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Welcome to Cub Scouts

# MEET THE STAFF



Chip Armishaw  
Scout Executive/CEO

Dear Parent,

Let me be the first to welcome your family to the fun and excitement that Cub Scouting offers.

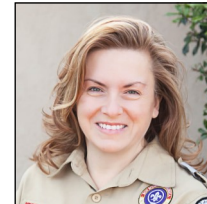
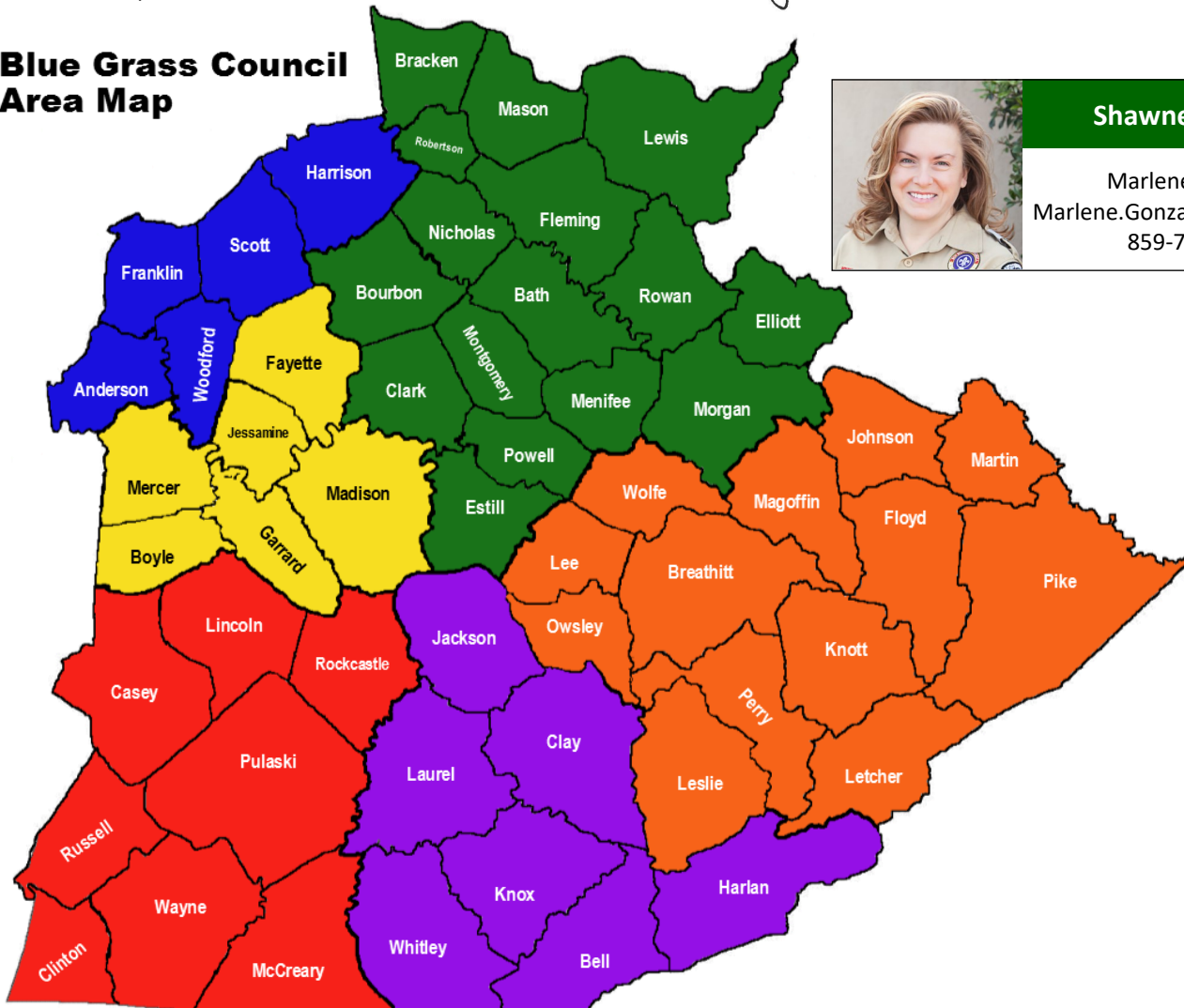
Forty five (45) years ago I attended my first Cub Scouting meeting in Oxford, Mississippi; my mother was my first den leader. I still have vivid memories of how much fun I had, even so long ago.

