



2026-2027 Cub Scout Parent Orientation Guide



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Free When You Join Cub Scouts

Every new Cub Scout will receive a voucher for a **FREE Cub Scout Handbook worth \$24** filled with activities they may follow as a den and at home to earn advancements and experience the fun of Scouting along the way.

*A free handbook is available to all new Cub Scouts who register between August 1st and October 31st, or until supplies last.



FREE handbook
to help complete their
Cub Scout rank!

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Scouting Fun and Values

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring leader. And to have memorable fun experiences. Cub Scouting can deliver on these goals for your child.

What is Scouting? Scouting delivers positive youth development through active programs for all youth. Cub Scouts is for boys and girls in Kindergarten into Fifth Grade. Scouts BSA Troops are for young men and women older than Cub Scout age and through age 17.

Support

Cub Scouting helps to support your family by providing ready-made adventures and activities for you and your child to enjoy **together**.

Better Together

Spending time with peers is important. Scouting offers an emphasis on friendship and **building self-esteem**. As a parent, you know that your child is involved in a group of peers and parent leaders that will teach values of good citizenship, character and leadership in a safe environment.

Family Values

Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. It also provides activities for the **whole family** to enjoy.

Building Stronger Families

Cub Scout Packs and Dens are run by parent leaders (Scouting gives you the tools and plans to lead and succeed). **It takes a village to raise a child!** When a parent steps up to help and lead, your child will love you more – and your child's peers will respect you!



SIX REASONS KIDS LOVE CUB SCOUTS:

1. Go camping and sleep under the stars
2. Build cool things like Pinewood Derby cars and rockets
3. Make new friends
4. Explore nature
5. Earn awards they're proud of
6. Try new adventures like hiking, fishing, and archery

SEVEN REASONS PARENTS LOVE CUB SCOUTS:

1. Build character and strong values
2. Gain confidence through achievement
3. Learn practical life skills
4. Spend less time on screens
5. Enjoy a schedule that works for busy families
6. Participate in a safe, welcoming environment
7. Create lasting family memories





CUB SCOUTS & GEORGIA STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

SUPPORTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS THROUGH CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Cub Scouts build the skills students need to succeed in school and in life. Our hands-on program connects directly to Georgia's academic standards while helping students grow into confident, capable, and caring leaders.



SCIENCE

S1L1 (K)

Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the basic needs of plants and animals.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Tiger: Tigers in the Wild
- Bear: Bear Habitat
- Champions for Nature

S3L1 (3RD)

Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the similarities and differences between plants, animals, and habitats.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Paws on the Path
- Bear Habitat
- Outdoor Adventurer

S43 (4TH)

Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information to demonstrate the water cycle and weather patterns.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Weather observations during hikes & camping
- STEM activities



SOCIAL STUDIES

SSKG1 (K)

Describe the work that people do in order to produce goods and services.

Cub Scout Connections:

- My Community
- Visits from community leaders
- Career exploration

SS2CG2 (2ND)

Demonstrate knowledge of the importance of rules and laws.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Scout Oath and Scout Law
- Den Code of Conduct
- Leadership roles

SS4CG1 (4TH)

Describe the structure of government and the role of citizens.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Paws for Action
- Service projects
- Flag ceremonies



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ELAGSE1SL1 (1ST)

Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Den meetings
- Team activities
- Group problem-solving

ELAGSE4SL4 (4TH)

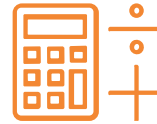
Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Adventure presentations
- Demonstrations
- Leadership activities



Scouts build confidence through speaking, listening, reading, and sharing ideas every week!



MATHEMATICS

MGSE3.MD.2 (3RD)

Measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses of objects.

Cub Scout Connections:

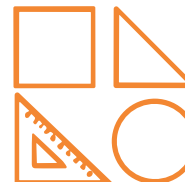
- STEM projects
- Camping preparation
- Cooking activities

MGSE4.MD.1 (4TH)

Know relative sizes of measurement units and solve measurement problems.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Hiking distances
- Pinewood Derby construction



Scouts use math skills in real-world situations!



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE Standard

Demonstrates competency in movement skills and patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activities.

