



Parent Orientation Guide

Welcome to the Fun and Excitement of Cub Scouting
where Character Counts and the Adventure Begins...

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Scouting

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by instilling in them the values of Scouting.



The Cub Scout Program

Cub Scouting is a home and neighborhood centered program designed to support the values you teach at home. Cub Scouts learn respect for God, country, and other people.

The purposes of the Cub Scout program are: Character Development, Spiritual Growth, Good Citizenship, Sportsmanship and Fitness, Family Understanding, Respectful Relationships, Personal Achievement, Friendly Service, Fun and Adventure, and Preparation for Boy Scouts.

The Cub Scout program is designed to instill and reinforce the following values: Citizenship, Compassion, Cooperation, Courage, Faith, Health and Fitness, Honesty, Perseverance, Positive Attitude, Resourcefulness, Respect, and Responsibility.

The Cub Scout program is based on age-appropriate activities. The boys are divided into groups of boys called dens according to their grade in school. Boys work on achievements at den meetings and at home to earn their ranks. Boys attend den meetings and the whole family attends monthly Pack meetings, where the boys showcase their skills, participate in skits and games, and receive their awards.

Cub Scout Ranks



Tiger: First grade boys participate with a parent or adult partner. Each Tiger cub family is part of their den and work together on den activities, family activities, and "Go-See-Its" (field trips). Tiger Cubs earn Immediate Recognition for completing achievements.



Wolf: A Cub Scout who is in the second grade works on 12 achievements that focus on personal safety and health, civics and community, collecting, and tools for fixing and building. After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas.



Bear: In the 3rd grade, a boy works to complete 12 of 24 achievements in the areas of God, Country, Family, and Self to reach the rank of Bear. He may then work on electives in different areas of interest.

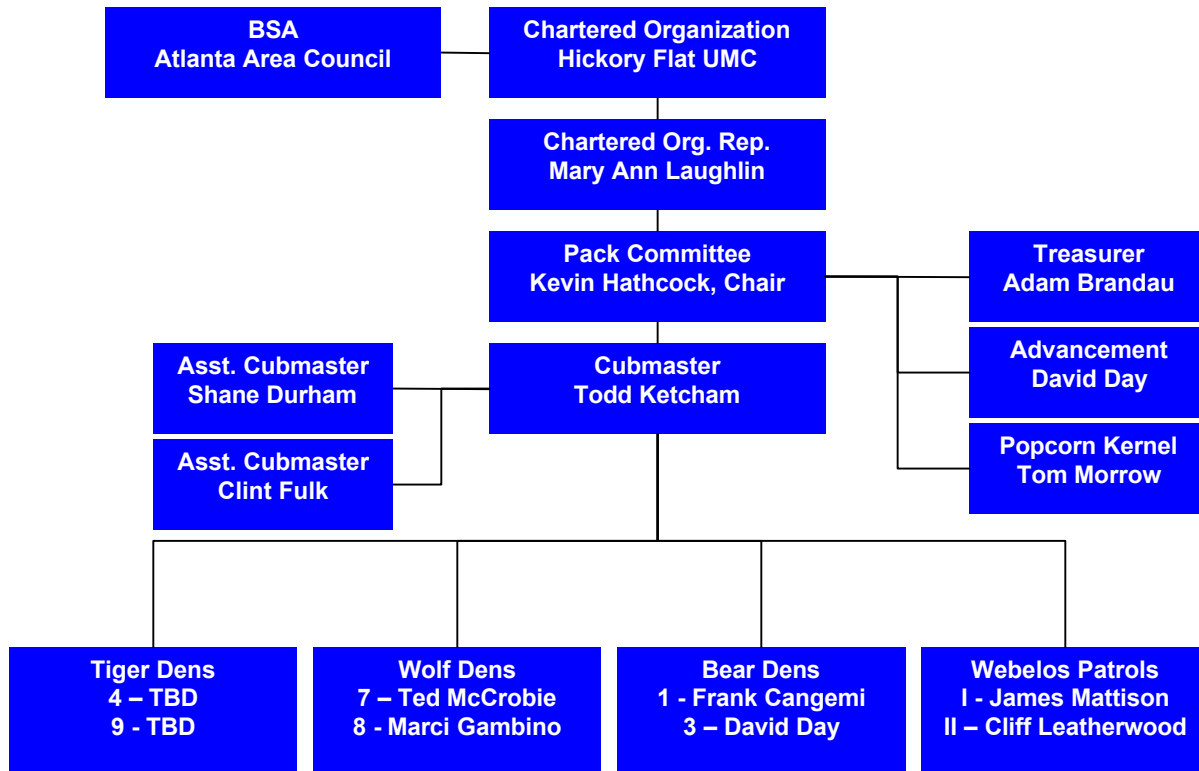


Webelos: In the 4th and 5th grade, a boy becomes a Webelos Scout (We'll Be Loyal Scouts). A Webelos works to earn Activity Pins in five areas: Physical, Mental, Community, Technology, and Outdoor. As a Webelos, a boy can earn the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Webelos is an 18 month program that prepares boys for joining a Boy Scout Troop.

