

CUB SCOUTS PARENTS GUIDE

Scouting  America
Central North Carolina Council



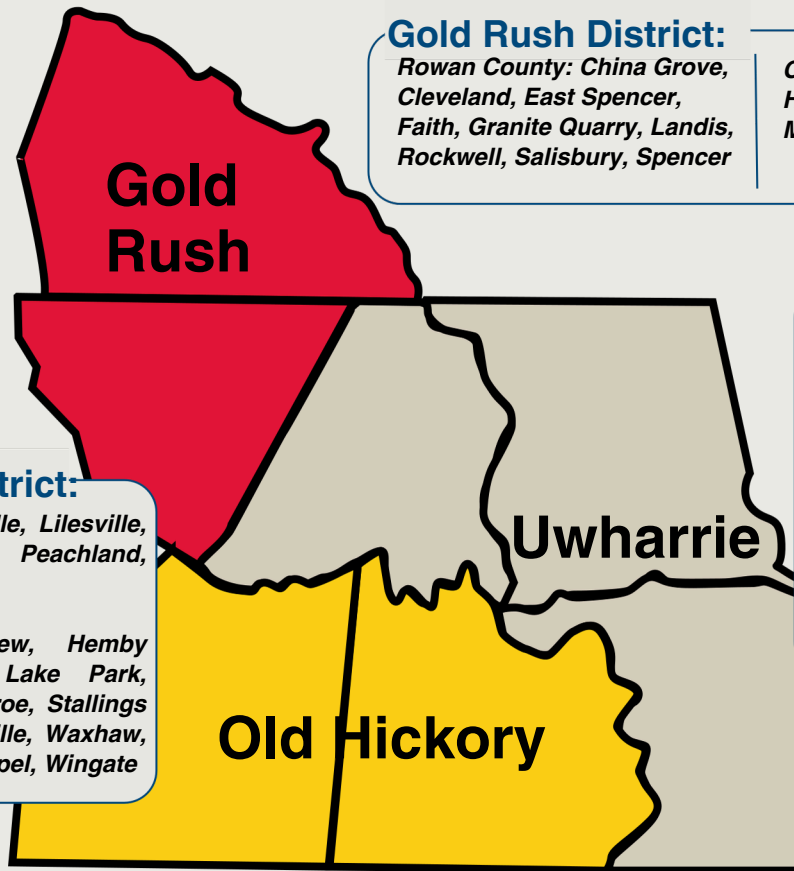
#ADVENTUREON!





WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS

WWW.CENTRALNCSCOUTING.ORG | 704.982.0141



Gold Rush District:

Rowan County: China Grove, Cleveland, East Spencer, Faith, Granite Quarry, Landis, Rockwell, Salisbury, Spencer

Cabarrus County: Concord, Harrisburg, Kannapolis, Midland, Mt. Pleasant

Old Hickory District:

Anson County: Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton, Wadesboro

Union County: Fairview, Hemby Bridge, Indian Trail, Lake Park, Marshville, Marvin, Monroe, Stallings, Mineral Springs, Unionville, Waxhaw, Weddington, Wesley Chapel, Wingate

Uwharrie District:

Montgomery County: Biscoe, Candor, Mount Gilead, Star, Troy

Richmond County: Dobbins Heights, Ellerbe, Hamlet, Hoffman, Norman, Rockingham

Stanly County: Albemarle, Badin, Misenheimer, New London, Norwood, Oakboro, Red Cross, Richfield, Stanfield



ABOUT US

WWW.CENTRALNCSCOUTING.ORG | 704.982.0141

Our Mission

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scout Oath

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

The Central NC Council is the local Scouting organization. We are chartered to the National Council of Scouting America to promote and support Scouting in our 7 local counties. We serve approximately 4,000 youth and adults.

