

THE ORGANIZATION

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.

What is BSA?

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is the national organization that develops our programs and trainings and provides additional support for councils.

What is GAC?

The Greater Alabama Council (GAC) consists of the volunteer board, leaders, and professional staff who provide programs, training, financial and administrative support for Scouting in 22 counties in North and Central Alabama. Our council operates five camping properties and has two offices.

What are Districts?

Our council is divided into geographic areas known as districts. District volunteers support your pack by providing in-person trainings, activities, programs, and turn-key fund raisers, as well as helping with membership.

Prepared. For Life.

Where are the Scout Shops?

BIRMINGHAM ScoutShop@Scouting.org
216 Liberty Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35242
M-F, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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2211 Drake Ave SW, Huntsville AL 35805
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THE BASICS

OUR COUNCIL IS: **GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL**

WE BELONG TO PACK: _____

OUR DISTRICT IS: _____

OUR PACK IS
CHARTERED BY: _____

OUR ANNUAL PACK DUES ARE: \$ _____
(Some packs require members to pay dues.)

OUR PACK'S PARENT/GUARDIAN ORIENTATION MEETING WILL BE:

(Date) _____

(Time) _____

(Place) _____

OUR CUBMASTER IS:

(Name) _____

(Phone) _____


(Email) _____

MY CHILD'S RANK & DEN IS:

Lion Kindergarten 

Tiger 1st grade 

Wolf 2nd grade 

Bear 3rd grade 

Webelos 4th grade
5th grade 

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.




WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING



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CUB SCOUTING IS FUN — from exploring natural habitats and building model cars and robots to trying sports like archery and telling stories around a campfire! Cub Scouting provides ready-made opportunities for families to spend time together and make memories. Scouts learn values consistent with good citizenship, character development, and physical fitness and learn to “do their best” and be helpful to others.

HOW DOES IT WORK? The unique thing about Cub Scouting is that you, as family, join in with your children to help them along the way. The handbook is your Scout’s guide. This is where you’ll find everything needed to complete requirements and progress through the Cub Scout Program.

Your child will be part of a **DEN**, a small, single-gender group of boys or girls in the same grade who usually meet 2-3 times a month. All dens combine to make the **PACK**. Once a month, the dens (with their families) gather at the pack meeting for large activities and to recognize the youth for the badges they have earned.



— Scout Law

PACK LEADERSHIP

Parents and guardians are the primary source of leaders in Scouting.

The **CUBMASTER** is a volunteer who plans and carries out the overall pack program with the help of the pack committee.

The **DEN LEADER** leads the den meetings by following the *Den Leader Guidebook*.

The **PACK COMMITTEE CHAIR** leads the parent committee that makes the pack go and helps the cubmaster and den leaders be successful. The committee often plans the larger pack activities and ensures Scouts receive recognition.

Go to <https://my.scouting.org> for high-quality **ONLINE TRAINING** tailored to your volunteer role.


Youth Protection Training is a joining requirement for ALL adult volunteers.

PAYING FOR IT

Fund raisers often cover fees associated with some camps and activities.

FUND RAISERS — Our program teaches Scouts to pay their own way, or at least earn some of the money for camps, equipment, dues, uniforms, etc. The annual Popcorn Sale (fall) and Camp Card Sale (spring) allow Scouts to set a fundraising goal and earn their way to adventure.

FINANCIAL AID — We believe money should not prevent anyone from enjoying the benefits of Scouting. Ask your cubmaster privately about options if your family needs help covering Scouting costs.

 **\$25 Joining Fee**
Plus \$5.50 a month
Some packs may also require pack dues.

 **\$12 FOR 12 ISSUES**
OF **BOYS' LIFE** MAGAZINE
Optional.

 **UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE OR IN THE LOCAL SCOUT SHOP**
Uniforms identify youth & adults with Cub Scouts & give them a sense of belonging to their den, pack, and the BSA. Also, earned badges & awards are displayed on the uniform.

 **HANDBOOKS ARE PROVIDED FOR CUB SCOUTS WHO JOIN BETWEEN AUGUST & OCTOBER**
After your 1st year, handbooks can be purchased at either of our two local Scout Shops.

TRAIL TO BOBCAT:

Initial & Date

- _____ 1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.
- _____ 2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
- _____ 3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
- _____ 4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
- _____ 5. Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.
- _____ 6. Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.
- _____ 7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide – Bobcat Requirements*