This parent's guide is full of information to get you started. If you have questions or need help with anything, please do not hesitate to call the Blue Grass Council Service Center at 859-231-7811 or a member of our staff listed below. We will do everything we can to help you. We want to help you be successful.

Again, welcome to Cub Scouting!

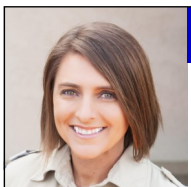
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## Blue Grass Council Area Map



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## WHO WE ARE...

**Boy Scouts of America, National Organization** - The national organization maintains membership, sets guidelines and policies, and develops resources such as handbooks and training materials.

**Blue Grass Council** - The Blue Grass Council serves 55 counties in Central and South Eastern Kentucky. The council provides unit service, administration, training, outdoor and camping facilities, and quality program activities in the continuing effort to serve more youth.

**Your District** - The Blue Grass Council is divided up into the six district service areas you see in the map on the previous page. Each District is assigned a District Executive, which you also see listed by their districts. District Executives recruit membership in their district, plan and provide activities and trainings, and raise money to fund the Scouting program.

## WHERE TO FIND US



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### **Blue Grass Council Boy Scouts of America**

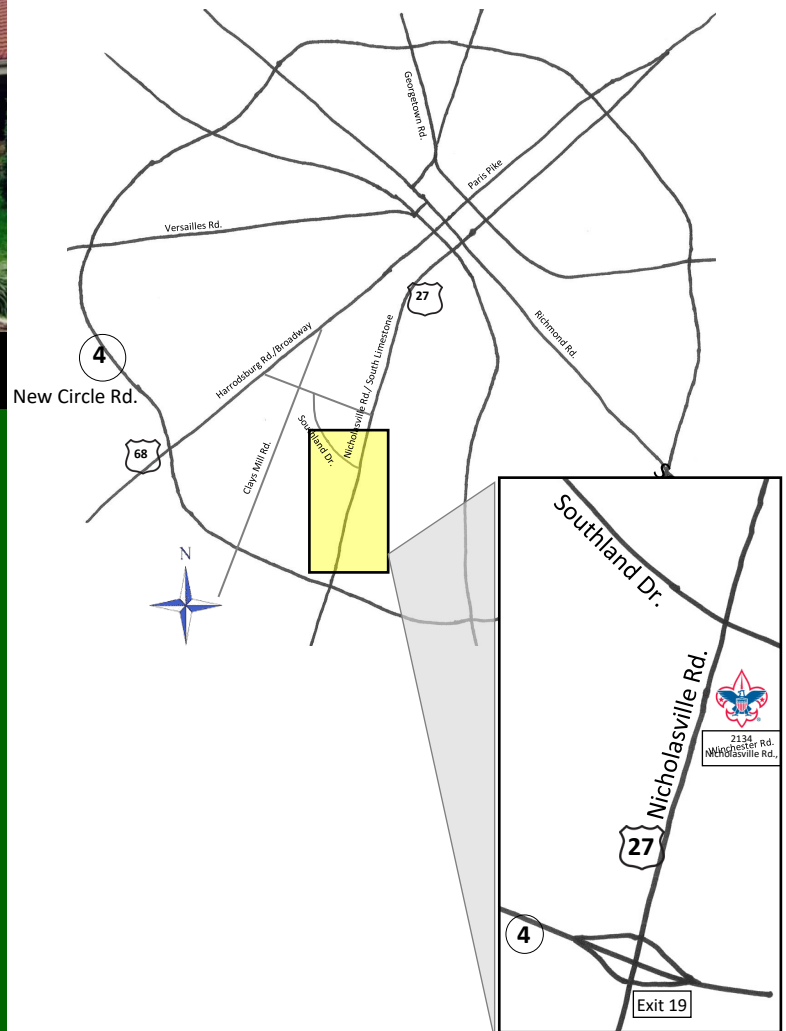
**Council Office 859-231-7811**  
**Fax 859-252-3785**  
**[www.bgsa.org](http://www.bgsa.org)**

**Service Center - Suite 3**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

**National Scout Shop - Suite 15**  
Monday thru Friday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturdays - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Please note the council office and Scout Shop  
close on most National & Observed Holidays

**Check the online calendar for specific dates**



# ORGANIZATION LEVELS

**Your Chartering Organization** - Each pack is owned by a chartered organization which:

- Could be a parent-school organization, religious organization, service club or other organization interested in serving youth
- Approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, keeps the pack within the organization's and Boy Scout's guidelines and policies.
- Selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between the pack and its chartered organization.)

