

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: SIMON KENTON COUNCIL

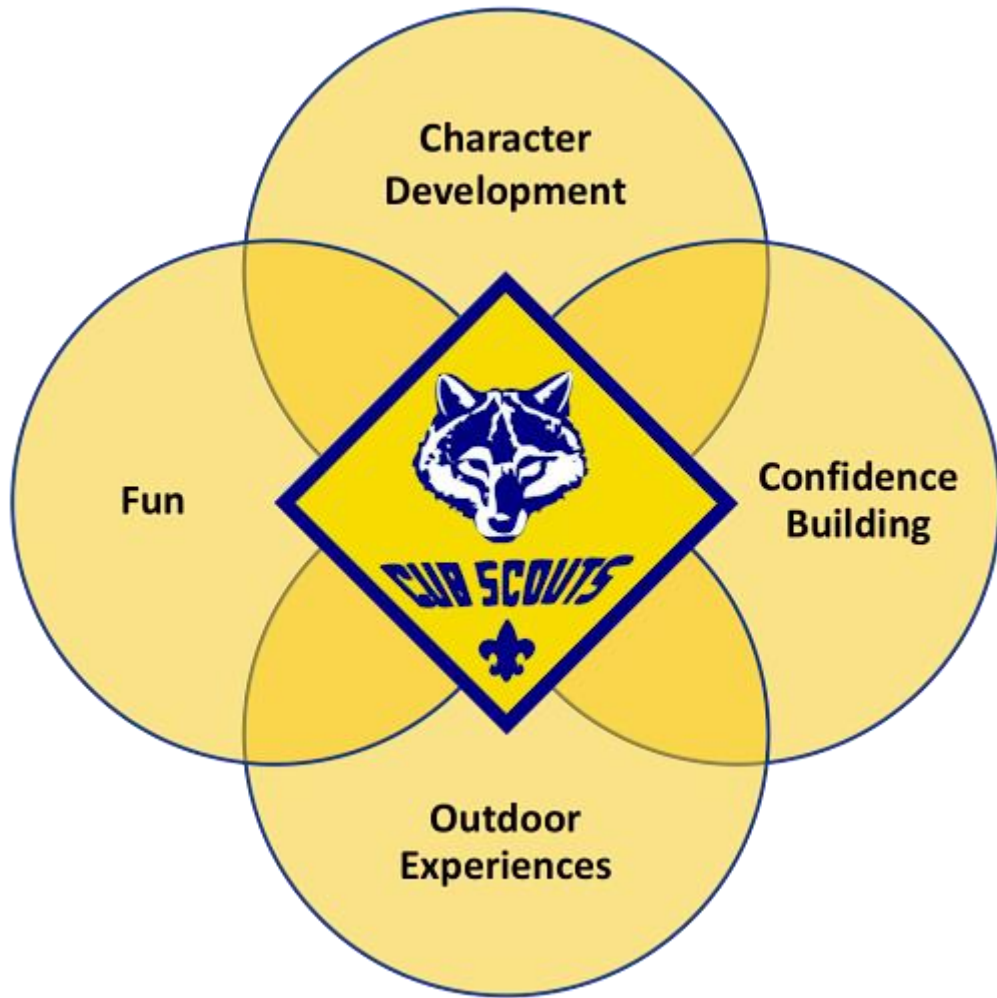
Cub Scout Parent Orientation Guide



Adventure is Calling!

PACK 412—COLUMBUS, OHIO

2021-2022



Scouting is an **ADVENTURE** Based Learning Experience

Youth join Cub Scouting because they want to have fun. For youth, fun means a lot more than just having a good time; it means meeting challenges, having friends, feeling good about themselves, and reassuring scouts that they are important to other people. While youth are having fun and doing activities they like to do, they also learn new things, discover and master new skills, gain self-confidence, and develop strong friendships.

- ❖ Cub Scouting is for All Youth
- ❖ Cub Scouting is for Families
- ❖ Cub Scouting is Fun
- ❖ Cub Scouting has Ideals
- ❖ Cub Scouting provides Adventure
- ❖ Cub Scouting helps Youth Develop Skills and Interests
- ❖ Cub Scouting has an Advancement Plan
- ❖ Cub Scouting teaches Youth to Reach Out
- ❖ Cub Scouting teaches Duty to God and Country





CUB SCOUT FUN, CAMP ACTIVITIES, & EVENTS

BOBCATS NIGHT

Within the first month of scouting, Pack 412 provides the opportunity for new scouts to earn their first rank of Bobcat. All new scouts earn this through learning activities, and a special ceremony takes place to welcome the newest scouts into the Pack.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

An essential aspect of our program is to help the hungry in our community. Food drives are held to benefit local food pantries in service to the community. Our food drive takes place in November each year.