Cub Scout Connections:

- Stronger, faster, Higher
- Bear Strong
- Hiking and outdoor recreation
- Team-building challenges



Scouts develop fitness, healthy habits, and lifelong well-being!

CHARACTER EDUCATION & PBIS ALIGNMENT

Georgia schools value:

Respect
Responsibility
Integrity

Citizenship
Leadership
Service

THE SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy	Friendly	Obedient	Brave
Loyal	Courteous	Cheerful	Clean
Helpful	Kind	Thrifty	Reverent

Cub Scouts practice these values every day through adventures, service projects, and leadership opportunities.

CUB SCOUTS HELPS SCHOOLS DEVELOP



Academically
Engaged Students



Community-
Minded Citizens



Future Leaders



Strong Character



Meaningful Family
Engagement



STEM Exploration

AN EXTENSION OF THE CLASSROOM

Helping Georgia students become leaders, citizens, and lifelong learners.



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Scouting America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our Scouts.

Scouting America’s Commitment to Safety

- True youth protection can be achieved only through the **focused commitment of everyone in Scouting**.
- **Get Safeguarding Youth Trained today!** This is required for all registered volunteers to help keep kids safe.
- The **Guide to Safe Scouting** is the reference guide for Safeguarding Youth and Adult Leadership. You can download your copy at [Scouting.org](https://scouting.org).
- **Be aware.** Know Scouting America’s policies on Safe Scouting and stay up to date on your training.



Barriers to Abuse

Scouting America has adopted several robust policies for the safety and well-being of our members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. Parents using these safeguards outside Scouting further increase the safety to all children. Learn more about the Scouting America’s policies at bit.ly/Scouting-Barriers-to-Abuse.



Do Your Part to Ensure a Safe Environment for Every Scout.

Get Safeguarding Youth Trained Today!

1. Go to **My.Scouting.org** and create an account profile.
2. Select **“Safeguarding Youth”** on the right side of the screen to take this course.
3. Upon completion, please print the certificate and keep a copy for yourself and attach one to your paper Adult Leader Application (online application will sync with your training).



Your Den

What is a den? When do we meet?

- A den is six to ten youth, ideally in the same grade, who meet with volunteer adult leaders (almost always parents) to do Scouting “Adventures”, play games, learn skills, perform skits and songs, and take field trips.
- Dens meet at the convenience of leaders and families often twice a month, maybe less or more.
- A den is led by a volunteer Den Leader or co-leaders, assisted by all other parents in the den. Most leaders are parents of Cub Scouts, and every parent is a leader to their Scout!

Your Den’s Pack

- You and your Scout and the den are members of a pack.
- Each pack is made up of one or more dens.
- The pack can host activities, usually once a month, that all Cub Scout families are invited to attend, like campouts, hikes, field trips, Pinewood Derbies and much more!
- Pack activities are led by a volunteer Cubmaster and other parent leaders, with help from other parents.



Your Chartered Organization

- Your pack is sponsored by a Chartered Organization, such as a school, religious organization, or service club.
- Chartered Organizations are organizations with permission - a “charter” - to own and operate a Scouting program.
- Your Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps secure meeting places, and keeps the pack within both their guidelines and the policies of the Scouting America.



The Advancement Plan

All Scouts should have their own Cub Scout Handbook and work on their age-appropriate “Rank Badge”. Handbook adventures can be den group activities and/or family-led activities.

At each level, your child will make friends, laugh loud, learn life lessons, gain confidence, discover nature and most of all ... have fun! They’ll experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship and personal fitness through engaging and exciting adventures!

Each of the grade-based ranks requires that a Scout complete eight of those Handbook adventures.



- Each rank has six “required” adventures covering important topics of **Character/Leadership, the Outdoors, Personal Fitness, Citizenship, Community Service, Personal Safety, and Family Belief + Reverence.**
- To complete the rank, two additional adventures can be chosen from the 16 or more elective adventures, which cover a wide range of fun and meaningful activities—such as **swimming, biking, camping, nature exploration, fishing, target sports, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and pure fun and games.**
- K through 3rd Grade Scouts (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear) can be recognized with “Belt Loops” on completion of each Adventure, while 4th and 5th Grade Scouts (Webelos, Arrow of Light) can receive “Pins”.