**Your Pack** - A pack is the group of Cub Scouts (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades). Led by the Cub master, the pack meets once a month. There are games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of awards the boys earned that month. the pack also runs many special programs, such as Pinewood derbies, hikes and weekend campouts. All of the leaders in the pack get together once a month to plan the details of each monthly pack program and coordinate den programs.

The pack is run by the pack committee which:

- Selects leadership
- Performs record keeping
- Orders badges and awards
- Helps train leaders
- Finds Meeting places
- Manages pack finances
- Maintains pack equipment
- Recognizes leaders

**Your Den** - The larger pack is broken into smaller groups of 6-8 children by grade levels, called dens. Den meetings are led by den leaders and assistant den leaders with help from the boys' parents. Den leaders and parents decide on a convenient meeting place and time, and meet weekly to work on age appropriate activities.

## LEADERSHIP

### Parents

You're a primary role model for your child. Children need your guidance along their Scouting path, not to do the work for them, but with them. All parents help their children with advancement and assist their pack or den with special projects. Here's a look at some of the people and resources available to help you and your child:

### **Cubs Need Leaders.... And Leaders Need Support!**



**Cubmaster** - Conducts the monthly pack meeting. Aids den leaders by coordinating the monthly program for all leaders. Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting.

**Committee Chair**- Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan the program. Ensures the Cubmaster and den leaders receive adequate support from committee members.

**Committee Member**- The pack committee helps plan program and take care of records, finances, advancement and membership.

**Den Leader**- Works with a group of up to 8 boys, meeting at least 3 times a month to work on advancements and activities.

**Unit Commissioners**- This volunteer "service team" check on the health of the pack and are a communication link with the district and council.

# HOW TO BECOME A LEADER

## Why Be A Leader?

Being a leader is fun, challenging, and rewarding. Leaders find their experiences help them to become better parents, co-workers and friends. The following are some of the many benefits 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 your child's accomplishments
- ♦ The privilege of helping to enrich and strengthen families
- ♦ A chance to help children learn good citizenship and to help shape them into men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others
- ♦ A code to live by that will set a worthwhile example for both boys and adults
- ♦ The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of children as they grow strong in mind and body
- ♦ The satisfaction of being a member of a world-wide 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



## LEADER TRAINING



Every Cub Scout deserves a trained leader! The local training team conducts regularly scheduled Cub Scout leader training year round. Fast Start, Basic Leader Training, Youth Protection Training, monthly roundtables, and semi-annual training extravaganzas help leaders at all levels succeed. Check with your pack leadership or visit our website ([www.bgbsa.org](http://www.bgbsa.org)) calendar to find the dates and location of the next training course in your area.

## What Makes a Trained Leader?

A Scout leader is entitled to wear the Trained leader emblem when he or she has completed some basic but important training courses. A direct contact Scout leader is considered fully trained and entitled to wear the Trained leader emblem when he or she has completed the following training courses and the specific training for the position. These trainings are offered through [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). (\*If you are new to Scouting, you will be asked to create an account.\*)

**Youth Protection Training** - *Youth Protection training is required* for all leaders who have direct contact with youth. At all times, youth safety is the number one priority. At the same time, adults need to know the rules for keeping themselves safe, too. Comprehensive Youth Protection training teaches all the do's and don'ts of working with youth.

**This is Scouting** - This Is Scouting is an online training session with six modules of training: The Mission of Scouting, Programs for All ages, Scouting Is Fun, Scouting in the Community, Keeping Our Youth Safe, and Scouting's Legacy. The training takes about an hour to complete.

**Position Specific Training** - Leader position specific training is based on the leader's position. These courses are taught by informed trainers who know how to engage groups and make learning fun. These courses are offered by the district or council as group training, or may be done as small groups or by personal coaching.

