

CUB SCOUT PACK 376

LION

Parent Guide

Kindergarten • 2026–2027 Scouting Year

Lions are our youngest Cub Scouts. **A parent or adult partner stays and takes part in every den meeting and outing.**

Welcome to the Lion year! This is your child's first taste of Cub Scouting. The goal is simple: have fun, make friends, and "Do Your Best." Most of the learning happens through play and short, hands-on activities at den and pack meetings. A handful of items are done at home with you, and this guide walks you through all of it.

How Your Scout Earns the Lion Badge

To earn the Lion rank badge, your Scout completes all 6 required adventures below, plus at least 2 elective adventures of their choosing. Most of this is done together as a den at meetings and pack events. Your den leader tracks progress and gives final sign-off.

The 6 Required Adventures

Adventure	What your Scout will work on	Where
Bobcat <i>Character & Leadership</i>	Meet the den, learn what "Do Your Best" means, and complete the child-protection booklet at home with you.	Home + Den
Mountain Lion <i>Outdoors</i>	Pack the Cub Scout Six Essentials and take a short outdoor walk (about 20 minutes), spotting natural vs. man-made things and local animals.	Den / Family
Fun on the Run <i>Personal Fitness</i>	Learn the five food groups, practice handwashing, get 20 minutes of active play, and learn ways to rest.	Den + Home
King of the Jungle <i>Citizenship</i>	Talk about family and citizenship, take on a family job, and take part in a service project.	Home + Pack
Lion's Roar <i>Personal Safety</i>	Watch the Protect Yourself Rules video and practice "Shout, Run, Tell," calling for help, and crossing the street safely.	Home
Lion's Pride <i>Family & Reverence</i>	Share your family's faith traditions, attend a service or gathering, and make a kind card for someone you love.	Family

Family & Reverence note: this adventure can also be earned by completing the religious emblem of your family's choosing.

Choosing Elective Adventures (pick at least 2)

Your Scout chooses at least 2 of these to round out the year. The den usually does a few of them together, and your Scout can add more for fun or to earn extra recognition:

Elective adventures

Build It Up, Knock It Down • Champions for Nature • Count on Me • Everyday Tech • Gizmos & Gadgets • Go Fish • I'll Do It Myself • Let's Camp • On a Roll • On Your Mark • Pick My Path • Race Time • Ready, Set, Grow • Time to Swim

Shooting Sports (Archery, Slingshot): optional electives that can only be earned at a council camp with certified instructors — not at regular pack meetings.

Year at a Glance — What to Plan For

Here's the quick summary of the bigger commitments across the 10-month scouting year (roughly September through June):

Overnights	None required to earn the badge. One optional overnight if your Scout picks the "Let's Camp" elective — the pack usually offers a family campout you can use for this.
Service project	One service project. No minimum hours. The pack organizes at least one each year (for example, a community cleanup or food drive).
Outdoor / hiking	One short nature walk, about 20 minutes.
Swimming & water	Optional only — the "Time to Swim" elective is gentle pool time with no swim test.
Shooting sports	Optional only — Archery and Slingshot can be done at council camps with certified instructors. They cannot be run by the pack on its own.
Parent involvement	Required — a parent or adult partner attends den meetings and outings alongside your Lion.

What We Need From You at Home

A few items are done at home with your Scout. Everything else happens at den and pack meetings:

- Complete the "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" booklet activities (part of Bobcat).
- Watch the Lion Protect Yourself Rules video together and practice "Shout, Run, Tell."
- Talk about your family's faith traditions and attend a service or gathering of your choosing.

Tips for a Great Year

- Come to den and pack meetings — that's where most adventures are earned.
- Watch for the pack calendar so you can plan around campouts, the Pinewood Derby, and service projects.
- Keep the handbook handy and celebrate each adventure as it's completed.
- Ask your den leader anytime you're unsure what's coming up next.

Questions? Reach out to your den leader or pack leadership — we're glad to help.