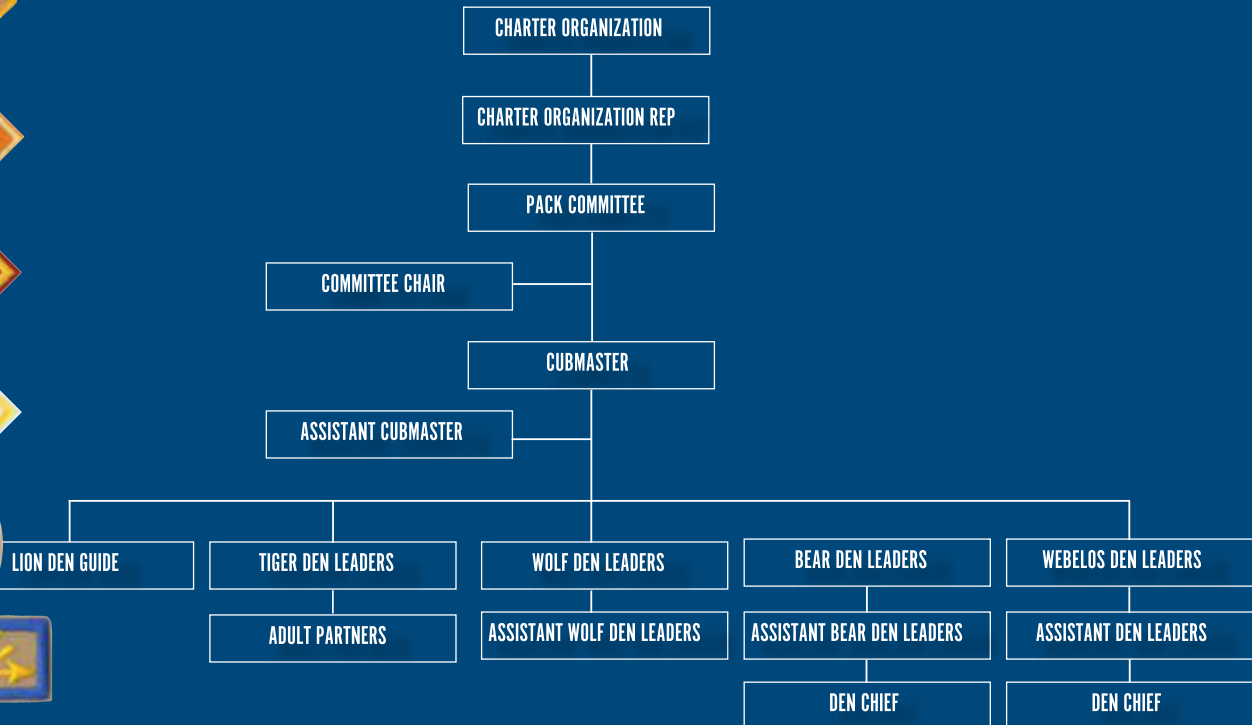
STAY INFORMED!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK,
X OR SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER



HOW ARE CUB SCOUTS ORGANIZED?

PACK ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The Den

The Cub Scout pack is divided into several smaller groups called dens. Typically, a den has six to eight youth and meets two or three times a month. Den meeting activities vary based on age. Members of a den usually progress through Scouting together.

The Cub Scout ranks are organized by grade or age, so your children's den will be part of the rank specific to their grade. A pack may have more than one den for a rank. For example, if your pack has 16 first graders, there will be at least two Tiger dens. The ranks are:

- Lions – Kindergarten. Lions must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them.
- Tigers – First grade. Tigers must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them.
- Wolves – Second grade.
- Bears – Third grade.
- Webelos – Fourth grade.
- Arrow of Light – Fifth grade.

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA. Adventure activities are done at den meetings, at home and on field trips and outings. At the end of the school year, Cub Scouts graduate and move up to the next rank. The progression is:

➡ Lions become Tigers. ➡ Tigers become Wolves. ➡ Wolves become Bears. ➡ Bears become Webelos.
➡ Webelos become Arrow of Light and “cross over” to join a Scouts BSA troop.