Who we are

Pack 465 was established in 1963. Over the last 47 years, Pack 465 has helped hundreds of young men in the Hickory Flat area by instilling the values of the Cub Scout program. Pack 465 is chartered by Hickory Flat United Methodist Church. We are in the Cherokee Pickens District of the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Pack Organization



Chartered Organization - Sponsors the Pack

Chartered Org. Representative - member of the Chartered Organization & liaison between the Pack and the sponsor.

Pack Committee - Plans Pack activities and performs the administrative functions of the Pack.

Submaster - Helps plan and carry out the Cub Scout program & emcees monthly pack meetings.

Den Leaders - Lead and plan Den meetings and activities, work hands-on with the boys in their dens to achieve advancement awards.

Parents - The Pack is run by volunteer parents such as you. Your son's Pack can not exist without your involvement and help. You will find that the time you spend as an active Scout Parent will be quality time with your son, creating lifelong memories and experiences.

Leadership & Training

Pack 465 is committed to quality leadership. All registered adult leaders undergo a background check performed by the BSA. We also require that our adult leaders take BSA Training courses on the Cub Scout Program, BSA Rules & Policies, Youth Protection, and Outdoor Skills.



Annual Pack Activities

Community: The Pack participates in a number of activities each year to better our community, including:

- the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup
- Holiday Scout Cake Bake & Auction (annually raises over \$ 1,000 that is donated to local charities)
- Leave No Trace Cleanup and Conservation Projects
- Planting and maintaining flowers at Hickory Flat Elementary School
- Visits to local nursing homes

Fun: Each year, we host or participate in a variety of fun activities that help build character and good sportsmanship

- Cubmobile Race
- Pinewood Derby
- Belt Loop Frenzy (Archery, BB Shooting, and more)
- Model Rocket Launch
- Raingutter Regatta
- Annual Reward Trip (sleepovers at Zoo, USS Yorktown, Space Camp, etc)

Camping: You'll have plenty of opportunities to campout

- Allatoona Campout (together with the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup)
- Fall Pack Campout
- Spring Pack Campout
- Reward Trip Sleepovers and Campouts
- Wolf/Bear & Webelos Summer Encampments

Awards & Recognitions

Scouts have hundreds of opportunities to earn awards and recognitions. Aside from earning their Rank Award, boys can earn a variety of awards and patches by participating in pack and den activities.

- Emergency Preparedness Pin
- Outdoor Activity Award
- Leave No Trace Award
- Whittling Chip
- Religious Awards (God & Me program)
- Academic Belt Loops & Pins
- Sports Belt Loops & Pins

What's Required

- 1 - Desire to Have Fun
- 2 - Cost - \$85 Annual Dues (\$65 for second Scout in family) includes Handbook, BSA Dues, Boy's Life subscription, pack t-shirt, rank patches, awards, beltloops, custom unit number patch, Blue & Gold banquet.
- 3 - Completed application (parents of Tiger Cubs will need to complete an adult application as well)
- 4 - Uniform (see attached Uniform list)

Frequently Asked Questions

Can additional family members come to the meetings?

We strongly encourage other adults to participate. We also understand that often other children have to come due to a variety of reasons. Although the program is focused on the Cub Scouts, other children can come to meetings and activities provided that they have sufficient adult supervision.

Can other family members go on camping trips?

Generally, all family members are welcome to attend any pack activities, including camping trips. Certain events, such as Webelos den campouts and summer encampments may be limited to the Scout and a parent.

What do I need to buy?

You'll need to buy a Scout uniform (see attached list). If you want to camp, you may also want to purchase a tent, sleeping bag, and basic camping supplies.

Is Cub Scouts a religious organization?

The Boy Scouts of America is a faith based organization, but is not directed to any particular faith. When you complete a membership form, you are saying that you have a faith. We have Scouts and families from many religions and faiths in our pack.

What other costs will there be?

Some campouts and events will have a minimal charge (typically \$3-5/person) to cover food or other costs.

Can my son be a Scout if he has allergies or a medical condition?

Yes. All Scouts and family members are required to complete a Health & Medical form prior to any overnight activity. We prefer to have these for all activities so that appropriate medical care and/or accommodations can be made. This form can be completed by the parent and no physical exam is required. Please let us know about any serious allergies so that we can be prepared.

Can my son's friend join if they attend another school?

Yes. We meet at Hickory Flat Elementary, but membership is open to anyone.

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Tiger (4)	TBD	
Tiger (9)	TBD	

Contact your Den Leader for den meeting dates, times, and locations. Parents - your den leaders spend a great deal of time on your boys and would appreciate your help.

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