PINEWOOD DERBY

The pinewood derby is a Youth and Parent project where we work together to build a race car made from a block of wood. The Pinewood Derby race is one of the most popular events of a Cub Scout's year and takes place each year in March.



BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

Our yearly banquet is the birthday party of Cub Scouting, typically held in February. Most often, it is a seated dinner, but sometimes it is a covered-dish supper. A special program and entertainment follow the dinner where scouts receive the rewards. The banquet's conclusion is a special ceremony for our oldest scouts that welcomes the Webelos into Boy Scouts through a special Cross-over ceremony.

DAY CAMP

Scout Day camp is a fun-filled week of adventure for Cub Scouts! The Simon Kenton Council holds these week-long Day Camps in various locations throughout the Council throughout the year. The camps offer various activities for our scouts to take part in throughout the day. ***Including: archery, arts & crafts, BB shooting sports, field sports, nature, Scout skills, and many other themed activities.***





Resident Camps

Are you ready for an adventure of a lifetime? Cub and Webelos Scouts are given an opportunity to enjoy the long-term camping experience each summer at Resident Camp in June and July.

STEM RESIDENT CAMP is a four-night camp designed for rising first-fifth graders (and an accompanying parent or guardian) focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP is a Monday through Thursday camp for rising fourth and fifth graders. Two adults must accompany any den participating.

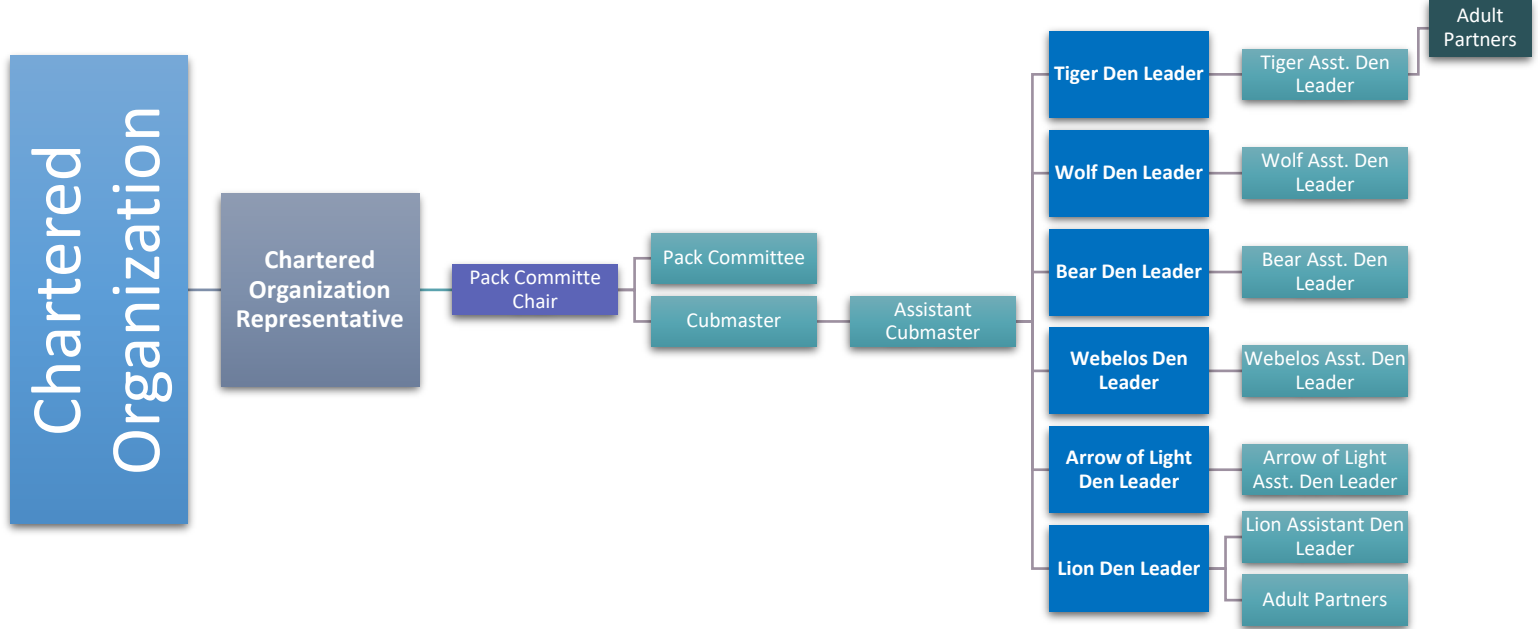
What kinds of activities will you get to do while at camp? Swimming Archery, BB shooting sports, belt loop activities, campfire programs, and sports are just a few activities available throughout the camp. During free time you may hike around camp and don't forget your fishing pole!

