



Exciting news for the Cub Scout Program!

The Greater Alabama Council has been accepted into the National BSA's Pilot Program for Kindergarten aged boys.

Lion Cubs and Scouting

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. The Lion Program offers an age –appropriate introduction to Cub Scouting which fosters the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America in kindergarten aged boys and serves as a bridge to the traditional Cub Scout program.

How does the Lion Cub program work?

A group or family of Lions is referred to as a den. Your unit's Lion Den will be comprised of boy/adult teams. In order to participate an adult must accompany all Lion cubs to all activities and meetings. The program is designed to encourage parent/adult participation and leadership. A Lion Guide is provided by the Pack to act in a supervisory and organizational capacity. The Lion Guide is not expected to conduct meetings but rather assist the parents/adults in doing so.



What is a Lion Guide?

A Lion Guide is an adult Scouter that meets the following qualifications and has these responsibilities:

- Has Previous Experience as a Den Leader
- Works directly with other den and pack leaders to ensure that the den is active and a part of the pack
- Plans the initial den meetings and outings
- Mentors the Adult Partners in how to deliver the the program
- Attends pack leaders meetings
- Leads the den at monthly outings and pack activities
- Ensures transition from Lion Cub to Tigers
- Prepares Lions for Day Camp at the end of the year if appropriate
- Coordinates “shared” leadership among the Lion Cub adult partners
- Ensures that each Lion and his partner have the opportunity to be a host team which plans and executes den activities and rotates the responsibilities monthly

How often does a lion Cub Den meet?

It is suggested that Lion Dens meet at least twice a month, once for a Lion Den meeting and again at the Pack meeting. There are seven themes or units in the program that may be completed before June. Frequency and duration of meetings is solely a unit decision, tailor it to meet the needs of your Lion Cubs. The program may be enhanced by the monthly themes utilized by the Pack, special Pack events and service projects, as well as, the creativity of the Pride’s members. All activities are to be conducted under the rules and regulation of the Boy Scouts of America and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

From opening to closing a Lion Meeting should last between 45 minutes and in some cases up to 60 minutes



Do Lions wear a uniform or get a badge?

Yes! Just like the traditional Cub Scout Program the Lions will work toward achieving a rank patch which will be available in the Scout Shop. It is also suggested that each pack also come up with other recognitions for Lions as they progress in the Pack's program. The Lion Cub will also wear a T-Shirt which will be their uniform. This t-shirt will be available in our two BSA National Scout Shops in Birmingham and Huntsville.

What happens after the Lion Cub program is completed?

Once the Lion has completed the Lions Program, it's time to look forward to graduation! More fun-filled adventure awaits you in Cub Scouting! As a den, learn about the rank of Tiger Cub in Cub scouting. After you complete the graduation cross over to Tiger Cubs you will receive a Lion patch as a symbol of the completion of the Lions. The Lion Cub will be added to the Tiger Cub Den. Attendance at summer-time pack events and Cub Scout Day Camp can now be credited to their Tiger Cub Advancement.

