

Welcome to Tiger Cubs BSA!!!

A Guidebook for New Tiger Cubs
And their Adult Partners



At tonight's meeting, we intend to:

- ✓ Inform Parents and Boys about Tiger Cubs BSA
- ✓ Register Boys and their Adult Partner for Tiger Cubs
- ✓ Set the Date and Location for our First Gathering



OVERVIEW

Boys' Life magazine is the official youth publication of the Boy Scouts of America.

The mission of *Boys' Life* is to entertain and educate America's youth, and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics and Scouting.

CUB SCOUT DEMOGRAPHIC VERSION

Since September 1995, *Boys' Life* has published two versions – one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts. The Cub Scout version focuses on the developmental reading needs of Cub Scout age subscribers. It contains eight to twelve special pages (substituted for a similar number of pages in the Boy Scout version) modified especially for Cub Scout age readers.

“The Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* contains something for every boy age 6 to 11 – word games, cartoons and puzzles; sports profiles of young athletes; pack activities – articles and activities that interest our young readers. They also receive most of our regular lineup of action-packed articles and columns, Boy Scout adventures and humor. With the Cub Scout version, *Boys' Life* reinforces its commitment to be the ‘magazine for all boys.’”-J.D. Owen, editor-in-chief, *Boys' Life* magazine.

CUB SCOUTS WHO SUBSCRIBE TO *BOYS' LIFE*:

· **Stay in Scouting longer than non-subscribers.** The most recent finding by Globe Research Corporation reports that, on average, *Boys' Life* subscribers stay in Scouting 2.5 times longer than non-subscribers.

· **Advance in rank faster and more often than non-subscribers.** The advancement rate for *Boys' Life* subscribers is more than twice that of non-subscribers.

· **Are more active in Scouting events than non-subscribers.** Surveys taken at council Scout shows pointed out that 85 percent of participants are *Boys' Life* subscribers. **This percentage seems to hold true regardless of the council-wide percentage of *Boys' Life* subscribers.**

· “The decision to publish a Cub Scout version of *Boys' Life* magazine represents a strong commitment by the BSA to your son's success in Scouting.” -Jere Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive, BSA (retired).

At \$9.00 per year for a subscription – this is a tremendous bargain! Initial sign-up fee of \$8.00, plus a \$9.00 subscription fee for 12 issues – the cost is still only \$17.00!

**What a Value!!
This averages 75¢ per issue!!**

Welcome to Tiger Cubs BSA!

Tiger Cubs is for first grade boys and an adult partner. Adult partners are usually parents or family members, but can be any adult. What is important is that the boy participates with a caring, loving adult.



Many activities are designed to involve the whole family, and benefit the whole family.

The Tiger Cub den is part of a Cub Scout Pack. The den meets 2-3 times monthly, and in addition, attends the monthly Cub Scout pack meeting.

Objective of Tiger Cubs BSA

- ◆ With your boy, have fun and learn new things
- ◆ Involve other family members in many of the activities
- ◆ Teach your boy many of the ideals of Boy Scouting:
 - Reverence for God
 - Love of Country
 - Love of family and others
 - Personal development

Through Tiger Cubs BSA you and your boy will learn about the Scouting program.



Tiger Cub Motto

The motto of Tiger Cubs BSA is **Search, Discover, Share.**

The Tiger Cub program is full of excitement and fun. But underlying all of the fun and action are the goals of building self-esteem and confidence, and building a stronger relationship.

Tiger Cub Promise

"I promise to love God, my family and my country and to learn about the world."

Your boy is old enough to understand a promise and the responsibilities it carries. But he needs your help and support when he feels he is unable or doesn't want to live up to it.

How Tiger Cubs Works

The Tiger Cub Den

One adult is needed to serve as Tiger Cub Den Leader. This person ensures program planning, meeting places, makes recognitions special, etc.

Four to eight boys and their adult partners make up a den.

Each adult-boy team should take a turn hosting a den meeting, based on ideas in the Tiger Cub Handbook.

The Cub Scout Pack

The pack meets once per month with all dens and their families attending.

The pack is led by the Cubmaster and a committee of den leaders and other parents.

Pack meetings have games, songs, skits, stunts, ceremonies and presentations of badges earned by the boys during the past month.

The pack is "owned" by a chartered partner. The Chartered Partner is usually a school, parent organization, religious organization, service club or other organization interested in helping youth.

Program Specifics

Materials

The Tiger Cub Handbook is the basic manual for Tiger Cubs and their partners. This book contains big idea topics for the group gatherings. It also contains suggestions for family activities between meetings.