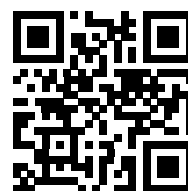
In late winter or spring of fifth grade, Arrow of Light Scouts graduate from Cub Scouts to a Scouts BSA Troop at a ceremony called a Crossover.

Special Awards & Recognition

The Cub Scout program provides a variety of ways to engage and recognize youth. Below are a few additional awards that can be earned while your child is a Cub Scout.

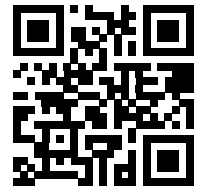
Awards	
Religious Emblems These awards encourage members to grow stronger in their faith. Many religious groups have programs for young people to earn a religious emblem.	
Messengers of Peace To recognize individuals who participate in a Messengers of Peace project (service project) – youth and adults. A global service project program carried out by Scouts throughout the world.	

Learn More
About Advancement



Cub Scout Resources

Learn More
About Cub Scouts



My Scouting Council is:
Atlanta Area Council
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**Volunteer Service Center
and Scout Shop Address:**

1800 Circle 75 Parkway, SE
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
(Located across the street from Truist Park,
home of the Atlanta Braves)

 ScoutingATL.org

 **770-989-8820**

 Facebook.com/ScoutingATL

 Instagram.com/ScoutingATL

 LinkedIn.com/Company/Atlanta-Area-Council

Scouting America
Scouting.org

Training and Data
My.Scouting.org

Den Meeting Resources
[ScoutingATL.org/
CubScoutAdvance](https://ScoutingATL.org/CubScoutAdvance)

On Scouting [Daily Blog]
Blog.ScoutingMagazine.org

Scouting America Online Store
ScoutShop.org

Scouting Magazine
ScoutingMagazine.org



**NATURE IS CALLING.
SCOUTS WELCOME.**

SCOUTING AMERICA BADGE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Programs for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA,
Venture Scouts, and Explorers

- >> Hiking
- >> Volunteer opportunities
- >> Overnights
- >> Outdoor skills
- >> Project opportunities
- >> Wildlife education

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One of the promises of Scouting is being able to experience all of the amazing programs Cub Scouts have to offer in the beautiful outdoors. It helps them learn to rely on themselves - on their own skills and knowledge. The Atlanta Area Council operates three premier camping properties for your Scout and family!



Bert Adams Scout Camp

218 Scout Road | Covington, GA 30016

Bert Adams is known for its modern amenities with an air-conditioned dining hall and permanent platform tents with electricity. Bert Adams serves thousands of weekend campers in addition to Scouts at Summer Camp and Cub Scouts for Cub Adventure Weekends.

CampBertAdams.org



Woodruff Scout Camp

31 Woodruff Drive | Blairsville, GA 30512

Woodruff features cool temperatures and gorgeous mountain views. For older Scouts Woodruff hosts eight weeks of Summer Camp and thousands of campers from troops and packs on the weekends throughout the year.

CampWoodruff.org



Allatoona Aquatics Base

200 Lovingood Drive | Woodstock, GA 30189

With 400 acres of lakefront property leased from the Army Corps of Engineers, this nearby camp is used throughout the year for weekend camping, age-appropriate aquatic activities including canoeing, rowing, sailing, skiing, swimming, motor boating and lifesaving.

AllatoonaAquaticsBase.org





Cub Scouts is about hands-on learning. Your den and pack create a full schedule of fun activities and the Atlanta Area Council has many activities you can attend with your pack or on your own.

Spooky-Ree Weekends

Spooky-Ree Weekends are fall-themed camping weekends full of STEM, arts and crafts, Scout skills, physical challenges, games, shooting sports and more at Bert Adams Scout Camp in nearby Covington, GA.

Learn More
About Spooky-Ree



Choose Your Own Adventure!

Experience fun, friends, family, games, and fall family camping at Bert Adams Scout Camp.

