



# CUB SCOUT PARENTS' ORIENTATION GUIDE



Clarendon Hills Pack 51  
Pathway to Adventure Council  
Boy Scouts of America

WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE OF CUB SCOUTING!

Where character counts and adventure begins...

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## ***A Family Program***

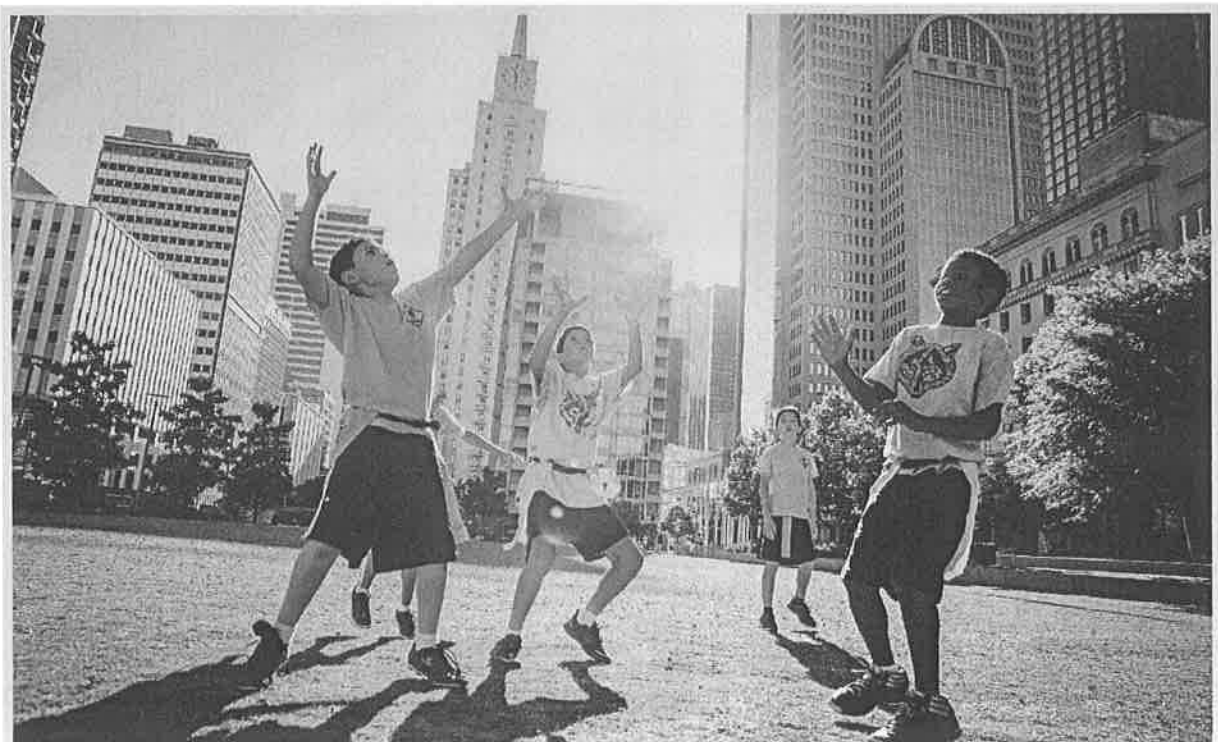
Family involvement is essential to Cub Scouting's success. When we talk about "family" in Cub Scouting, we're sensitive to the realities of present day families. Many Cub Scouts do not come from traditional two-parent homes. Some boys live with a single parent or with other relatives or guardians. Cub Scouting considers a boy's family to be the people with whom he lives.

## ***How Cub Scouting Works***

The Cub Scout program takes place at two levels. Your son will be part of a den; a small group of boys in the same grade level, who meet at least twice a month. All dens, from grades one through five, make up the pack. Once a month, all the dens and their families, meet together at the pack meeting.

## ***Pack Meetings***

This meeting, conducted by the Cubmaster, gives the boys the opportunity to demonstrate their newly learned skills. They also play games, perform skits, sing songs and receive recognition for the badges and awards they have earned. The pack meeting is a family affair. Parents and siblings can see the achievements of their Cub Scout.



# Important Information

My pack number is **Clarendon Hills Pack 51**.

My Scouting district is the **Tallgrass District**  
(<http://pathwaytoadventure.com/districts/tall-grass/>).