While den meetings include games, skits and other activities that are fun for the kids, program delivery is the main goal. Youth participate in activities and work on projects that are related to an adventure and that help them learn the skills they need to progress in rank. Youth also prepare to do their part in the monthly pack meeting.

The Pack

All of the dens together make up the pack. Typically, packs meet monthly. These pack meetings bring together youth from every den, their leaders, and their families for a large-scale event that showcases all that the kids have learned and done in their individual den meetings. Such a gathering gives the kids a larger experience beyond their own den. It also helps them see how their individual activities fit into the bigger Cub Scout program.

THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN



Advancement is the process in which Cub Scouts earn badges and awards, learn new skills and expand their horizons as they go. The Cub Scout Advancement program is based on adventures which are themed collections of activities. Many of these activities will be done as a group with the den or with the whole pack. Other activities are meant to be done at home as a family.

The activities built into the adventures includes sports, games, field trips, service projects, crafts, and leadership challenges. All of these are designed to achieve Scouting's aims; character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. As a youth progresses, through the Cub Scout ranks, the activities become more challenging to match their increasing skills and abilities.



Bobcat is the first required adventure for all grades when a child joins Scouting America. The Bobcat Adventure is tailored to each Cub Scout's age and grade level, with age-appropriate requirements to inspire growth and achievement. It has a focus on character and leadership.

Once your child earns their grade specific Bobcat Adventure, they will begin working on their remaining five required and two elective adventures. Each of these badges require that the Scout earn the Cyber Chip award (internet safety) and complete the youth protection safety pamphlet activities with their parent.



Lion Cubs

The Lion Cub program is for a kindergartner and their adult partner who participates as a team. A Lion Cub must complete six adventures and two electives to earn the Lion Cub badge. At the end of the year, they will transition to Tiger and continue through Cub Scouting.



Tiger

Tigers are youth in first grade who participate with an adult partner. The orange Tiger neckerchief stands for curiosity and courage and represents the beginning flame of Scouting. An orange flame is not yet hot, but has just started and has huge potential. Tigers who complete adventures earn metal adventure loops to wear on their belts. Your youth must complete six required adventures plus at least two elective adventures to earn the Tiger badge. A few of the required adventures are Tigers in the Wild (outdoors) and Team Tiger (citizenship), and Tiger Bites (personal fitness).





THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN



Wolf

Wolves have completed first grade. The red Wolf neckerchief stands for warm sunlight, happiness and good cheers and shows that the flame of Scouting is burning bright as your youth learns more Scout skills. Wolves also earn adventure loops for completed adventures. To earn the wolf badge, six adventures and at least two electives must be completed. Some of the required adventures are Council Fire (citizenship), Paws on the Path (outdoors), and Running with the Pack (personal fitness).



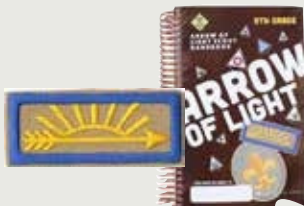
Bear

Bears have completed second grade. The blue Bear neckerchief stands for truth, loyalty, and obedience. Just as a blue flame is very hot, the Scouting spirit burns brightly in these growing youth. Bears also earn adventure loops for completed adventures. A youth must finish six adventures and at least two electives to earn the Bear badge. Some of the required adventures are Bear Habitat (outdoors), Bear Strong (personal fitness), and Paws for Action (citizenship).



Webelos

Webelos have completed third grade. The plaid in the Webelos neckerchief mixes four colors, the blue & gold of Cub Scouts and the red & green of Scouts BSA. It is more like fireworks than a flame. These youth are exploding with skills, spirit, and energy. Webelos earn adventure pins for completed adventures. These are worn on colorful ribbons on the uniform sleeve. A youth must complete six adventures and at least two electives to earn the Webelos badge. Some of the required adventures include Webelos Walkabout (outdoors), My Safety (safety/first aid), and Stronger, Faster, Higher (personal fitness).



