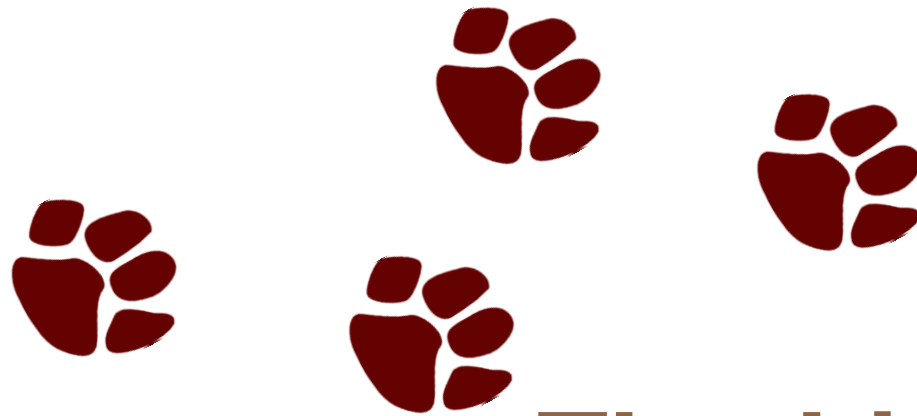


Lion Guide and Parent Orientation



The Lion Pilot

*The Boy Scouts of America's pilot program
for kindergarten-age boys*

Welcome



Welcome to the Lion orientation! If you are an experienced leader, relax—you will have this down in no time! If you are new to the program, come with us and enjoy learning about Lions!

- Thank you for taking on the role of Lion guide. Your role is very important!
- You will help kindergarten boys and families enjoy their first experience in Scouting.
- You will be helping to create memories that will last a lifetime and be helping to build stronger families as they discover the fun of Scouting.

The Lion Pilot



- Created by the Boy Scouts of America to address the needs of kindergarten-age boys
 - Must be 5 years old by September 30, 2016, and not yet 7 years old to participate
- Designed as an introduction to Cub Scouting
- Should be implemented as the curriculum is written to ensure the validity of the pilot

Overview



The Lion pilot program offers kindergarten-age boys and their adult partners an experience that includes:

- Fun while achieving Scouting's desired outcomes
- Active and fast-paced excitement
- Hands-on exploration
- Values-based and relevant content
- Focused time together as a family

Scouting Is...



Scouting is designed to provide a fun adventure for boys that helps them “Be Prepared” for their future.

Scouting will:

- Build character
- Foster citizenship
- Develop personal fitness
- Develop leadership skills
- Participate in outdoor activities

But the kids just want to have fun...

Of course they do! Lions will be too caught up in fun to realize how much they’re growing.

Getting Started



- Recruit Lion youth and leaders for fall 2016.
- Adult partners complete the youth application and submit fees to the pack.
- Lion guides complete the adult application and submit fees to the pack.
- Lion guides complete the required Youth Protection training.

Youth Protection training is available free online at www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.aspx.



Although Youth Protection training is required only for Lion guides, it is suggested that all adult partners complete the training.

What Do You Need to Start?



- You'll need the program materials kit (*Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*, *Lion Adventure Book*, and stickers).
- The youth *Lion Adventure Book* is designed as a memory or keepsake book.
- The uniform is a Lion T-shirt and an optional cap.
- Adults are encouraged to wear a Cub Scout activity shirt or Lion polo shirt, or follow the pack's uniform custom.



Basic Structure



- Dens of six to eight boys, plus adult partners
- Two den meetings per month
 - Den meeting
 - Usually lasts about 45 minutes
 - Outing
 - Field trips with the entire family
 - Participation in two to three pack meetings

Lion Guides Set the Example



Get started on the right foot.

- Help families agree to a meeting location and time.
- Plan and prepare for the initial den meeting.
- Show the families a well-run den meeting.
- Have each adult partner sign up for a turn leading a den meeting and outing during the year.