My council is the **Pathway to Adventure Council** (<http://pathwaytoadventure.com/>).

My Cubmaster's name is **Andrew Craig** ([acraig2007@gmail.com](mailto:acraig2007@gmail.com)).

My Cubmaster's phone number is **(630) 470-1766**

My pack meetings are normally the **third Friday of each month at 7:00 PM**.

My pack meets at **Christ Lutheran Church – Clarendon Hills**.

My den number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den leader's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets on: \_\_\_\_\_

My den meets at: \_\_\_\_\_



## Your Son, Scouting and You

As a parent, you want your son to grow up to be a *person of worth*, who is *self-reliant, dependable*, and a *caring* individual. As your son moves from Tiger to Cub Scouting, you will find that Scouting has these same goals in mind for him. Since 1930, Cub Scouting has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in *strengthening character, developing good citizenship, enhancing physical fitness, and building self-esteem and ethical values in youth*.

What does your son learn in Scouting? Well, it is a lot more than crafts, games and outdoor skills. All of the Cub Scout programs in which you and your son will participate are carefully designed to teach your son something he will use throughout his life. Every activity is specially designed for your son's age, development, and personal needs. Here are just a few of the things your son will gain through Cub Scouting:

- A feeling of belonging to a positive and fun group of boys and caring adults.
- New social skills that will help him get along with others.
- Develop new mental skills from reading and writing, to planning and organizing.
- A greater understanding of other people and the world around him.
- A system of values that will help him grow and make good decisions.
- A concern and caring for people, and even opportunities to help others.
- Self-confidence and stronger self-esteem.

In a society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to “do his best” and be helpful to others as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. These values help your son make good decisions throughout his lifetime and give him confidence as he becomes an adult leader of tomorrow.

With all the negative influences in today's society, Scouting provides your son with a positive peer group and a program that is fun and adventurous and helps him to “be prepared” to shape his own future. And the best thing about it all is that you do, learn, and experience the program along with your

son, making it all the more special and valuable through your involvement in Scouting with him!

## Things You Can Do as a Parent To Help Your Cub Scout

- Be sure your son attends weekly Den Meetings. Remind him to be on his best behavior while he is there. He is a guest in the Den Leader's home or other meeting place.
- Remind him to wear his uniform or pack t-shirt to Den Meetings and his uniform to Pack Meetings and Pack events. Have his uniform clean and all appropriate patches sewn on so he looks great at all scout functions.
- Help him in fund raising to earn money to pay for pack costs such as awards and pack activities. This is one way for him to start learning to pay his own way.
- Be willing to help out with transportation for Den meetings, field trips, etc. Help him to provide den treats when it is his turn.
- **HELP HIM TO ACHIEVE!** Read his handbook and familiarize yourself with his requirements. Many of them are done with the family, and at home.
- Make sure that your Cub is doing his very best. Don't sign off on achievements unless he has really earned each part of it. Don't count things he did as a wolf toward his bear. He needs to do each item during the year.
- Attend Pack Meetings with your son. Be alert to his behavior during the meeting. The Den Leader is not solely responsible for him or his actions during pack meetings.
- Be willing to assist with costumes, skits, crafts, outings, refreshments, etc.
- Always remember that Cub Scouting is Family Oriented. It is designed to help parents with their boys. The Den and Pack cannot help your son grow without your help.

# How Cub Scouting Works

*“The Cub Scout helps the Pack go  
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow”*

## **Scouting is Family Oriented:**

- Activities are intended for the whole family.
- You work with your son on his various award requirements. Many skills he will learn are family oriented.

## **The Cub Scout Den:**

- Your son is a member of a Cub Scout den.
- The den meets one to three times a month.
- The den is led by a Den Leader (usually a parent). In Tiger Cubs, each family takes turns hosting the meetings.
- The Den Leader is sometimes assisted by an Assistant Den Leader, a Den Chief (an older boy scout), and a denner (Cub Scout elected by den members).
- Den meetings have games, crafts, songs, ceremonies, and lots of fun.
- Instead of den meetings, there will sometimes be field trips or other outings.

## **The Cub Scout Pack:**

- Your son is a member of a Cub Scout Pack. The Pack is made up of all the Cub Scout Dens.
- A Pack meets once a month – all Cub Scout Families are expected to attend.
- The monthly Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster.
- The Pack meeting is the climax of the month’s den meetings and activities.
- Pack meetings have games, skits, stunts, songs, ceremonies, and presentations of awards that the boys earned that month.