Arrow of Light

In the second year of the Webelos programs, youth earn Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. For this badge, six adventures and at least two electives must be completed. Some of the required adventures include Outdoor Adventurer (outdoors), Duty to God (family/reverence), and Citizenship (citizenship).





CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES

Discover the fun of Cub Scouts—where the thrill of the outdoors leads you on a journey to self-discovery and realizing your full potential!

LION Kindergarten	TIGER First Grade	WOLF Second Grade	BEAR Third Grade	WEBELOS Fourth Grade	ARROW OF LIGHT Fifth Grade
EARN SIX REQUIRED ADVENTURES					
Bobcat Character & Leadership Mountain Lion Outdoors Fun on the Run Personal Fitness King of the Jungle Citizenship Lion's Roar Personal Safety Lion's Pride Family & Reverence	Bobcat Character & Leadership Tigers in the Wild Outdoors Tiger Bites Personal Fitness Team Tiger Citizenship Tiger's Roar Personal Safety Tiger Cycles Family & Reverence	Bobcat Character & Leadership Paws on the Path Outdoors Running with the Pack Personal Fitness Council Fire Citizenship Safety in Numbers Personal Safety Footsteps Family & Reverence	Bobcat Character & Leadership Bear Habitat Outdoors Bear Strong Personal Fitness Paws for Action Citizenship Standing Tall Personal Safety Fellowship Family & Reverence	Bobcat Character & Leadership Webelos Walkabout Outdoors Stronger, Faster, Higher Personal Fitness My Community Citizenship My Safety Personal Safety My Family Family & Reverence	Bobcat Character & Leadership Outdoor Adventurer Outdoors Personal Fitness Personal Fitness Citizenship Citizenship First Aid Personal Safety Duty to God Family & Reverence
AND AT LEAST TWO ELECTIVE ADVENTURES					
ADVENTURES FOR ALL RANKS					
Go Fish Let's Camp Race Time On a Roll Time to Swim Champions For Nature	Fish On Let's Camp Race Time Rolling Tigers Tigers in the Water Champions For Nature	A Wolf Goes Fishing Let's Camp Race Time Pedal with the Pack Safest of the Water Champions For Nature	A Bear Goes Fishing Let's Camp Race Time Bears on Bikes Salmon Run Champions For Nature	Catch the Big One Let's Camp Race Time Pedal Away Aquanaut Champions For Nature	Fishing Outdoor Adventurer (required) Race Time Cycling Swimming Champions For Nature
RANK SPECIFIC ADVENTURES					
Build It Up, Knock It Down Count On Me Everyday Tech Gizmos and Gadgets I'll Do It Myself On Your Mark Pick My Path Ready, Set, Grow	Curiosity, Intrigue, and Magical Mysteries Designed by Tiger Floats and Boats Good Knights Safe and Smart Sky is the Limit Stories in Shapes Tech All Around Tiger Tag Tiger Italic	Digging in the Past Climbing Wolves Air of the Wolf Code of the Wolf Adventures in Gears Cubs Who Care Finding Your Way Gears Alive! Paws for Water	Balancing Bears Let's Camp Builder Critic Care Forensics Marble Madness Roaring Laughter Super Science Top Chef Tech	Art Explosion Aware and Care Build It Earth Rocks! Math on the Trail Modular Design Tech on the Trail Yo-Yo	Engineer Estimations High Tech Camping Into the Wild Into the Woods
ADVENTURES FOR MULTIPLE RANKS					
Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun
RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES - RESTRICTED					
Archery BB Slingshot	Archery BB Slingshot	Archery BB Slingshot	Archery BB Slingshot	Archery BB Slingshot	Archery BB Slingshot



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CUB SCOUTS

What is the first thing I need to do with my new Cub?

Start working on the Bobcat Adventure requirements in your Cub Scout handbook. This advancement includes Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout Motto, Cub Scout Sign, Cub Scout Handshake, and Cub Scout Salute.