Shared Leadership



Lion guide (an experienced den leader)

- Oversees the den
- Communicates with participating families
- Leads initial den meetings and outings
- Mentors adult partners as they lead den meetings and outings during the year
- Integrates with the pack and pack leadership

Shared Leadership, continued



Adult partner

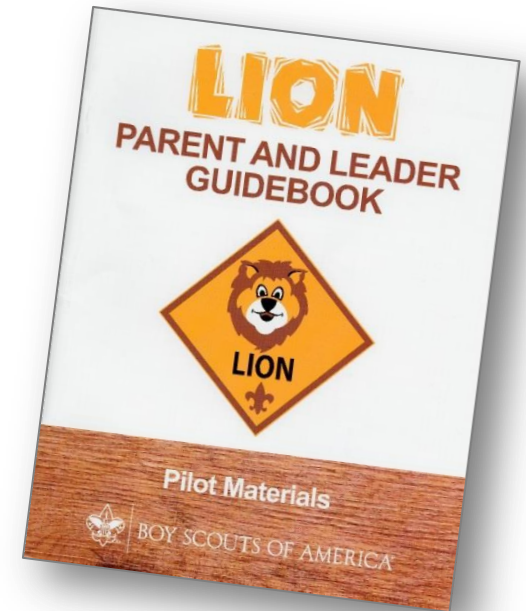
- Participates with Lion in all meetings and outings
- Takes turns leading a den meeting and outing, which is important for several reasons:
 - 1) It shows you leading, and your son will be proud of you.
 - 2) Leadership is easier when everyone takes a small part.
 - 3) It's fun to be a part of contributing to the den's success.

Leading a Den Meeting



Everything you need to lead the den meeting or outing is in the *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*.

- Preparation
- Gathering
- Opening
- Talk time
- Activities
- Closing
- After the meeting



We've made it easy—it's all here!

Just follow this guide and you'll be fine.

Take a Look Inside the Guidebook

Everything you need is here.



GIZMOS AND GADGETS

RATIONALE FOR ADVENTURE

Gadgets are designed to make tasks easier. Think about the difference between a can opener you turn and one that plugs into the wall. Computers are designed to move information around quickly. Some gizmos and gadgets are designed just for fun, like games or apps. They all start with moving parts. Can you make a gadget?



TAKEAWAYS

- Learning about gadgets and time-saving devices
- Learning about gizmos designed just for fun

CONNECTIONS WITH DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Character development
- Personal fitness

REQUIREMENTS

1. Explore properties of motion.
2. Explore properties of force.
3. Use household materials to create a useful object.

MEETING 1 PLAN

PREPARATION AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- One 1-gallon milk jug with the bottom cut out per Lion
- Beanbags or other items to toss
- Magazines, scissors, glue, construction paper
- Pre-make and bring "Genius Kits" (Limit the kit to six to eight items and place in paper bag. Suggestions include: ice cream sticks, marbles, cork, glue, aluminum foil, chenille stems, golf tee, wire hanger, nuts and bolts, washers, screws, etc.)
- Drinking straws, ping-pong balls, dominoes

GATHERING

- **Milk Jug Toss:** Collect enough 1-gallon milk jugs for each Lion to have one. Cut out the bottom of the jug, and leave the handle intact. Use the milk jugs to play catch with beanbags, ping-pong balls, tennis balls, etc. As the Lions develop some skills in catching the objects, increase the challenge by switching to a different item to catch.

OPENING

- Select a Lion to light the Good Conduct Candle with help from his adult partner.
- As a group, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath.

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Activity 1: Rolling Investigation

- Collect many different-sized balls, cylinders, pipes, and other similar items to use to investigate movement. Have Lions observe as you roll them down an incline.
- Ask Lions questions such as these: Which ones roll faster—solid objects or hollow objects? Cylinders or spheres? Objects with large diameters or small diameters? When they roll down the incline, which one rolls the farthest? When they are pushed across the floor, do they roll at the same rate?

TRANSPORTATION TO OUTING

- Establish details for travel to destination.

ACTIVITIES

- Option 1: Visit a museum that shows the progression of gadgets and gizmos over time.
- Option 2: Visit a hardware store to see what makes up gadgets and gizmos.
- Option 3: Visit a community member who has an interest in historical artifacts and can show the Lions antique gadgets and gizmos.

Adventures



Enjoy the program, have fun, and engage all families.

