

# LION SCOUT PILOT INFORMATION



**LION SCOUTS** Lions is a pilot program of the Boy Scouts of America for Kindergarten-age boys.

Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America, whose mission is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness, become effective leaders and have fun in the outdoors. Cub Scouting focuses on boys in the first through fifth grades (or from ages 7 through 10). The Lion Pilot Project is exploring the value of a Kindergarten-age program.

**OVERVIEW** Lions is a family program. A youth and his parent or caring adult partner join Scouting together. A group of six to eight boys and their adult partner meet together in a group called a Den. Dens will meet twice per month. They have fun participating in Den meetings and outings while making memories together.

**PROGRAM** The Lion Pilot program encourages boys to learn and explore through hands on, high energy activities. Each adult partner takes a turn at leading a den meeting or outing during the year. Most meetings and outings are approximately 45 - 60 minutes in length.

**RECOGNITION** Boys are recognized for their accomplishments as they work toward the Lion badge. The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures. Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings.

**ADVENTURES**

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

**LEADERSHIP** Den meetings and outings are facilitated by a Lion Guide and participating parents. The Lion Guide is an experienced Cub Scout Leader. He or she will lead the first den meeting of the year. The Lion Guide will help each adult partner lead one of the following meetings. The den meeting plans are provided in the *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*.

## Adult Partner

The adult partner participates with the Lion Scout in fun meetings and outings. And takes turns with other adult partners to lead a Den meeting or outing.

## Lion Guide

A Lion Guide is a volunteer leader who provides direct support to your Lion Den.

## Lion Coordinator

The Lion Coordinator is a volunteer leader who provides direct support to Lion Guides in multiple Cub Scout packs in your community.

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## Cubmaster

The Cubmaster serves as the “ringmaster” for the monthly pack meeting. The pack meeting is an event where all of the dens in a Cub Scout pack come together for fun activities and awards. Lion dens are more independent and attend only two or three special pack meetings as Lions.

## UNIFORM

-  The uniform for Lions is designed to be simple and inexpensive – a neckerchief (a triangular piece of fabric worn around the neck) is the standard uniform.
-  Pack 29 will use the official Lion T-shirt.
-  Adults may wear the above uniform or follow the pack’s uniform custom.

## RESOURCES

### Resources available for the three Pilot councils are:

-  Recruitment tools: This informational flyer
-  Orientation and training PowerPoint: For parents, Lion Guides, Lion Coordinators and Cubmasters
-  Training syllabus and power point: For Lion Guides
-  *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*: Includes 12 Den Meeting and Outing Plans
-  *Lion Adventure Book*: Youth program materials

## DEVELOPMENT

The program materials were developed under the auspices of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The development team included experts in child development and education working with the Boy Scouts of America. Collectively, these consultants have over seventy-five years of experience in education, including advanced preparation in child and curriculum development, are current Scouting volunteers.

## EVALUATION

Evaluations will be completed throughout the year. Since this is a Pilot, your participation is needed to provide feedback for program continuation or expansion. To support the feedback it is important to deliver the program as designed.

## CONTACT

Contact your local council to enroll you and your son in the Lion Scout program.

