Welcome to
Tiger Cubs BSA!!

A Guidebook for New Tiger Cubs
and their Adult Partners

At tonight’s meeting, we intend to:

√ Inform Parents and Boys about Tiger Cubs BSA
√ Register Boys and their Adult Partner for Tiger Cubs
√ Set the Date and Location for our First Gathering
Welcome to Tiger Cubs BSA!

Tiger Cubs is for first grade boys and an adult partner. Adult partners are usually parents or family members, but can be any adult. What is important is that the boy participates with a caring, loving adult.

Many activities are designed to involve the whole family, and benefit the whole family.

The Tiger Cub den is part of a Cub Scout Pack. The den meets twice monthly, and in addition, attends the monthly Cub Scout pack meeting.

Objectives of Tiger Cubs BSA

♦ With your boy, have fun and learn new things
♦ Involve other family members in many of the activities
♦ Teach your boy many of the ideals of Boy Scouting:
  • Reverence for God
  • Love of Country
  • Love of family and others
  • Personal development

Through Tiger Cubs BSA you and your boy will learn about the Scouting program.
Tiger Cub Motto

The motto of Tiger Cubs BSA is *Search, Discover, Share.*

The Tiger Cub program is full of excitement and fun. But underlying all of the fun and action are the goals of building self esteem and confidence, and building a stronger relationship.

Tiger Cub Promise

*“I promise* to love God, my family and my country and to learn about the world."

Your boy is old enough to understand a promise and the responsibilities it carries. But he needs your help and support when he feels he is unable or doesn’t want to live up to it.

How Tiger Cubs Works

The Tiger Cub Den

Four to eight boys and their adult partners make up a den. Each adult-boy team takes turns hosting a den meeting, based on ideas in the Family Activity Book. There is no one den leader in Tiger Cubs! Leadership is shared among all of the adult partners in the Tiger Cub den. The den selects a den coordinator to remind each Tiger team when it is their turn to host a meeting. The den coordinator is a Tiger Cub partner who also keeps in touch with the pack.

The Cub Scout Pack

The pack meets once per month with all dens and their families attending. The pack is led by the Cubmaster and a committee of den leaders and other parents. Pack meetings have games, songs, skits, stunts, ceremonies and presentations of badges earned by the boys during the past month. The pack is “owned” by a chartered partner. The Chartered partner is usually a school, parent association, religious organization, service club or other organization interested in helping youth.
Program Specifics

Materials

The Tiger Cub Family Activity Book is the basic manual for Tiger Cubs and their partners. This book contains seventeen big idea topics for the group gatherings. It also contains suggestions for family activities between meetings.

In addition to the Activity Book, your Tiger Cub Packet includes a wall chart, stickers, and iron-on tiger tracks for recording completion of activities.

The Tiger Cub Packet, which includes the Family Activity Book, costs $3.00.

Recognition

Recognizing boys for their accomplishments plays an important role throughout the Scouting program. Here are the recognition elements in Tiger Cubs:

- **Belt Totem**
  When the boys learn the Tiger Cub Motto and Promise, the pack can present them with a specially designed leather Tiger Paw Belt Totem.

- **Stickers**
  For each family activity completed at home, the boy earns a sticker for his wall chart.

- **Tiger Tracks**
  For each big idea completed by the den, an iron-on tiger track from the Family Activity packet may be added to the front of the boy’s Tiger Cubs shirt.

- **Activity Beads**
  Boys earn an orange activity bead for each den activity in which they participate, and a white family activity bead for every five family activities completed. They can display these beads proudly on their Tiger Paw Belt Totem!

- **Graduation Flap**
  For Tiger Cubs moving into the Cub Scouting program beginning in the Spring, they are entitled to wear a special Tiger Graduation pocket flap.
Tiger Cubs Uniforms

Tiger Cubs can wear the official orange Tiger Cubs BSA T-shirt with the Tiger Cubs emblem on the front of the shirt. These T-shirts can be purchased from your nearest Scout Distributor or through the Viking Council Service Center. Also available are Tiger Cubs hats and belts.

Tiger Cub dens can also elect to use the Tiger Cubs BSA iron-on decal. Simply iron the decal on to a white or orange T-shirt that you provide, and you are in business! The iron-on decals are available to the pack through the Viking Council Service Center.

The den should decide as a group which uniform you would like to use.

What will Tiger Cubs Cost?

Tiger Cubs BSA registration fee: $ 7.00/year
Boys' Life Magazine $ 9.00/year
Family Activity Packet $ 3.00
Pack Dues $ ___ (varies by pack)

Some packs do fund-raisers to minimize the amount of dues charged each year. Tiger Cub dens may not be required to pay pack dues.

UNIFORM PARTS

Official Tiger Cubs BSA T-shirt $ 7.95 (youth)
$ 9.35 (adult)
Tiger Cubs Cap $ 8.10
Tiger Cubs Belt $ 5.35
Tiger Cubs Belt Totem $ 7.25 (package of 5)

YOUR PACK MAY ELECT TO DESIGN ITS OWN UNIFORM SHIRT USING THE IRON-ON TRANSFERS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE VIKING COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER
Top Ten Tips for a FANTASTIC Tiger Cub Den

1. At each meeting the next Big Idea hosts present information on the upcoming outing or activity.

2. If you are planning an outside activity, always have an indoor plan in case of bad weather.

3. If a host misses their turn, or a Big Idea meeting does not work out, use next month’s host and Big Idea to ensure regular activities.

4. While the family may be invited to special outings like a trip to the zoo, only the Tiger Cub and one partner should attend the regular den meetings. This keeps it special for the boy.

5. Be sure the January activity is a special activity to get maximum participation from the den after the holiday break.

6. In February, be sure to attend the pack’s Blue and Gold Banquet. This is a great opportunity to meet the families of all Cub Scouts in the pack.

7. In April or May, Tiger Cubs graduate into the Cub Scout pack at the month’s pack meeting. They can then participate as a Cub Scout in Summer activities, and start working in their Wolf Cub Scout Book. Summer is the perfect time to work on the outdoor achievements with new Wolf Cub Scouts.

8. Some of last year’s most successful Tiger Cub dens had regular outings almost every two weeks. Use your imagination and keep the activities simple and fun!

9. If you have questions about the den’s next meeting, or about the program in general, contact your pack’s Tiger Cub Coach or Cubmaster.

10. Attend Tiger Cub Zoo Day! Earn the "Go and See It" Tiger Paw! See your Cubmaster for more details regarding Zoo Day!
# CALENDAR OF GROUP ACTIVITIES

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Tiger Cub Den Coordinator

Pack Tiger Cub Group Coach

Cubmaster

Committee Chair