What do I do if my Cub leader doesn't call me about the time and location of the den meetings?

Call the Cubmaster to find out where and when each den holds their meetings. The Central North Carolina Council does not track Cub pack activities, as they're planned on a local level.

What if I can't attend all the events that the Cub Pack has scheduled?

Focus on the events that interests you and your Cub. In Scouting, we want to provide a balance of activities that can work with your schedule. The more you participate, the more fun and achievements

your Scout will earn, but Scouting does not require you to attend all activities.

What are the parent's responsibilities?

Each Scout in kindergarten(Lion) or first grade (Tiger) is required to have an adult partner present with them at all pack and den events. All of the youth will have projects that must be completed at home. Parents of all the youth should plan to attend pack meetings and witness their Scout's advancement progress and awards. Cub Scout camping is "family style", and a parent is required to attend.

Where do I purchase my books and uniforms?

The Council operates a Scoutshop in Kannapolis. Their staff will be glad to assist you with all the necessary material for your Scouting experience. See page 11 of this booklet for shop location and new member checklist.



WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTS!

Registration Fee and Other Costs

- **Scouting America:**

A membership fee is collected by the National and local Council.

- **Handbooks:**

Every Scout needs a handbook. They are specific to their grade level. Check with your local Scout shop for prices.

- **Uniform:**

The uniform and its costs vary by program for both youth and adult. Every pack has a standard for uniforms. Please consult with your unit leader for more information.

Congratulations and welcome to the pack! Now that you've joined the pack, you are likely asking "What do I need to do to get started?" Scouting is a very inexpensive activity for your family to be involved in. On this page are items you will want to consider as you begin. We hope you have a wonderful time with your kids throughout their time in Scouting!

Check with your Cubmaster to find out how your pack handles the items listed.



- **Other Fees–** There are minimal fees for participation in activities at the pack, district, and council levels. You only pay these fees if you choose to participate. The amount varies by pack. Some packs charge annual dues (called pack dues) that include the BSA yearly registration fees. Each pack has its own process for handling advancement and activity costs. Some include the costs in their annual dues, some raise the funds by products sales, and some have families that cover the cost of the specific activities in which they participate. Check with your Cubmaster to get a breakdown of the annual fees.



YEAR ROUND FUN SCOUT ACTIVITIES!



LOCAL PACK ADVENTURES

Local packs plan trips as a group that including fishing, camping, visiting historical sites such as the Battleship North Carolina or USS Yorktown, and fieldtrips to local museums throughout our area, and many more.



PINEWOOD DERBY

A parent and youth project in which you build a race car made from a block of wood. This is one of the most popular events of a Cub Scout's year. Most packs conduct the derby race annually.



CUB AND WEBELOS ADVENTURE CAMP

When your Scouts are ready for the next step in camping, Webelos Adventure Camp is an action packed resident camping experience that prepares your Scouts for their transition to Scouts BSA! Webelos participate in exciting activities from swimming to climbing and will work on some of their Webelos/AOL Adventures.

Each Scout stays in our Scouts BSA camp tents complete with cots. They enjoy delicious meals in our dining hall and participate in a quality program run by our Nationally Accredited trained Central NC Council staff!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Food drive held to benefit local food banks. Part of our program is to participate in community service projects.

FALL FEST FAMILY CAMP

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to join this fun and exciting weekend at Camp John J. Barnhardt!