Trailblazer Adventure Camp | October 2 - 4

Spooky-Ree Weekend #1 | October 9 - 11

Spooky-Ree Weekend #2 | October 16 - 18

Spooky-Ree Weekend #3 | October 22 - 25

Spooky-Ree: \$35 per Cub Scout / \$20 per Adult

Trailblazer Adventure Camp: \$35 per Cub Scout / \$25 per Adult

CampBertAdams.org/SpookyRee

Spring Family Camp Weekend | April

CampBertAdams.org/SpringFamily

Scout Days – Year-Round Events

Scout Days are opportunities for Scouts, friends and family to watch the Atlanta professional sports games or attend venues like Georgia Aquarium, Six Flags, and much more.

Atlanta Braves Scout Day | August 29 | Truist Park

Check out ScoutingATL.org/ScoutDays for upcoming dates and ticket options.



NEED PARKING FOR A BRAVES GAME?

Fast, Convenient Parking Directly
Across the Street from the Ballpark
at the Volunteer Service Center.




WALK TO TRUIST PARK IN MINUTES!

SUPPORT SCOUTING PROGRAMS ACROSS ATLANTA AND SAVE TIME GETTING TO THE GAME!



**Scan to Reserve Parking Online!
bit.ly/VSC-Parking**

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SPOOKY-REE!!!

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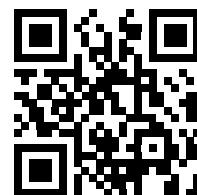
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CampBertAdams.org/SpookyRee



Cub Scout Uniform

You can purchase all of your Scout's needs at the Atlanta Scout Shop located at the Volunteer Service Center, located across the street from Truist Park. Here you will find helpful team members to help you get the right sizes, patches and everything else your Scout may need. Uniforms and other items are also available online at ScoutShop.org.

Note: To reduce financial barriers to participation, your pack may not require that all uniform elements be bought, but Scouts will want to work towards the "full uniform" look.

Atlanta Area Council Scout Shop

Address:

1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE
Atlanta, GA 30339
Phone | 770-988-9912
ScoutingATL.org/ScoutShop

Hours:

Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday | 10 AM - 4 PM
Closed on Sunday

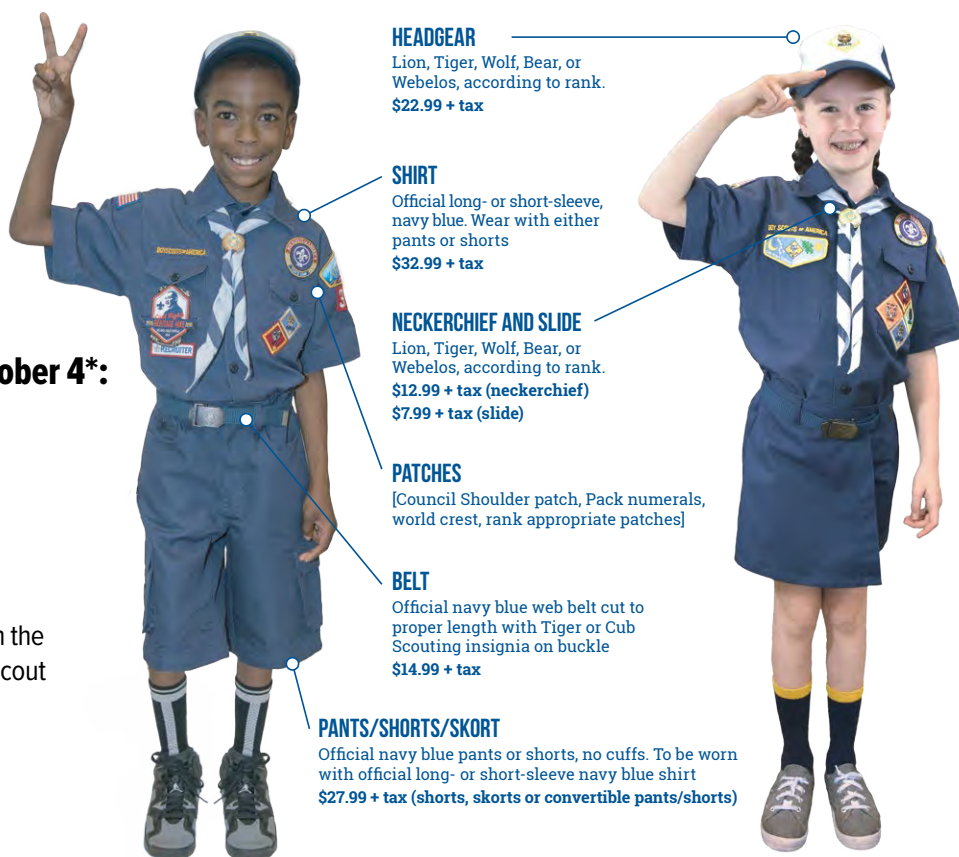
Special Hours from August 17 - October 4*:

