

LION CUB INFORMATION GUIDE



This guide outlines what is needed to start a Lions Group and also gives information about the Lions Program. When your Pack starts your Lions Den, This will come in handy with everything you need to get you started.

For more information contact your District Executive or District Membership Chair.

Lion Cub Administration

The Nuts and Bolts

How does the lion Cub program and Scouting connect?

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. The Lion Program offers an age –appropriate introduction to Cub Scouting which fosters the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America in kindergarten aged boys and serves as a bridge to the traditional Cub Scout program.

Learning for Life is a classroom-based subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Lion program had been adapted from the age –appropriate activities of the Learning for Life program. Its activities promote the fundamental ideals of the Boy Scouts of America in the Pack environment rather than in the classroom. Program specifics are available in the Hudson Valley Council Lion Cub Handbook. Each unit will receive one after official registration of the unit is complete.

How does the Lion Cub program work?

A group or family of Lions is referred to as a den. Your unit's Lion Den will be comprised of boy/adult teams. In order to participate and adult who is 18 or older must accompany all Lion cubs to all activities and meetings. The program is designed to encourage parent/adult participation and leadership.

A Den Leader is provided by the Pack to act in a supervisory and organizational capacity. The Den Leader is not expected to conduct meetings but rather assist the parents/adults in doing so. We strongly recommend that all Den Leaders take online Youth Protection training, Cub Leader fast start training, and This is Scouting as soon as possible. Log on to www.myscouting.org or go the training opportunities given by your district year-round.

Instant recognition for doing one's best helps to develop confidence, self-esteem and sense of accomplishment. Lion Cubs receive recognition beads for each activity and meeting attended which are worn on a belt fob. Their official uniform, worn to all meetings and activities, is a yellow t-shirt emblazoned with the Lion Cub emblem.

How often does a lion Cub Den meet?

That decision is left to the Pack administration and should be based on such factors as space available for meeting, the attention span of the majority of the group, and family schedules for bedtime, etc.

It is suggested that Lion Dens meet at least twice a month, once for a Lion Den meeting and again at the Pack meeting. There are seven themes or units in the program that may be completed before June. Most units will conduct programming January through the end of June. Frequency and duration of meetings is solely a unit decision, tailor it to meet the needs of your Lion Cubs. The program may be enhanced by the monthly themes utilized by the Pack, special Pack events and service projects, as well as, the creativity of the Pride's members. All activities are to be conducted under the rules and regulation of the Boy Scouts of America and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

From opening to closing a Lion Meeting should last between 45 minutes and in some cases up to 60 minutes

Do Lions get badges and pins and awards?

Lion Cubs receive instant recognition for having done their best in a den activity. Participation and attendance at scheduled pack events. Lion Cub is not a rank. Instant recognition can be sued with a pocket fob. Your den may add more beads to the fob for special events and the like or even utilize a sticker chart for all recognitions. All recognition must be afforded based on participation not performance. We are building self-esteem, confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

What about ceremonies?

You should include your Lion Cubs in the monthly pack advancement ceremonies for their recognition. A ceremony for the receipt of their beads is an opportunity to share activities they've enjoyed together. Instant recognition beads are given out at the den meetings during a simple ceremony. A graduation ceremony should be held at the annual Pack Graduation to encourage and congratulate and welcome them to the unit's Tiger den as they begin the Cub Scout Trail.

What happens after the Lion Cub program is completed?

Once the Lion has completed the Lions Program, it's time to look forward to graduation! More fun-filled adventure awaits you in Cub Scouting! As a den, learn about the rank of Tiger Cub in Cub scouting. After you complete the graduation cross over to Tiger Cubs you will receive a Lion patch as a symbol of the completion of the Lions. The boy will be added to the regular traditional Pack Charter. Attendance at summer-time pack events and Cub Scout summer camp can now be credited to their Tiger Cub Advancement.

Lion Program Advancement

Life Skill Basic Art Clean Air and Water Fire Safety Safety	Health Health Physical Fitness
Caring Getting Along with Others Importance of Family About Me	Courage Building My Courage Sticking to What's Right
Respect Ethnic Heritage Respecting My Peers Self Awareness	Finance Money Management
	Citizenship Community What is Freedom?

How much does it cost?

The cost is broken down as follows:

Registration	\$20.00 (boy / adult partner)
T-shirt (Youth)	\$10.00 each
T-Shirt (Adult)	\$12.99 each
Graduation Patch	\$2.25 each
Advancement fob and beads	\$2.50 each

Also, included in the registration fee is BSA accident insurance under the BSA Learning for Life program both for the boy and his adult partner. Once the appropriate forms, money and information have been received at the Hudson Valley Council Service Center, your den may begin meeting.

What rules govern the Lion Cubs?

- Just as with traditional BSA programs all the rules and regulations of the BSA, outlined in the Guide to safe Scouting, apply to Lion Cubs.
- Each Lion Cub **MUST** be accompanied by an adult partner (age 18 or older) at all activities and meetings.
- The Den Leader, preferably an experienced leader, is an aide to the group in its development. The den Leader is not a chaperone for the boys.

Can Lions earn money by selling popcorn?

Absolutely! Lion Cubs are allowed to sell Trails End Popcorn and participate in unit fundraisers just like Cub Scouts. The money can be used for program material and supplies and help them to attend summer camp after graduation.

Can the Lion (Kindergarten Student) attend meetings alone?

Due to the age of the Lion, at least one Adult Partner (18 years of age or older) must attend the meetings and activities with the Lion Cub. The Den Leader leads the meetings with the parents of the Lions assisting and organizing the den's activities and outings.