

Cub Scouting is the youth program of the Boy Scouts of America® (BSA) for kindergarten through fifth grade. The mission of the program 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 the Scout Law. This is accomplished through the aims and methods of Scouting — what we want to teach and how we teach.

The four aims are: character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness.

The seven methods of Cub Scouts are: living the ideals, belonging to a den, advancement, family involvement, activities, serving the neighborhood and the uniform.

Your child wanted to join and will stay in Cub Scouting because it is fun. Cub Scouting has been described as "a game with a purpose." The activities in Cub Scouting serve a purpose deeper than just having fun. Activities are designed to meet the mission of the BSA.



Tiger Cub Scout Handbook

The Tiger Cub Scout Handbook contains age-appropriate activities that correspond to the different tasks for your Tiger Cub Scout to complete called **Cub Scout Adventures**. The handbook is a supplement to Adventure requirements and can be done as a way to introduce or reinforce a topic.

TIGER CUB SCOUT UNIFORM

The uniform serves two purposes. One is to make everyone feel that they are part of something bigger than themselves, part of the same team. The uniform, when universally adopted, also creates an equal playing ground in which the signs of social or economic background are removed and everyone is simply a Cub Scout.



- ▶ Tiger hat
- ▶ Tiger neckerchief
- ▶ Tiger neckerchief slide
- ▶ Blue Cub Scout uniform shirt
- ▶ Blue Cub Scout uniform shorts, skirt, or pants
- ▶ Cub Scout socks
- ▶ Cub Scout belt



The Cub Scout belt is important, as the recognition pieces your Cub Scout earns will slide onto the belt. The Cub Scout uniform shirt is where your child's Tiger badge of rank will be placed when earned, as well as future badges of rank.

THE AIMS OF THE BSA

The foundation of all Scouting programs is for it to be a game with a purpose. Activities in Cub Scouting have a purpose, or an aim, aside from just being fun. **The aims of Scouting are fourfold: to develop character, leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness.**



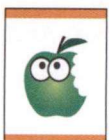
BOBCAT

Character & Leadership — Leadership is connected to a person's character. For this reason, we first build a young person's character before we ask them to give leadership. Learning about the Scout Law, practicing being friendly, and adopting the Cub Scout motto of "Do Your Best" are the cornerstones of character & leadership for a Tiger Cub Scout. The **Bobcat** required Adventure is focused on character & leadership.



TEAM
TIGER

Citizenship — The concept of citizenship begins at home. Citizenship is about actively participating with those around you to create a community. For Tiger Cub Scouts, their community is their home and the people they live with. Learning that they too can contribute and have a part in their home is the objective. The **Team Tiger** required Adventure is focused on citizenship.



TIGER
BITES

Personal Fitness — Personal fitness is learning about proper nutrition, hygiene, exercise, and rest. Children who develop healthy habits at an early age are more likely to continue those habits into adulthood. Basic concepts that include eating a variety of foods, keeping hands clean, being active daily, and getting proper rest are the fundamentals of personal fitness for Tiger Cub Scouts. The **Tiger Bites** required Adventure is focused on personal fitness.



FOCUS AREAS OF CUB SCOUTING

In addition to the aims of Scouting listed above, there are focus areas of Cub Scouting. The focus areas are the outdoors, personal safety awareness, and family & reverence.



TIGERS IN
THE WILD

Outdoors — The natural environment continues to be the best place for children to learn and discover. Being outdoors has proven benefits for both youth and adults. For Tiger Cub Scouts, this means taking opportunities to simply take a walk outside. Tiger Cub Scouts will focus on being properly prepared when exploring their local outdoors. Time outside does not need to be in a remote forest; it can be a front yard, a city park, or walking on the sidewalk in an urban neighborhood. The **Tigers in the Wild** required Adventure is focused on the outdoors.





TIGER'S
ROAR

Personal Safety Awareness — Helping families keep their children safe in addition to teaching children how to keep themselves safe is an embedded part of the Cub Scout experience. The **Tiger's Roar** required Adventure is focused on personal safety awareness.



TIGER
CIRCLES

Family & Reverence — Cub Scouting encourages families of all faiths to explore their faith traditions. Some families have formal, structured beliefs while other families may still be exploring their beliefs. In Scouting, being reverent means you are faithful to your beliefs and respectful of others' beliefs. The **Tiger Circles** required Adventure is focused on family & reverence.