# HOW CUB SCOUTING WORKS

One unique thing about Cub Scouting is that you, as family, join in on the program with your child, and you will help along the way. The family is the basis of Cub Scouting. It exists to support your family and help enrich your family time together. Cubs have a different handbook at each grade level, with suggested activities that are age-appropriate for their developmental level. As your child advances through these books by working on activities with you, they will earn badges and other recognition that they can wear on their uniform. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

## Dens and Advancements



Kindergarten



First Grade



Second Grade



Third Grade



4th-5th Grades



Arrow of Light

### The Lion Cub Scout (Kindergarten) and Tiger Scout (Grade 1) Dens

Parents are most involved at the Lion and Tiger Cub level. The Cub and their parent or guardian join the den together and attend all meetings and activities together.

The den is made up of three to eight of these parent-child teams. Each den also has a den leader (usually one of the parents) who helps coordinate the meetings. The parent-child teams take turns running the activities and planning meetings with the den leader. The den has two meetings a month, either at the homes of host parent-child teams or at a designated facility, and attends the monthly pack meeting.

The Cub, working with their adult partner, earns the Lion or Tiger badge. Requirements consist of exciting activities just right for a child in kindergarten or the first grade.

### The Wolf Cub Scout (Grade 2) and Bear Cub Scout (Grade 3) Dens

Parents are vital to the Cub Scout dens, both in the role of home support and to help the den leader, but children are beginning to be more independent, and not every child needs a parent at every meeting. The den consists of four to eight Cub Scouts, a den leader and assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the Cub Scouts), and often a den chief (an older Scout or Venturer who helps the den leader).

They meet once a week at a regularly scheduled time and place, and they also attend the pack meeting with their families.

After a Cub Scout earns their Wolf or Bear badge, they may work on electives in different interest areas to earn more belt loops.

### The Webelos Scout Den (Grades 4 and 5)

The Webelos den is much like the Cub Scout dens, but there is more emphasis on the boys learning to take leadership roles and preparing to become Boy Scouts. Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program.

Scouts work on requirements for the Webelos badge, electives and finally, the Arrow of Light—the highest award in Cub Scouting.

In the spring of a Webelos Scout's 5th grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting. Many packs celebrate this with an impressive "cross over" ceremony.





# THE TRAIL TO BOBCAT, THE FIRST RANK



All new Tiger through Webelos Cub Scouts, regardless of the age/time of the year they join, earn the Bobcat badge first. After receiving the Bobcat badge, each Cub Scout works on requirements based on his grade level.

Here is all the information you need to check off the requirements listed to the right. Once you have completed everything, let your den leader know so you can get your patch.

## 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.**

**ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST**—Saying “on my honor” is like saying “I promise.” It means that you will do your best to do what the Scout Oath says.

**TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW**—A duty is something you are expected to do. At home, you might be expected to make up your bed or take out the trash. You also have duties to God and to your country. You do your duty to God by following the teaching of your family and religious leaders. You do your duty to your country by being a good citizen and obeying the law. You also promise to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law.

**TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES**—Many people need help. A friendly smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By helping other people, you are doing a Good Turn and making our world a better place.

**TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE AND MORALLY STRAIGHT**—The last part of the Scout Oath is about taking care of yourself. You stay physically strong when you eat the right foods and get plenty of exercise. You stay mentally awake when you work hard in school, learn all you can, and ask questions. You stay morally straight when you do the right thing and live your life with honesty.



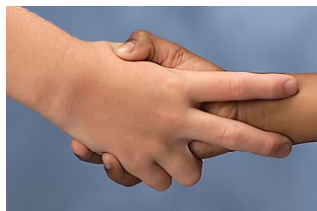
**THE SALUTE**—The Cub Scout salute means you respect our country's flag or the leader you are saluting. Salute with your right hand. If you are wearing your Cub Scout cap, place your two fingers on the brim. If you do not have on a cap, place your two fingers over your eyebrow.



**THE SIGN**—Make this sign with your right hand. Hold your arm up straight. Do not bend your elbow. The two fingers stand for the two points of the promise, to help other people and to obey. In American Indian sign language, this means *wisdom*. When you say the Cub Scout Promise or the Law of the Pack, give the sign.



**THE MOTTO**—“Do Your Best.” This means to try as hard as you can in everything you do.



**THE HANDSHAKE**—When you shake hands, use your right hand. Put the first two fingers along the inside of your friend's wrist. This means that you are brothers in Cub Scouting and that both of you help other people and obey the Law of the Pack.



