



Cub Scout Round-Up Program Guide

This program guide is intended as a recruiting aid for all Cub Scout packs. Pack leaders might use this guide, along with other available materials to help in constructing a program for their Cub Scout Round-Up recruitment program. Others will find a variety of different ideas to help refresh their standard presentations.

What is Cub Scout Round-Up?

Cub Scout Round-Up is a major event at which Cub Scout-age boys are invited to join their neighborhood Cub Scout pack. Boys are invited to join your pack by a booth or display at a school's open house, posters, and fliers that are distributed through schools directly to the boys. These fliers provide information on the date, time, and place of the Round-Up meeting. The fliers also encourage the boys to bring their parents to hear and see Scouting in action. At the meeting, parents will receive an overview of the Cub Scout program. Then boys are registered and assigned to dens. The Round-Up meeting is also an excellent opportunity to recruit new adult volunteers.

Preparing for the Round-Up

Advance Preparations

- Recruit necessary personnel for success of the program.
- Distribute responsibilities among the pack leaders – everyone has a part.
- Prepare the evening ahead of time. Make sure everything is covered.
- Be familiar with the material to be covered in your presentation.

Round-Up Presentation

- Have on hand the following materials:
 - Youth & Adult membership applications
 - *Boys' Life* information fliers
 - Current fee chart for the pack and council
 - Adult leader training information
 - Sample resource books (youth program books, *Cub Scout Leader Guide*, etc...)
- Have enough support people in attendance to answer questions.

- Plan a fun and informative meeting, but don't let the program run too long.
- Youth and adults should be registered as soon as possible.

After the Presentation

- Registration materials and collected fees are to be submitted to your district executive. If any problems occur please contact your district executive at (602) 955-7747.

Follow-up Responsibilities

- Make sure that new leaders are contacted for training and roundtables.
- Confirm that all boys are assigned to dens and have been notified of correct meeting times and locations.

Special Notes for Cub Scout Round-Up

Your pack will be successful if you:

- Select the right person from your pack to make the Round-Up program presentation. The presenter should be someone who is comfortable before a group, easy to understand, and knowledgeable about your pack and the overall Scouting program.
- Arrange the seating into four distinct sections and encourage all Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos-age groups to sit in their own section. This tactic will be very helpful when obtaining leaders for each age group. The parents are already clustered and easily identifiable!
- You may also want to consider providing the prospective Cub Scouts and parents with different colored sticker badges. Then the presenter and assembled leaders will be able to instantly identify and properly welcome each new person by Scouting level and name.
- You may want to take the kids to another room or outside if the weather permits and keep them occupied with fun games and activities while talking with the parents.
- Present a positive attitude! People want to join organizations which are fun and worthwhile. No one wants to join a sinking ship. DO NOT introduce them to Cub Scouting by telling them that your pack has no leadership and is about to fold. Explain that Cub Scouting is not "a babysitting service", but an association that can be beneficial to the entire family. A positive presentation of both the pack and of Cub Scouting as a whole will get people excited, and willing to volunteer their help. A smile and spirit of cheerful competence are essential at all times.
- Collect ALL Cub Scout and Adult Leader application forms, registration forms, and Boys' Life subscriptions the night of the presentation. A boy who leaves the Round-Up meeting without being registered may never be heard from again.
- Pass to each new leader the necessary information for their position and the Cub Scouts in their sphere of activity.
- Provide important information to everyone before they leave:
 - Where to get books and uniforms.
 - The date, time, and location of the first den and pack meeting. New Leaders should be made aware of important pack and district meetings and training courses.
- Remember – only new boys need to register. Currently registered Cub Scouts will reregister through your pack charter renewal process later in the fall.

Sample Round-Up Presentation

The following is a sample presentation that you can customize for your own use. It is designed to be used with a flipchart or other type of visual aid.

Chart One – Cub Scouting is an Educational & Fun Program

Chart Two – The Family

Chart Three – The Den

Chart Four – The Pack

Chart Five – Our Pack's Special Activities

Chart Six – The Cost of Cub Scouting

Registration Fee - \$10 annually

Boys' Life Magazine - \$10.80 annually

Medical Insurance Fee - \$1.20 annually

Unit Program Fee - \$ _____(include if this applies to your pack)

Other fees - \$ _____(include if this applies to your pack)

Chart Seven – Cub Scouting is a VOLUNTEER Organization!
Your Help and Support is Needed!!

Chart Eight – Den Leadership

Den Leader

Asst. Den Leader

Pack Committee Member

Chart Nine – Unlimited Resources

Den Leader Handbook

Specialized Literature

Monthly Roundtables

Day Camp

Program Helps

Basic Training

Camp Facilities

Professional Staff

Chart Ten – Our Volunteers Tonight Are...

Sample Script

1. Cub Scouting is an Educational and Fun Program

You know, when most people think of Cub Scouting, they picture a group of boys meeting with their den leader, making crafts and hopefully learning useful new skills. Well, that picture is realistic, but actually it is only one way that is used to achieve Scouting's goals.