THE METHODS OF CUB SCOUTING

How we achieve the aims of Cub Scouting are called the methods. Using each method as designed makes for the best possible experience. The methods of Cub Scouting are: Living the Ideals, Belonging to a Den, Advancement, Family Involvement, Activities, Serving the Neighborhood, and the Uniform.

Living the Ideals — Scouting values are the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. All interactions in Cub Scouting should reflect the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. This provides a foundation on which your Scouting community can thrive.

Belonging to a Den — Children who are Cub Scout age do better in small groups. The den serves as a peer group and is the method by which the Cub Scout program is delivered.

Advancement — The advancement program refers to the progress your Cub Scout makes toward their badge of rank. This method works best with instant recognition. When a Cub Scout completes an Adventure, they should be awarded their Adventure loop immediately.

Family Involvement — The Tiger Cub Scout program is designed for children in first grade to participate with an adult partner. Cub Scouting encourages all members of the family to be involved. **This includes completing home-based Adventure requirements**, as well as inviting those who live with the Tiger Cub Scout and extended family members to pack meetings and other pack activities.

Activities — The activities that are part of the Cub Scout program are designed to develop a lifelong love of learning. The activities and requirements for the Tiger badge of rank are designed specifically for first grade children.

Serving the Neighborhood — Through service projects, Cub Scouts will experience what it is like to give back to their community. Service projects should be small in scope and timed to match Tiger Cub Scouts' attention span and skill level.

The Uniform — The method of the uniform is twofold. The first is that it is a method to build a team. Just as sports teams have a uniform that identifies them, so does Cub Scouting. The second purpose is that when everyone is in uniform it covers up differences of social or economic background.

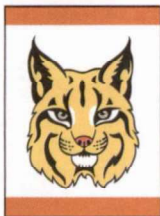
WHAT CUB SCOUTS DO



Each year, the goal of a Cub Scout is to earn their badge of rank specific to their grade. This is referred to as "advancement." To earn their badge of rank, they complete six required and two elective Cub Scout Adventures. Each Adventure is centered on a specific topic. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA: character & leadership, citizenship, personal fitness, the outdoors, personal safety, and family & reverence. Elective Adventures cover various subjects designed specifically for Tiger Cub Scouts.

6 required

2 elective



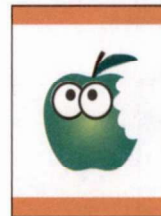
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Character & Leadership



TIGERS IN THE WILD

Outdoors

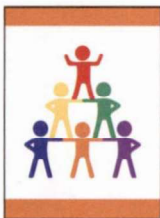


TIGER BITES

Personal Fitness



Elective Adventure



TEAM TIGER

Citizenship



TIGER'S ROAR

Personal Safety Awareness



TIGER CIRCLES

Family & Reverence



Elective Adventure

Once your Tiger Cub Scout has completed the six required and at least two elective Adventures to earn their Tiger badge of rank, they can continue to earn more elective Adventures until they complete first grade. Once your Cub Scout completes first grade, they begin working on the next rank in Cub Scouts, the Wolf badge of rank.

Electives



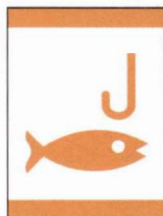
**Champions
for Nature**



**Curiosity, Intrigue, and
Magical Mysteries**



**Designed by
Tiger**



Fish On



**Floats and
Boats**



Good Knights



Let's Camp



Race Time



Rolling Tigers



Safe and Smart



**Sky Is
the Limit**



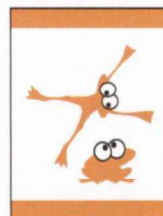
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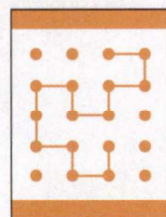
**Summertime
Fun**



**Tech
All Around**



Tiger Tag



Tiger-iffic



**Tigers in
the Water**



Archery *



BB Gun *



Slingshot *

* Range and target sports Adventures are special Adventures that can only be completed at approved events with qualified instructors.



Scan this QR code to learn more about earning the Tiger badge of rank.