You will sleep under the stars on cots in a platform tent. All you need to provide are the linens. Restrooms are centrally located around camp, and you will enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in our dining hall.

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How is Cub Scouting Organized?

THE DEN

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

The Cub Scout ranks are organized by grade or age, so your child's den will be part of the rank specific to their age or grade group. 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. Here are the ranks:

- ❖ Lions—Kindergarten (Lions must have an adult partner who attends all Cub Scout functions with them)
- ❖ Tigers—First Grade (Tigers must also 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

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

When you first join Cub Scouts, they earn the Bobcat rank. Then they will work to complete at least seven fun “adventures” to earn their rank badge. 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. Here is the progression:



THE PACK

All the dens together make up the pack. Typically, packs meet monthly. These pack meetings bring together every den, their leaders, and their families for a large-scale event that showcases all that the Cub Scouts have learned and completed in their individual den meetings. Such a gathering gives the scouts a larger experience beyond the individual dens, demonstrating how all the dens are a part of the bigger Cub Scout program.



The Most Important Rule of Cub Scouting:

KISMIF: Keep it Simple; Make it Fun

Keep it Simple. Cub Scouting does not need to be elaborate or complex.

Make it Fun. Cub Scouting is all about Fun.

Pack Volunteer Leadership

The Cub Scout program relies on a variety of dedicated volunteers. These are the people that keep your pack running smoothly and the Scouts having fun.

COMMITTEE CHAIR—Conducts monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan the program. Ensures that adequate support to run the program is given to the Cubmaster and Den Leaders by committee members. Helps recruit additional leaders as needed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Attends monthly pack leaders' meeting to help plan the program and take care of records, finances, advancement, activities, and membership.

TREASURER—Ensures the pack's finances are sound by establishing a budget, collecting dues, guiding fundraising projects, overseeing expenditures, and communicating financial reports.

SECRETARY—Makes sure proper records are kept. Keeps notes at leaders' meetings. Handles pack correspondence. Maintains records of membership and pack property.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIR—Maintains records of requirements completed and badges earned. Promotes the completion of rank badges by the Scouts. Purchases badges and awards, providing them to the Cubmaster for presentation. Helps coordinate the progression of Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.

CUBMASTER—Conducts the monthly pack meeting with fun activities, impressive ceremonies, skits, and songs. Aids the Den Leaders by coordinating the monthly program for all leaders.

DEN LEADERS—Meet weekly for about one hour with dens of six to eight youth of the same grade/rank. The Den Leader sets the day/time of the meeting and plans the program to ensure that the youth in the den advance in a timely manner, learn Scouting values, and have fun.

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

There are plenty of resources to help you succeed as an adult volunteer. Every registered adult takes Youth Protection Training. Other training courses are available.

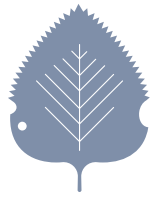
Including: Before the 1st Meeting, 1st Thirty Days, Position Specific Training, and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

Participation in University of Scouting will provide more resources to help new (and experienced) leaders succeed. Be sure not to miss the monthly Tri-Creek Roundtable, where you can learn about what is going on and share ideas and experiences with fellow leaders. Roundtable is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in Bishop Hartley High School Café.





THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN



A Cub Scout progresses towards a badge of rank on the advancement trail based on their grade/age. They need not have earned the previous rank to earn the next. Each of the ranks in Cub Scouting has its age-appropriate requirements, so earning a rank below a Cub Scout's current grade is not permitted. As a Cub Scout advances through the ranks, the requirements become more challenging to match their new skills and abilities.



Kindergartener works towards the Lion rank, which is earned by completing five adventures:

- Honor, Animal Kingdom, Fun on the Run!, King of the Jungle, and Mountain Lion.
- Once all five adventures are earned, the Lion stripe is presented and the Scout is able to work on other Lion adventures and remains a Lion until the end of the school year.



First Graders work towards the Tiger rank, which is earned by completing six required adventures:

- Games Tiger Play, My Tiger Jungle, Team Tiger, Tiger Bites, Tiger Circles-Duty to God, and Tigers in the Wild, and one elective adventure of the den's or family's choosing.
- Participation with an adult partner is required for all Tiger activities. Belt loops are awarded to the scout for each adventure earned. Once all seven adventures are earned, the Tiger rank badge is presented and the Scout is able to work on other Tiger adventures and remains a Tiger until the end of the school year.