Monday-Friday | 9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday | 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday | 9 AM - 2 PM

**Hours subject to change*

10% off a Cub Scout uniform short or pant with the purchase of a Cub Scout uniform Shirt. See Scout Shop for details. Prices subject to change.

Visit Scouting.org/Programs/Cub-Scouts/Cub-Scout-Uniform for more information.



Cub Scout Handbooks

Cub Scout handbooks are the guides parents want for developing skills, leadership and character. The books for Cub Scouts are related to age and contain the program Adventures for the coming year, especially the requirements for their advancement awards. **Newly registered Cub Scouts in the Fall 2026 recruiting season in the Atlanta Area Council will receive a voucher for a free Handbook!**



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ATLANTA BRAVES
CUB SCOUTS MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR



Atlanta Scout Shop

1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE, Atlanta, Ga. 30339. 770-988-9912

HOURS

Monday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

TWO WAYS TO SAVE

SAVE 10%

ON UNIFORM BOTTOMS
WHEN YOU PURCHASE ANY
MATCHING UNIFORM TOP.*

OFFER VALID 7/27/26 - 12/31/26

OR

SAVE 20%

WHEN YOU PURCHASE
A FULL UNIFORM.*

OFFER VALID 7/27/26 - 10/31/26

*RESTRICTIONS APPLY. QUALIFYING ITEMS AND FULL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS VARY BY OFFER. SEE ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS. VALID FOR CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS BSA, AND VENTURING.

Fall Hours listed above are from 8/17-10/4. Store goes back to normal hours on 10/5

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Join Your Scout!

In this section you will learn how to get involved as a parent and a leader and what training you will need to make it easy. Every parent must be a leader to their own Scout children – and Cub Scouting works best when parents share in leading the Scouts in a den and pack. Many Cub Scout Adventures can be completely earned at home – and every family will have access to tips about how they can lead in person and in den gatherings.

Did You Know?

71%
of Cub Scouts joined
“to go camping.”

Join the Journey with Your Scout – Join the Leader Team

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 the Scouting. You volunteer not only to fill a role in Scouting, but also to help your Scout and their friends and to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.



It’s a Family Program

Being a leader is fun 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 and sharing your pride with your Scouts on their accomplishments.
- The opportunity to share ideas with other parents about how we can lead, help and nurture our Scouts in our den and pack, and create stronger families through Scouting.
- A chance to help our children learn good citizenship and to help shape them into young people who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.



Your Scout's Den and Pack is led by parent volunteers – like you! – who provide leadership in key positions that ensure every youth and family has a quality Scouting experience. We encourage every parent to participate in a leadership role. Here are some examples on how you can get involved today!

Den Leader/Assistants

Leads the den at den meetings and pack activities — guides parents about how to lead their Scouts. Den Leaders will need help from Assistants and helpers, and dens can be led by a “co-leader” team of 2, 3 or more.

Newly registered Den Leaders this fall who complete Den Leader training by October 31 receive a voucher for a free uniform.

Pack Committee

Pack committee members (some positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the pack to support the delivery of the program by Den Leaders and the Cubmaster - all coordinate in regular pack leader meetings.

Committee Chair

Overall coordination of pack plan and volunteers. Presides at all pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult volunteers.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps records of pack funds (collections and expenses) and reports to the Committee. Handles applications and recharter paperwork.

Cubmaster/Assistants

Helps plan and carry out the pack program with the help of others. Emcees the monthly pack activity or meeting. Also helps guide parents about how to lead their Scouts.



Pack Trainer

Guides leaders and parents to training resources and classes (online and in person).

Parent Helpers/Committee Members

Involved in program jobs of short duration including coordinating pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Day Camp, weekend activities, etc.