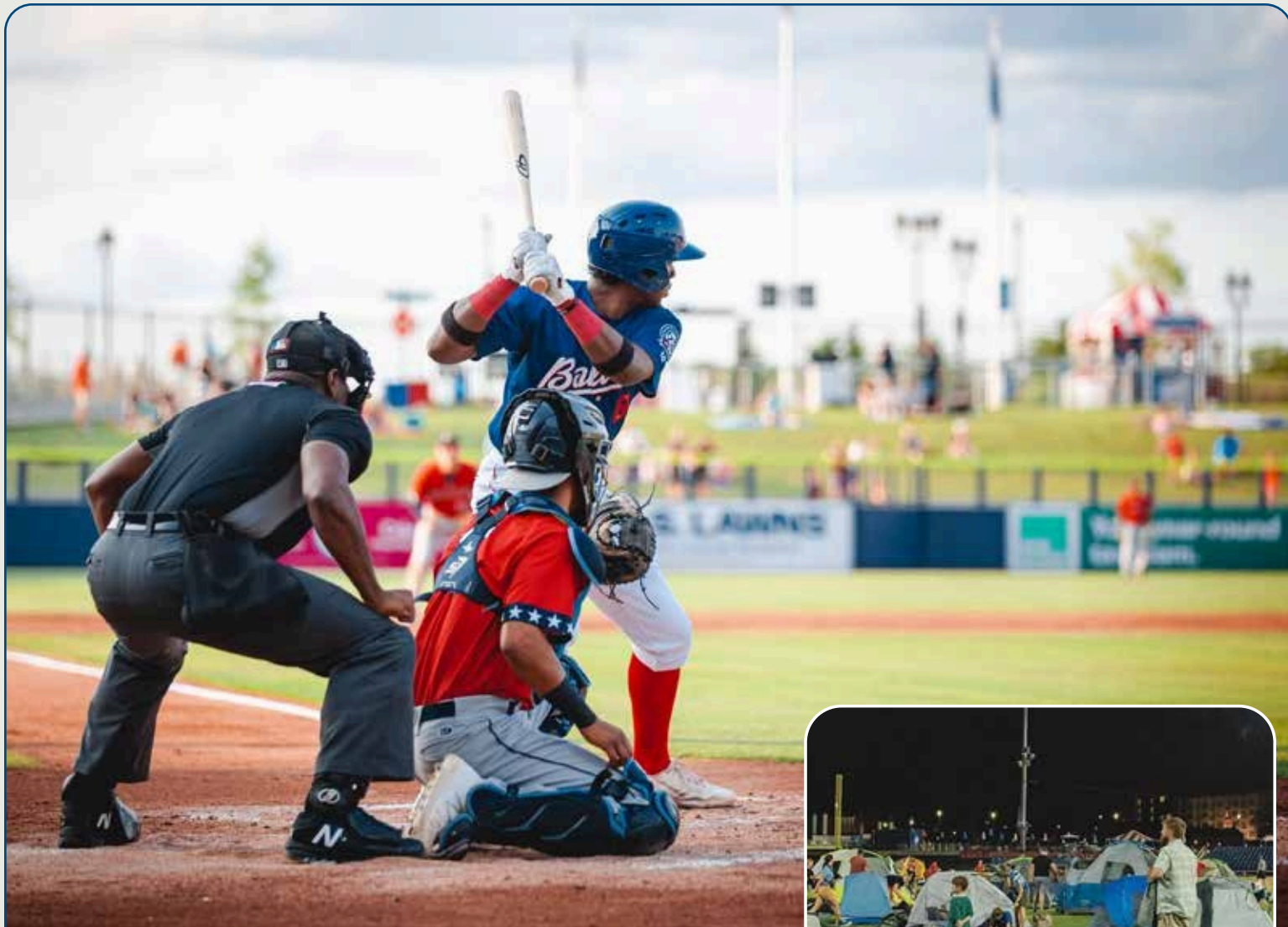
Activities and events include shooting sports – archery, BB guns and sling shots, cornhole games, face painting, hay ride, trick or treating, contests, campsite decorating, costume contest, and pumpkin carving. Please bring your own pumpkin.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Scouting's birthday party for Cub Scouting, usually held during February. Most often it is a seated dinner, but sometimes it is covered-dish supper. A special program or entertainment is customary.

SPRING FEST FAMILY CAMP

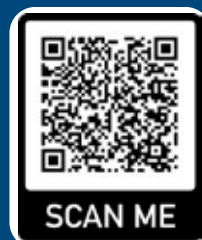
All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to join this fun and exciting weekend at Camp John J. Barnhardt!



