

# BUILDING PARENT AND FAMILY PARTICIPATION

## TO: THE NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY

You are reading this because you have shown an interest in becoming a Cub Scout or Tiger Cub Scout family. To be a Tiger Cub, your boy needs to be in first grade. To be a Cub Scout, he needs to be in second through fifth grade.

You have chosen Cub Scouting because you know it is home and neighborhood centered. You know that Cub Scouting is designed to support family life. The program also helps to meet your boy's growth needs, such as:

1. Learning new physical skills: He can do this through sports, games, woodworking and crafts. As he develops his coordination, he gains a sense of worthiness and acceptance by peers.
2. Learning to get along with boys of his same age: He needs to form friendships with other boys, and to learn how to balance giving and receiving affection if he is to relate well to his peers. He needs to belong to a group of boys his own age.
3. Developing his mental processes: He will begin to develop these by reading, writing and calculating. He needs opportunities to use language, to express ideas and to influence others. He must move from a preoccupation with self to an understanding of how and what others think of him. Opportunities for observation and experimentation will help him learn to rely on himself more than on adults.
4. Developing a conscience: He must begin to develop a sense of what is right and wrong and what is fair and unfair. He will do this by cooperating with other boys, by being taught, by examples of adults and from positive reinforcement, through which he will begin to develop democratic social attitudes.
5. Developing personal independence: He needs to be less dependent on adults. His same-age buddies will become his models and he will learn to see adults as not being perfect, while still providing guidance.

These are the developmental tasks on which a boy of this age needs to begin working. At this time, his behavior may be changing. He may become unruly or question your authority. He may show hostility to girls. What he needs is a "gang" of boys of his own age to which to belong and this is exactly where Cub Scouting comes in. A Den is like a neighborhood gang of 6 to 8 boys, in which he will obtain status and recognition.

As you learn more about how Cub Scouting works and what goes on in a den and a pack, you will see that the program helps your boy in these five important developmental needs. **The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as his family, join the program with him.** You will help him along the way.

To find out how you can help your boy by becoming a Cub Scout family, please turn the page and fill in the Parent and Family Talent Survey Form and return it to your Cubmaster or Membership Coordinator.

## PARENT AND FAMILY TALENT SURVEY SHEET

Each parent or adult family member should fill out a separate sheet  
and turn it in at this meeting.

Pack \_\_\_\_\_ Chartered Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to the Cub Scout family of our pack. As explained to you, Cub Scouting is for parents as well as boys. We have a fine group of families who have indicated a willingness to help, according to their abilities. We invite you to add your talents and interests so that the best possible program can be developed for your boy and his friends.

Den leaders are always busy with den activities. Our pack leaders and committee members know you have *some* talent that will help in the operation of our pack. Although your help may not be on a full-time basis, whatever you can do will be appreciated.

In making this survey, your pack committee wants to uncover ways you can enjoy giving assistance. Please answer the following as completely as possible:

1. My hobbies are: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I can play and/or teach these sports: \_\_\_\_\_

3. My job, business, or profession would *be* of interest to Cub: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I am willing to help my boy and the pack as:  Pack Committee Member  Cub Scout den leader or  
 Tiger Cub Den Leader,  Webelos Den Leader  Assistant Cubmaster  Cubmaster

5. My Scouting experience: Cub Scout: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scout: \_\_\_\_\_ Girl Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Explorer: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank attained: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult leader: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I can help in these areas:

### General Activities

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry          | <input type="checkbox"/> Typing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming           | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/art       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game               | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio/electricity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatics/skits   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/banquets  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music/songs        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping        | _____                                      |

### Special Program Assistance

I have a station—wagon or  van or  truck\_\_\_\_\_

I have family camping gear.

I can make contacts for special trips and activities.

I have access to a cottage or camping property  
or a boat.

I can help Webelos Scouts with Boy Scout skills.

I can, or know others who can, help with our Cub

Scout Sports and Academics program.

I can give other help. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Webelos Activity Areas

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquanaut     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Readyman  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artist       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholar   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete      | <input type="checkbox"/> Forester      | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen      | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologist     | <input type="checkbox"/> Showman   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicator | <input type="checkbox"/> Handyman      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sportsman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman    | <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Traveler  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoorsman   |                                    |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Your cooperation and help are appreciated.