What are those goals? Cub Scouting is an educational program to help you develop your son's character, to teach him good citizenship and to help him to become physically, mentally, and morally fit. Scouting will also help your son to reach beyond himself and learn teamwork, cooperation, and respect for himself and others. Best of all, he'll be having so much fun that he may not even realize the educational process is taking place!

2. The Family

The first phase of the Scouting program takes place at home. Your son will need a program handbook, purchased from a local Scouting store. Second-grade or eight-year olds use the WOLF BOOK, Third-grade or nine-year olds use the BEAR BOOK, and fourth & fifth-graders will need the WEBELOS BOOK. Each handbook is filled with challenging and fun activities and achievements to complete. Completed achievement awards are then presented at the next pack meeting.

3. The Den

The second phase of the Scouting program involves a weekly meeting of a small group of Cub Scouts, usually 5-8 boys, and is called a DEN. Each den is led by a DEN LEADER, usually a father or mother of one of the boys. The den meetings are held at a time and location convenient for the den leader and youth. At den meetings, the boys will learn to work together as they go on field trips, learn new songs and skits, master new skills, and build things – all of which are relevant to a monthly theme.

4. The Pack

One a month, all our dens gather together for a family night or Pack Meeting. The pack meetings are not just for Cub Scouts, but also for the whole family. At the pack meeting, boys and their parents are recognized for the achievements earned over the past month. This meeting is also gives each of the dens a chance to report on and show off what they did together during their own meetings.

5. Our Pack's Special Activities

So you see, Cub Scouting is really very simple. The object is to provide a well-rounded, fun and educational program for both boys and their family. Here are some of the special activities planned for this Scouting year.

(At this point, list and describe pack, district, and council events. Be certain to stress that your program is fun, worthwhile, simple, and within reach of everyone's ability.)

6. The Cost of Cub Scouting

As with every organization, there are some costs involved. Here is what it will cost you to participate in Scouting for a year:

The national registration fee is \$10.00 per year. (Plus prorated fees for current year)

Boys' Life Magazine is a valuable Scouting publication specifically designed for boys and their families. It is mailed directly to your son each month. The subscription rate is \$10.80 each year.

The Grand Canyon Council provides a secondary medical insurance policy for \$1.20 each year. This policy activates after your families primary insurance coverage for injuries sustained during authorized Scouting activities.

(Include the following only if it applies to your own pack)

Our pack also charges a program fee to cover initial supplies, books, and other materials for our pack. That annual cost is _____.

(Include this next section only if your pack does not pick up the cost of adult registration fees.)

In the case of fees for adult volunteer leaders, there is a registration fee of \$10.00. This includes a subscription to Scouting Magazine.

Please keep in mind that in addition to the above costs, it will be necessary to furnish your son with a Cub Scout uniform. The uniform may be purchased at your local Scout Shop or distributor.

During the early part of next year, we will also be holding our annual Friends of Scouting campaign to support the year-round operations of the Grand Canyon Council. At that time, you will be given the opportunity to make a tax-deductible gift to support local Scouting.

7. Cub Scouting is a Volunteer Organization

Now it's time to get our pack organized!

As you are all aware, Cub Scouting is a volunteer organization which needs the help and support of all our parents. Each den needs a den leader. But there are several other positions that need to be filled as well. Together, we can make our pack work smoothly.

8. Den Leadership

In the meantime, let's also talk a bit about some other help that will be needed for each den.

The den leader is the person in charge and is responsible for organizing the den activities. That person also keeps track of what the boys achieve at home.

Of course, it's easier and lots more fun with two or more in charge, so the den leader will also need one or more assistant den leaders.

There are also opportunities to serve on the pack committee. The committee makes administrative decisions on behalf of all the dens. The committee meets once a month.

9. Unlimited Resources

Of course, there is nothing more frightening than taking on a task that you know nothing about. But don't worry, we have nearly unlimited resources to get you started and keep you going in your new role as a Cub Scout leader.

Two important items are the Cub Scout Leader Guide and Cub Scout Program Helps.

(Hold up these two books so that everyone can see them. Then make them available for viewing on your "Show & Tell" table after the presentation.)

These helpful books actually set up the meetings for you. They give you craft idea and instructions, games, skits, songs, and basically everything you are going to need to have a fun and successful meeting. It's really program planning at its best and easiest.

Also, there is training available and highly recommended for all leaders. The next session will be on _____ (make sure to give the date, time, location, and directions for the district training session.) This is a basic training course and is a great way to learn about Cub Scouts and get exciting program ideas from other leaders in our district.

For even further support, there are monthly roundtable meetings which help by offering advice and helps for den and pack programs.

Now it is time to get our dens and pack organized. We will, of course, need a den leader for each den. So now, within your own groups, take a few minutes to talk among yourselves with the goal to select a den leader and also the necessary assistants. (Give the parents several minutes, but not too long, to make their choices.)

10. Our Volunteers Tonight Are...

Make a list of the new den leaders. If there are parents who have not volunteered, encourage them to consider a position on the pack committee and promise to contact them by phone.

Provide information on the new leader orientation meeting and the next pack meeting. Then distribute membership applications and collect them after they have been completed.

Ask for any questions and then thank them for attending.