



# BUILDING PARENT AND FAMILY PARTICIPATION

TO: THE NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY

You are reading this because you have shown an interest in becoming a Cub Scout family. To be a Cub Scout your boy needs to have completed kindergarten, or be 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 years old.

You have chosen Cub Scouting because you know it is home- and neighborhood-centered. You know that Cub Scouting is designed to support family life. The program also helps to meet your boy's growth needs such as:

1. **To learn new physical skills.** He can do this through games, writing, and woodworking. As he develops his coordination, he gains a sense of worthiness and acceptance by his peers.
2. **To learn to get along with boys of his same age.** He needs to form friendships with other boys. He needs to learn how to balance giving and receiving affection if he is to relate well to his peers. He needs to belong to a group of boys his own age.
3. **To develop his mental processes.** He can develop his mental process by reading, writing, and calculating. He needs opportunities to use language to express ideas and to influence others. He must move from a preoccupation with self to understanding how and what others think of him. Opportunities for observation and experimentation will help him learn self-reliance.
4. **To develop a conscience.** He must begin to develop a sense of what is right and wrong and what is fair and unfair. He will do this by cooperating with other boys, by being taught, by examples of adults, and from positive reinforcement. He begins to develop democratic social attitudes.
5. **To develop personal independence.** He needs to be less dependent on adults. His same-age buddies become his models. He learns that adults are not perfect.

These are the developmental tasks a boy of this age needs to begin working on. At this age, his behavior may be changing. He may become unruly or question your authority. He may even show hostility to girls. He needs to belong to a "gang" of boys his own age. This is exactly where Cub Scouting comes in. A den is like a neighborhood gang of six or eight boys in which he will achieve status and recognition.

As you learn more about how Cub Scouting works and what goes on in a den and a pack, you will see that the program helps your boy in these five important developmental needs. The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as his family, join the program with him. You will help him all along the way.

To find out how you can help your boy by becoming a Cub Scout family, please turn the page and fill in the Parent and Family Talent Survey Sheet, Hand it in at this meeting.

# PARENT AND FAMILY TALENT SURVEY SHEET

Each parent or adult family member should fill out a separate sheet and turn it in at this meeting.

Pack \_\_\_\_\_ Chartered Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to the Cub Scout family of our pack. As explained to you, Cub Scouting is for parents as well as boys. We have a fine group of families who have indicated a willingness to help, according to their abilities. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that the best possible program can be developed for your boy and his friends.

Den leaders are always busy with den activities. Our pack leaders and committee members know you have some talent that will help in the operation of our pack. Although your help may not be on a full-time basis, whatever you can do will be appreciated.

In making this survey, your pack committee wants to uncover ways you can enjoy giving assistance. Please answer the following as completely as possible:

1. My hobbies are: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I can play and/or teach these sports: \_\_\_\_\_

3. My job, business, or profession would be of interest to Cub Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I am willing to help my boy and the pack as:  pack committee member,  Cub Scout den leader or assistant,  Tiger Cub coach,  assistant Cubmaster,  Webelos den leader or assistant,  Cubmaster.

5. My Scouting experience: Cub Scout \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scout \_\_\_\_\_ Girl Scout \_\_\_\_\_

Explorer \_\_\_\_\_ Rank attained \_\_\_\_\_

Adult leader \_\_\_\_\_

6. I can help in these areas:

## General Activities

- Carpentry
- Swimming
- Games
- Nature
- Sports
- Outdoor activities
- Crafts
- Music/songs
- Bookkeeping

- Typing
- Drawing/art
- Radio/electricity
- Dramatics/skits
- Cooking/banquets
- Sewing
- Transportation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Program Assistance

- I have a station wagon or  van or  truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I have access to a cottage or camping property or a boat.
- I can help Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout skills.
- I can, or know others who can, help with our Cub Scout Sports and Academics program.
- I can give other help. \_\_\_\_\_

## Webelos Activity Areas

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquanaut     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Readyman  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artist       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholar   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete      | <input type="checkbox"/> Forester      | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen      | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologist     | <input type="checkbox"/> Showman   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicator | <input type="checkbox"/> Handyman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sportsman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman    | <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoorsman   |                                    |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Your cooperation and help are appreciated.