Required Adventures	Elective Adventures
Lion's Honor (First meeting)	I'll Do It Myself
Fun on the Run!	Pick My Path
Animal Kingdom	Gizmos and Gadgets
Mountain Lion	On Your Mark
King of the Jungle	Build It Up, Knock It Down
	Rumble in the Jungle
	Ready, Set, Grow

The timing for completing adventures is at the discretion of the den.

Remember Your Audience...



- Kindergartners bring many great attributes to your den. They are eager to learn, with high energy and very short attention spans. It's a time of wonder and curiosity.
- In your den meetings and outings, remember that kindergartners haven't yet mastered sitting still for long periods.
- To help Lions focus for success, have active time ready to go at a moment's notice. Have them do jumping jacks or stretches with their arms reaching up to the ceiling.
- If they are having a hard time listening or engaging, STOP what you are doing and try one of these to get back on track.
 - Try some fun or active elements between talk time and activities. Activity will help Lions refocus their energy and be ready to listen and participate.
 - Be creative, ask them questions, and have fun!

Recognition



- Lions are recognized for each completed adventure with a sticker for their *Lion Adventure Book*.
 - No advancement report is required.
 - Stickers come with each Lion program kit.
 - Award stickers immediately.
- The Lion badge is earned by completing five required adventures.
 - The badge may be attached to the Lion cap or T-shirt.
- Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings.



Adventure Stickers



Lion's Honor



Fun on the Run



Animal Kingdom



Mountain Lion



King of the Jungle



I'll Do It Myself



Pick My Path



Gizmos and Gadgets



On Your Mark



Build It Up, Knock It Down



Rumble in the Jungle



Ready, Set, Grow



Located inside your Lion program kit as shown here:



Pack Participation



- Dens from other grades hold their own den meetings.
- Once each month, all dens in a pack get together for a pack meeting led by the Cubmaster.
- Lions are a part of the pack, at an introductory level.
- Lions attend two to three pack meetings. When selecting pack meetings, consider these ideas:
 - Pick a few really special or fun pack meetings, and make sure the Lions feel included.
 - You may want to consider a holiday pack meeting, blue and gold banquet, or end-of-year celebration.

Training



- Youth Protection training
 - Required for Lion guides
 - Available free online at www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection

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- Lion Guide and Parent Orientation video (2 minutes)
 - Required for both Lion guides and adult partners
- Lion Guide and Parent Orientation slide presentation
 - Required for Lion guides
 - Recommended and encouraged for each adult partner



Online Resource



Lion web page: www.scouting.org/lion

One-stop shop for parent and leader resources

- FAQs
- Program overview
- Lion Guide and Parent Orientation video
- Lion Guide and Parent Orientation slide presentation
- Recruiting materials—fliers, promotional video, photos, etc.

Need help?

Contact Member Care at 972-580-2489

or MyScouting@Scouting.org

Pilot Evaluation



- The pilot program will be assessed and evaluated throughout the year.
- Feedback will be requested from:
 - Parents
 - Lion guides
 - Cubmasters
 - Councils
- For the pilot to be valid, it is important to deliver the curriculum and program as written.

Appendix

Lion vs. Tiger: *Similarities*



LION

TIGER

ADULTS:

Adult partners required

Adult partners required

LEADERSHIP:

Shared leadership

Shared leadership

RECOGNITION:

Stickers and Lion badge

Adventure loops and Tiger badge

UNIFORM:

T-shirt and optional cap

Cub Scout field uniform

OATH and LAW:

Scout Oath and Scout Law

Scout Oath and Scout Law

CAMPING:

Family camping with pack /
No den camping

Family camping with pack /
No den camping

FUN:

ACTIVE and HANDS-ON!

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Lion vs. Tiger: *Differences*



LION

BOBCAT:	Does not earn Bobcat
DEN MEETINGS:	1–2 times per month
PACK MEETINGS:	Attends a few (2–3)
FUNDRAISING:	Does not fundraise
DAY CAMP:	No day camp <i>(until Tiger)</i>



TIGER

Earns Bobcat
3–4 times per month
Attends all
Participates in fundraising
Tiger/Cub Scout day camp

Activation Timeline



- May – Aug. Recruit and train Lion guides
- Aug. – Sept. Recruit youth, Lion pilot begins
- May 2017 Surveys, evaluations, and select focus groups conducted by the Pilots and Program Development Department