Second Graders work toward the Wolf rank, which is earned by completing six required adventures:

- Call of the Wild, Council Fire (Duty to Country), Duty to God Footsteps, Howling at the Moon, Paws on the Path, and Running with the Pack, and one elective adventure of the den's or family's choosing. Belt loops are awarded to the Cub Scout for each adventure earned. Once all seven adventures are earned, the Wolf rank badge is presented and the Scout is able to work on other Wolf adventures, but remains a Wolf until the end of the School year.



Third Graders work toward the Bear rank, which is earned by completing six required adventures:

- Baloo the Builder, Bear Claws, Bear Necessities, Fellowship and Duty to God, Fur, Feathers, and Ferns, Paws in Action (Duty to Country), and one elective adventure of the den's or family's choosing.
- Belt loops are awarded to the Scout for each adventure earned. Once all seven adventures are earned, the Bear rank badge is presented and the Scout is able to work on other Bear adventures, but remains a Bear until the end of the school year.



Fourth Graders work toward the Webelos rank, which is earned by completing five required adventures:

- Cast Iron Chef, Duty to God and You, First Responder, Stronger, Faster, Higher, Webelos Walkabout, and one elective adventure of the den's or family's choosing.
- Pins are awarded to the Scout for each adventure and are worn on colorful ribbons on the uniform sleeve.
- Once all six adventures are earned, the Webelos rank badge is presented and the Scout may begin working towards the Arrow of Light but remains a Webelos until the end of the school year.



Fifth graders work toward the Arrow of Light rank, which is earned by completing four required adventures:

- Building a Better World, Duty to God in Action, Outdoor Adventurer, Scouting Adventurer, and one elective of the patrol's choosing.
- Pins are awarded to the Scout for each adventure earned. Once all five adventures are earned the Arrow of Light stripe is presented and the Scout is eligible to join a Scouts BSA Troop.

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.

Saying “**On My Honor...**” is like saying “**I promise.**” It means that you will do your best to do what the Scout Oath says.

“**To Do My Duty...**” A duty is something you are expected to do. At home, you might be expected to make up your bed or take out the trash. You also have duties to God and your country. You do your duty to God by following the teachings of your family and law. You also promise to live by the 12 points of the *Scout Law*.

“**To Help Other People...**” Many people need help. A friendly smile and a helping hand makes life easier for others. By helping other people, you are doing a good turn and making our world a better place.

“**To Keep Myself...**” The final part of the Scout Oath is talking about taking care of yourself. You stay physically strong when you eat the right food and get plenty of exercises. You stay mentally awake when you work hard in school, learn all you can, and ask questions. You stay morally straight when you do the right thing and live your life with honesty.

Scout Law

A Scout is...

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| ❖ Trustworthy ❖ Loyal ❖ Helpful ❖ Friendly ❖ Courteous ❖ Kind ❖ Obedient ❖ Cheerful ❖ Thrifty ❖ Brave ❖ Clean ❖ Reverent | A Scout is Helpful | Scouts care about other people. They help others without expecting payment or reward. |
| | A Scout is Friendly | Scouts are friends to all. They are brothers and sisters to other scouts. They offer their friendship to people of all races, genders, sexual orientations, religions, and nations. |
| | A Scout is Courteous | Scouts are polite to everyone and always use good manners. |
| | A Scout is Kind | Scouts treat others as they want to be treated. They never harm or kill any living thing without good reason. |
| | A Scout is Obedient | Scouts follow the rules of their family, school, and pack. They obey the laws of their community and country. |
| | A Scout is Cheerful | Scouts look for the bright side of life. They cheerfully do tasks that come their way and try their best to make others happy. |
| | A Scout is Thrifty | Scouts work to pay their way. They use time, property, and natural resources wisely. |
| | A Scout is Brave | Scouts can face danger even if they are afraid. They stand for what is right even if others laugh at them. |
| | A Scout is Clean | Scouts keep their bodies and minds fit. They help keep their home and community clean. |
| | A Scout is Reverent | Scouts are reverent toward God. They are faithful to their religious duties. They respect the beliefs of others. |



MISSION OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

THE METHODS OF SCOUTING

To accomplish its purpose and to achieve the overall goals of building character, learning citizenship, and developing personal fitness, Cub Scouting uses seven methods:

- Living the Ideals
- Belonging to a Den
- Using Advancement
- Involving Family and Home
- Participating in Activities
- Service Home and Neighborhood
- Wearing the Uniform

The methods bring Cub Scouting to life for youth and their families.

LIVING THE IDEALS

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath and Law, the Cub Scout Motto, and the Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, and Salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in youth and leaders who guide them.