New Member Coordinators

Anyone who likes Scouting can be on a “Welcome” team (sometimes called new member coordinators”) to help greet families at den and pack events and guide families on how to get the most out of Scouting.



Did You Know?

86%

of Volunteers Say Their Time Invested with Scouts Helps Them Be Better Parents.*

*Source Volunteer Outcomes Survey

Getting Trained to Lead Your Scouts

Leading your Scout's Cub Scout den or pack is a great journey where you will share many lifelong memories. The first step is to complete training for your specific leadership role, providing you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for the Scouts and to help you have a fun time leading them. Trained leaders have more fun!

FIRST STEP | Safeguarding Youth Training

Safeguarding Youth Training outlines the policies all Scouting adults must follow in order to protect our Scouts. This training is required for all Scouting America registered volunteers and must be every year. If a volunteer's Safeguarding Youth Training expired, their registration will be expired.

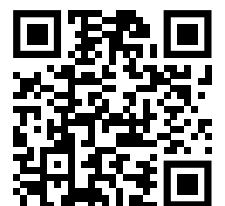
SECOND STEP | Volunteer Training [Position-Specific Leader Training]

Position specific leader training is designed to present essential and practical information for parents, including Den Leaders and Assistants, Cubmasters and Assistants, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. These instructor-led or online courses are designed to help leaders learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles and to deliver a safe, quality program. All Cub Leader Training is available online at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). Live courses are designed for pack parent leader teams, and cover all roles, to better coordinate among leader teams. See next page for upcoming dates.

NEXT STEP | Cub Scout Camping Training

Be sure to have one or more leaders complete the introductory Outdoor Cub Scout Leader Training, called "BALOO" (for "Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation"), because a BALOO trained leader is required to take a pack camping. BALOO teaches you how to help new camping families have fun and be safe. See next page for upcoming dates.

**Learn More
About BALOO**





2026 Cub Scout Leader Training Calendar

You, your leaders and all Cub Scout parents are welcome to attend. You'll see how families play the game of Scouting, how to have exciting den and pack activities, how leaders and families work together for great Cub adventures and learn the resources to further your training. Some of these courses are "Position Specific", for Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee or all of them. Some are the Outdoor Cub Scout Leader Training or "BALOO" ("Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation"), which is required to take a pack camping.

New trainings are being added to our calendar throughout 2026 - 2027, so be sure to check the training schedule at ScoutingATL.org/Training as more sessions are added.

*Some classes may require a small fee for handouts, course materials, snacks, etc.

Date	Time	Location	Position
Saturday, August 8	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	<u>Volunteer Service Center - Free</u>	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, August 15	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	<u>Volunteer Service Center - Free</u>	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, August 22	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	<u>Volunteer Service Center - Free</u>	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, August 29	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	<u>Volunteer Service Center - Free</u>	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Sunday, August 30	1:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Woodward Academy, College Park - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, September 3	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Volunteer Service Center - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, September 12	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Volunteer Service Center - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Sat.-Sun., September 12-13	7:30 AM Sat. to 2 PM Sun.	Allatoona Aquatics base	BALOO – Council Fall Session
Saturday, September 19	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Volunteer Service Center - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, September 25	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Volunteer Service Center - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Sunday, September 26	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Hapeville FBC, Hapeville - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, October 3	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Volunteer Service Center - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, October 9	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Volunteer Service Center - Free	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Sunday, October 10	1:30 PM to 4:30	McCanless Park on Muriel Street, Canton	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training
Saturday, November 7	TBD	University of Scouting, SCAD (Midtown ATL)	All Cub Scout Positions Team Training

With Friends of Scouting
YOU
make a difference.



Watch How Friends of Scouting Directly Benefits Your Scouting Experience

Visit ScoutingATL.org/FOS to see how Friends of Scouting works.

Friends of Scouting



Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where the Atlanta Area Council asks Scouting families, businesses, and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing Scouting to tens of thousands of young people in the Atlanta region. Each gift, regardless of size, provides invaluable funding for Scouting America programs that benefit our Scouts right here in Metro-Atlanta.

Why should I give to Friends of Scouting?

The Friends of Scouting campaign provides roughly one-quarter of the money needed to support the Atlanta Area Council's camps, programs, and facilities for a year. These camping and training facilities are the "outdoor classrooms" in which Scouts have fun, learn leadership skills and develop into young adults.