BASEBALL, SCOUT PATCHES & CAMPING!

The Kannapolis Cannon Ballers and Central North Carolina Council team up each spring to bring a fun night of baseball and camping to area Scouts at Atrium Health Ballpark! Cub Scouts and BSA Scouts are welcome to attend and will receive a ticket to the ballgame, a limited-edition Scout Night patch and a movie on the field after the game. Scouts and their families are invited to a fun-filled evening of overnight camping under the stars on Atrium Health Ballpark's grass!

To secure your group's spot, contact Alex Seufert, Ticket Sales Account Executive at aseufert@kcballers.com or (704) 932-3267.



SUPPORT SCOUTING. FUEL ADVENTURE.

POPCORN

GET READY TO RAISE FUNDS, BUILD SKILLS, AND HAVE FUN!
POPCORN SALES ARE A KEY PART OF THE SCOUTING
EXPERIENCE—HELPING SCOUTS FUND THEIR ADVENTURES
WHILE LEARNING GOAL-SETTING, TEAMWORK, AND LEADERSHIP.

REGISTER YOUR UNIT TODAY!



CAMP CARD

VALID IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES

\$10



Central North Carolina Council, Scouting America
www.centralncscouting.org



SCAN ME

Find full details at: www.centralncscouting.org/popcorn

For Camp Card information, go to www.centralncscouting.org/campcards

WHAT DOES MY NEW SCOUT NEED AND WHERE CAN I GET IT?



Your complete one-stop Scout Shops for Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts/ Scouts BSA, adult leader uniforms, insignia & badges, flags and accessories, literature, trophies and awards, banquet supplies, crafts, camping equipment, gift items and much more.

KANNAPOLIS SCOUT SHOP:

Located in the Cloverleaf Plaza
904 Cloverleaf Plaza
Kannapolis, NC 28083
(704) 720-9264

Hours:

Monday- Friday -10 am - 5 pm

Saturday -10 am - 3 pm

Sunday - Closed

UNIT: _____

MEETING LOCATION: _____

UNIT LEADER: _____

PHONE: _____

TIME: _____

EMAIL: _____

DAY: _____



UNIFORM CHECKLIST

Cub Scout Den # _____

Pack # _____

LION – KINDERGARTEN

- ☐ Lion Cub T-shirt
- ☐ Lion Cap (Optional)
- ☐ Lion Adventure Book

TIGER, WOLF, BEAR, WEBELOS

- ☐ Blue Cub Scout Short-Sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Cub Scout Belt
(will hold adventure loops earned)
- ☐ Neckerchief
(Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)
- ☐ Neckerchief Slide
(Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)
- ☐ Handbook
(Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos)
- ☐ Council Patch
- ☐ Red Pack Numbers
- ☐ Den Numbers
- ☐ World Crest
(round, purple patch)
- ☐ Centennial Ring

AOL Scouts

- ☐ Khaki AOL Short-Sleeve Shirt
- ☐ Webelos/AOL Neckerchief
and Slide
- ☐ Council Patch
- ☐ Green Pack Numbers
- ☐ World Crest
(round, purple patch)
- ☐ AOL Colors
(will hold adventure pins)
- ☐ Centennial Ring
- ☐ AOL Handbook

CAMP BARNHARDT

With views of Badin Lake and the Uwharrie Mountains, Camp John J. Barnhardt is one of the most scenic Scout properties in the Southeast. The camp boasts a modern dining hall, a signature chapel, a swimming pool, and the highest climbing tower in the area. Campsites all have a large shelter, electricity, running water, and nearby access to private bathhouses. The property has numerous trails for mountain bikes and ATV's as well as two lakes for boating and fishing. Camp Barnhardt's facilities were even ranked #1 in the five state area. We hope that you'll join us at Camp Barnhardt for a weekend of camping or an entire week of summer camp!