BELONGING TO A DEN

The den—a group of six to eight youth, are about the same age—is where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and learn to do their best, not just for themselves but also for the den.

USING ADVANCEMENT

Recognition is important to youth. The advancement plan provides fun for the youth, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with the youth on advancement projects.

INVOLVING THE FAMILY AND HOME

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an essential part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that you have a good experience in the program.

PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES

Cub Scouts participate in a vast array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer an opportunity for growth, achievement, and family involvement.

SERVICE HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps youth strengthen connections to their local communities, supporting the youth's growth and development.

WEARING THE UNIFORM

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating membership in the group (everyone is dressed alike) and individual achievement (Scouts wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.

THE CUB SCOUT MOTTO

Do Your Best.



BLUE AND GOLD

Blue and gold are the colors of Cub Scouting and they have special meaning.

Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above.

Gold stands for good cheer, happiness, and warm light.





The Bobcat TRAIL

All new Cub Scouts, except Lions, must first earn their Bobcat badge before they can begin work on the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos. There are seven requirements:

THE SCOUT OATH (Learn to say, with help if needed)

PARENT APPROVAL _____

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law. To always help other people; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW (Learn to say, with help if needed)

PARENT APPROVAL _____

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

CUB SCOUT SIGN

PARENT APPROVAL _____

Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.

Two fingers stand for the Scout Oath and Law. They look like a wolf's ears, ready to listen to Akela.

CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE

PARENT APPROVAL _____

Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

The Cub Scout handshake means you are brothers in Cub Scouting and that both of you will obey the oath and law.

CUB SCOUT MOTTO

PARENT APPROVAL _____

Say the Cub Scout Motto: DO YOUR BEST

CUB SCOUT SALUTE

PARENT APPROVAL _____

Give the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.

The Cub Scout salute means you respect our country's flag. Salute with your right hand to your eyebrow if you are in uniform and with your hand over your heart if you are not in uniform.

YOUTH PROTECTION

PARENT APPROVAL _____

With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse" found in each handbook.

Your First Badge!





Most of your Child' Scouting costs can be financed by participating in the annual popcorn sale.

SUPPORT THE ENTIRE PROGRAM! SELL POPCORN!

- Youth learn teamwork, goal setting, and confidence building
- Your pack adventures will multiply
- Scouts will be able to do more

IT SUPPORTS ALL THREE LEVELS OF OUR SCOUTING PROGRAM

- Money for packs to carry out their activities
- Savings to Scout families
- Income to the Council to service our Packs

Popcorn Sale Starts: _____

WELCOME TO CUB SCOUT PACK

We meet on: TUESDAYS AT 7 P.M.

Our meeting location is:

CREEKSIDE CHURCH, 6446 ALKIRE ROAD, GALLOWAY, OHIO

Our Cubmaster is PAM GILLIE

Phone: (614) 735-5105

THIS IS THE ADULT LEADER WHO WILL RUN MEETINGS FOR YOUR PACK, THE LARGER GROUP YOUR SCOUT WILL MEET WITH ONCE A MONTH. A PACK INCLUDES CUB SCOUTS FROM MULTIPLE DENS AND GRADES.

Our Den Leader is _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Our pack email: ovcubpack412@gmail.com

Our most-used pack social media page: 

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/CUBSCOUTS3412](https://www.facebook.com/groups/cubscouts3412)

FIND SCOUT GEAR AND UNIFORM INFORMATION AT OUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP OR AT SCOUTSHOP.ORG

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Columbus, Ohio 43212
(614)481-4270**



Pack 412 Fall Calendar 2021

Details will be available closer to activity dates. As always, feel free to reach out to the Cub Master or Den Leaders for additional information.

| Date | Activity | Notes: |
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| September 7 th | New Scouts-Only Meeting | |
| September 14 th | Den Meeting | |
| September 21 st | Den Meeting | |
| September 28 th | Bobcat | |
| October 1 st -3 rd | Campout | |
| October 5 th | Committee Meeting | |
| October 12 th | Den Meeting | |
| October 19 th | Den Meeting | |
| October 23 rd | Trunk-or-Treat | |
| October 26 th | No Meeting | |
| November 2 nd | Committee Meeting | |
| November 9 th | Den Meeting | |
| November 16 th | Pack Etiquette Class | |
| November 23 rd | Thanksgiving @ 6:30 PM | |
| November 30 th | Awards Night | |
| December 7 th | Committee Meeting | |
| December 14 th | Cookies with Santa & Craft | |
| December 21 st | Movie Night | |
| December 28 th | Nerf Night | |