**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*.

## Scout Law

**A Scout is...**

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

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout does their best to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

**TRUSTWORTHY**—A Scout tells the truth and keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

**LOYAL**—A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

**HELPFUL**—A Scout volunteers to help others without expecting a reward.

**FRIENDLY**—A Scout is a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from him.

**COURTEOUS**—A Scout is polite to everyone and always uses good manners.

**KIND**—A Scout treats others as he wants to be treated. He never harms or kills any living thing without good reason.

**OBEDIENT**—A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and pack. He obeys the laws of his community and country.

**CHEERFUL**—A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

**THRIFTY**—A Scout works to pay his way. He uses time, property, and natural resources wisely.

**BRAVE**—A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He stands for what is right even if other laugh at him.

**CLEAN**—A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He helps keep his home and community clean.

**REVERENT**—A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

# FUNDING THE PROGRAM

## Who Pays for Scouting?

**Youth Members and their families...**Members buy their own uniforms, handbooks and personal equipment, and pay their own camp fees. Some units defray some or all their fees with money earning projects.

**The Pack...**Weekly or monthly dues and funds from approved money-earning projects meet expenses for supplies and activities in the Cub Scout pack. These monies help pay for camping equipment, uniform insignia, special activities, and program materials. Some packs also have scholarships available.

**Community Organizations...**Each chartered organization using the Scouting program provides a meeting place and adult volunteer leadership for its BSA unit(s). The chartered organization and local council must approve unit money-earning projects before the launch of the project.

**Blue Grass Council...**Just as your pack raises funds for unit operation through dues and money-earning projects, the council raises funds for council operation through the United Way and other methods. Our council conducts an annual Friend of Scouting campaign to provide opportunities for parents, Scouters and community friends of Scouting to financially support the growth of the Scouting program.

**The National Organization...**Funds to support the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America come from registration fees, local council service fees, investment income, *Scouting* and *Boy's Life* magazines, sale of uniforms and equipment, contributions from individuals and foundation grants. These monies help more than 300 council to deliver the Scouting program to chartered organizations to meet the needs of their youth.

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## Popcorn Sales

**It's so much more than popcorn!** Each year Blue Grass Council Scouts participate in the annual popcorn sale. This is an opportunity for Scouts to earn money to support their Scouting adventures; whether that is going to campouts, completing community service projects, participating in educational field trips or providing Scouting basics like registration and uniform. 70% of all proceeds from the sale support local Scouts.

However, this is much more than a fundraiser. This is an opportunity for our Scouts to learn critical skills and develop confidence that will serve them and our community for the rest of their lives. Goal setting, planning, budgeting, marketing, salesmanship, and public speaking are all skill-sets the Scouts will get real life experience with through this opportunity. We have lots of exciting fun planned for the 2020 sale, so plan to join us!

You can also donate popcorn to our military troops!





# FUN THINGS TO DO IN CLUB SCOUTING

## PINEWOOD DERBY

Scouts and their parents build a race car made from a block of wood. This is among the best known Cub Scout activities.

Race at the pack, district and council levels. Speed and design awards are presented. Most packs and districts now have "outlaw" races, so the whole family can participate in friendly competition.

Official kits, accessories and rules are available at the Scout Shop. Jump start your imagination today.



# WHAT TO EXPECT AS A NEW SCOUTING FAMILY

This simple checklist should help you settle into your new Cub Scout pack. If these things don't happen, please call your den leader, Cubmaster or the council office (859-231-7811) to ask for assistance. To sign up for Blue Grass Council BSA e-mail alerts, visit [www.bgbsa.org](http://www.bgbsa.org).

## WEEKS 1 & 2

- ☐ Join pack, complete joining paperwork
- ☐ Receive welcome phone call / e-mail from pack
- ☐ Attend first den meeting
- ☐ Receive schedule of meeting/activities for the school year
- ☐ Purchase Cub Scout Handbook
- ☐ Complete the child safety activity (in the front of the Handbook) with your son
- ☐ Begin working on the Bobcat Badge

## WEEKS 3 & 4

- ☐ Attend second den meeting
- ☐ Attend first pack meeting
- ☐ Attend first camping trip / outdoor activity
- ☐ Purchase Cub Scout uniform

## WEEKS 5 & 6

- ☐ Attend weekly/ bi-weekly den meetings
- ☐ Receive Bobcat Badge at pack meeting
- ☐ Attend second outdoor activity

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