I've already paid my child's registration and the pack collects dues. Haven't I already supported Scouting?

Your child's registration fee goes directly to the National Office of Scouting America for national program development and more. Most packs collect dues and that money stays with the pack to help pay for trips and other activities. The funds raised through Friends of Scouting helps the Atlanta Area Council pay for things like:

- Training thousands of adult volunteer leaders and Scouts
- Camp scholarships to local Scouts in need of assistance
- Serving kids just like yours in at-risk areas
- Insurance for the Atlanta Area Council and units
- Maintaining and staffing the Atlanta Area Council's camp properties and Volunteer Service Center

Make a donation online today

Visit ScoutingATL.org/FOS
to give the gift of Scouting.

Funding Your Adventure

In this section you will learn the **opportunities** the Atlanta Area Council offers to Scouts to **raise funds** to help pay for their Scouting experience.

Scouting is one of the most affordable programs for families to take part in. With all the new skills learned, friends made, and fun, it is definitely the best return on your investment. The Scout Law teaches Scouts to be thrifty and earn your own way.

Scouting Costs

National registration fees for national program development, facilities and much more.

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the national Scouting America membership fee structure as of July 2026 is:

- \$85 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts participants
- \$65 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- \$15 for Scout Life magazine (optional)

The national membership fee helps cover the cost of essential services, including program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, criminal background checks, safeguarding youth, and the development of intellectual property for national, council, and unit programs. As we move forward, Scouting America will continue to look at the membership fee structure and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

Pack program costs for other program and activity items, which vary from pack to pack.

Local pack program fees (or “dues”) may be collected annually or at monthly or other intervals as costs are incurred by the pack – a few packs don’t charge pack program fees if they are committed to fundraising to pay all pack program costs.

Common items covered in pack budgets include key program items like rank badges and other patches and loops and pins, pack tee shirts, Pinewood Derby kits and awards, Blue and Gold Awards Banquet, and other program items and kits. Some packs cover adult leader national Scouting America registration fees through these dues. Often special activity events (like admission costs for field trips or similar event fees) will be paid by those who attend and not out of the pack dues budget.

When do you pay? And how?

When you sign up using online registration or at a sign-up night, you’ll pay the national Scouting America registration fee of \$85. Membership is effective for 12 months from the time of registration. At sign-up nights or joining, some packs will also ask that a portion of the local pack program fees or “dues” be paid, especially to cover initial supplies provided to Scouts. Your pack can confirm how and when pack program fees (or dues) are paid – and what fundraising options Scout families can participate in to pay for Scouting adventures! Like the ones listed on the next page.



Popcorn

Popcorn is a late summer/early fall fundraiser that helps to pay for camp experiences, registration fees, and more! Top selling Scouts earn great prizes, are invited to special events and have opportunities to receive college scholarships.

A great benefit of the popcorn sale is that packs have the ability to fund their entire year's program through a council supported fundraiser. The Atlanta Area Council does all the pre-work to set up the sale, eliminating the need for your pack to research opportunities, calculate returns on sales, create sales and promotional material, manage a relationship with the vendor, etc. Additionally, purchasing popcorn as a council reduces the price to each pack, yielding greater profits for participating packs. Visit ScoutingATL.org/Popcorn for more information.

Camp Cards

Camp Cards are discount cards created in partnership with businesses. These cards are sold by Scouts to members of their community. The sale begins in February and ends in April. Each year, the Atlanta Area Council partners with local and national businesses to offer discounts for our Camp Cards. The funds a Scout earns can be used towards Summer Camp or other council activities. For more information, see ScoutingATL.org/CampCards. The Camp Card sale is designed to help Scouts earn funds to offset the cost of their Scouting experience. Past partners have included Waffle House®, Papa John's®, Great Clips®, Dick's Sporting Goods® and more. Take advantage of these partnerships to help your Scouts get to camp. Visit ScoutingATL.org/CampCards for more information.

Other Fundraisers

In addition, some packs hold other fundraisers that are approved in advance by the Atlanta Area Council and your Chartered Organization, and reflect Scouting's basic values. Visit ScoutingATL.org/UnitFund for more information.

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