Recognition

Recognizing boys for their accomplishments plays an important role throughout the Scouting program. Here are the recognition elements in Tiger Cubs:

Belt Totem

When the boys learn the Tiger Cub Motto and Promise, the pack can present them with a specially designed leather Tiger Paw Belt Totem.

Activity Beads

Boys earn an orange activity bead for each den activity in which they participate, and a white family activity bead for every five family activities completed. They can display these beads proudly on their Tiger Paw Belt Totem.

Tiger Badge

By completing the requirements in the Tiger Cub Handbook, the Tiger Cub will earn the diamond shaped Tiger Cub Badge. This is first worn on the leather Tiger Paw Belt Totem (when reversed) and later on the blue Cub Scout uniform shirt.

Bobcat Badge

The last activity is for Tiger Cubs to earn the Bobcat Badge by learning the Cub Scout motto, promise, handshake, salute, sign, the meaning of "Webelos", the "Law of The Pack" and learn what the "Arrow of Light" is.

Graduation Flap

For Tiger Cubs moving into the Cub Scouting program beginning in the Spring, they are entitled to wear a special Tiger Transition pocket flap on their new blue uniform shirt.

Advancement and Recognitions are presented to the Cub Scouts at den meetings or pack meetings.

Tiger Cub Uniforms

Tiger Cubs can wear the official orange Tiger Cubs BSA T-shirt with the Tiger Cubs emblem on the front of the shirt. These T-shirts can be purchased from your nearest Scout Distributor or through the Viking Council Service Center. Also available are Tiger Cubs hats and belts.



What will Tiger Cubs Cost?

Tiger Cubs BSA registration fee:	\$7.00/year
Boys' Life Magazine	\$9.00/year
Tiger Cub Handbook	\$3.50
Pack Dues	\$___ (varies by pack)

Some packs do fund-raisers to minimize the amount of dues charged each year. Tiger Cub dens may not be required to pay pack dues.

Uniform Parts

Official Tiger Cubs BSA T-shirt	\$8.15 (youth) \$9.95 (adult)
Tiger Cubs Cap	\$11.50
Tiger Cubs Belt	\$6.15
Tiger Cubs Belt Totem	\$8.25 (package of 5)

NOTE: These prices were taken from the 2002 Official Boy Scouts of America Catalog. Prices are subject to change, and do not include sales tax.

How Can You Help?



Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting 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 serve your son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

What does it take to be a volunteer? A long, rich background of Scouting involvement is NOT required! What is needed is a desire to work with and help young people, a willingness to make time in your weekly schedule, and the rest is easy! Lots of resources and training are available and many people will support your efforts.

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, talent 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 need 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 Boy Scouts of America.

Top Ten Tips for a FANTASTIC Tiger Cub Den

1. At each meeting the Tiger Cub Den Leader presents information on the upcoming outing or activity.
2. If you are planning an outside activity, always have an indoor plan in case of bad weather.
3. While the family may be invited to special outings like a trip to the zoo, only the Tiger Cub and one partner should attend the regular den meetings. This keeps it special for the boy.
4. Be sure the January activity is a special activity to get maximum participation from the den after the holiday break.
5. In February, be sure to attend the pack's Blue and Gold Banquet. This is a great opportunity to meet the families of all Cub Scouts in the pack. (The Blue and Gold Banquet is a time for each pack to celebrate the Birthday of Cub Scouting - ask your own pack leadership for details of your banquet.)
6. In April or May, Tiger Cubs graduate into the Cub Scout pack at the month's pack meeting. They can then participate as a Cub Scout in Summer activities, and start working in their Wolf Cub Scout Book. Summer is the perfect time to work on the outdoor achievements with new Wolf Cub Scouts.
7. Some of last year's most successful Tiger Cub dens had regular outings almost every two weeks. Use your imagination and keep the activities simple and fun!
8. If you have any questions about the den's meeting, or about the program in general, contact your pack's Committee Chairman or Cubmaster.
9. Attend Tiger Cub Zoo Day! See your Cubmaster for more details regarding Zoo Day!
10. Enjoy a subscription to Boys' Life Magazine! Contact your Cubmaster or the Viking Council Service Center for a sample. See inside front cover of this booklet for more info!

CALENDAR OF GROUP ACTIVITIES

Month	Big Idea	Person in Charge	Phone	Date/Location
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				

OUR TIGER CUB DEN ROSTER

Name (Boy & Adult)	Address	Daytime Phone	Evening Phone
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Tiger Cub Den Leader Name _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Pack Tiger Group Coach Name _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Cubmaster Name _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Committee Chair Name _____

Phone # _____

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