## **The Pack Committee:**

- The Pack is run by the Pack Committee of volunteer parents.
- The Pack Committee is made up of den leaders and assistants, the Cubmaster and assistants and several parent committee members. Most of these leaders are parents of boys in the Pack.
- The Committee meets once per month.
- The Committee is led by a Chair.
- The Committee plans den and pack meetings around the monthly theme.
- The Committee selects leaders, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders awards, maintains pack equipment, and helps train leaders.

## **Your Chartered Organization:**

- The Pack is owned by a Chartered Organization.
- Chartered Organizations include schools, parent associations, religious organizations, service clubs, and other groups interested in youth.



## Tiger's

Tiger's, is a one-year program for first-grade boys. Each boy participates with a parent (or another adult family member) in family oriented activities. These include activities from family camping to preparing for emergencies.



The time you and your son spend in Tiger's is meant to be fun, a chance to get to know one another better, and an opportunity do things with your family as well as other members of the Tiger Cub group whom you see at monthly meetings.

## Cub Scout's

### DO YOUR BEST

In society where your son is often taught that winning is everything, Cub Scouting teaches him to "do his best" and be helpful to others as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.



Cub Scouting is a home- and neighborhood-centered program designed to support family life for boys in second through fifth grades. Each Cub Scout learns to respect his home, country, God, and other people. The program also helps boys this age to:

- Learn new physical skills through sports, crafts, and games.
- Learn how to get along with others through group activities.
- Develop new mental skills such as writing and calculating.
- Develop personal independence.

A Cub Scout den provides your son with a group of boys his own age in which he can earn status and recognition. In the den, he will also gain a sense of personal achievement for the new skills he learns.



# The Advancement Plan

The responsibility for a boy's advancement in Cub Scouting lies with the family and not with the pack. Many advancement requirements are done at den meetings and some at pack meetings, but most can be completed at home with the family.

## BOBCAT



All boys earn the Bobcat badge first, by learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, cub scout sign, handshake, salute, motto, and meaning of "Webelos." After receiving the Bobcat badge, each boy works on requirements based on his grade level.

### *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.*

### *Scout Law*

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

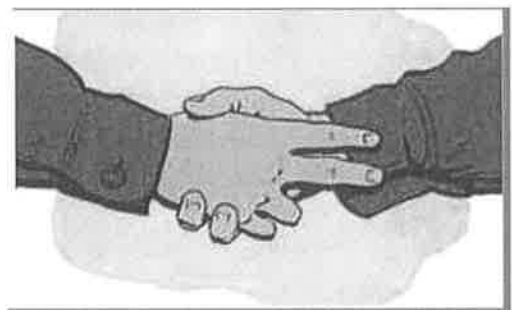
1. Show the CUB SCOUT SIGN. Tell what it means.

Make the sign with your right hand and with your arm held straight up. The two fingers stand for two parts of the Promise – "to help other people" and "to obey." They look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela. Give the Cub Scout Sign when you say the Cub Scout Promise or the Law of the Pack.



2. Show the CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE. Tell what it means.

Using your right hand, place your first two fingers along the inside of the other boy's wrist. This means that you help and that you obey the law of the Pack.



3. Say the CUB SCOUT MOTTO.

“Do Your Best”

4. Give the CUB SCOUT SALUTE. Tell what it means.

Point your first two fingers of your right hand out straight and close together. Touch the tips of the fingers to your cap or if not wearing a cap then to your eyebrow. A salute is a way to show respect. When you salute a leader (either adult or other scout), you show him or her that you respect their position. When you salute the flag, you show that you are proud of your country.



## TIGER

There are 6 required adventures and 1 elective adventure that must be completed in Tiger Cubs:

- Backyard Jungle
- Games Tiger's Play
- My Family's Duty to God
- Team Tiger
- Tiger Bites
- Tiger's in the Wild

Each achievement has several parts including a Go See It outing. A boy receives belt loops as he completes each part. Once he has completed the 6 required and 1 elective, he has earned the rank of Tiger.



## WOLF

A Cub Scout who has completed first grade (or is age 8) works on 7 adventures to earn the Wolf badge.

After he earns his Wolf badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he moves up in rank on June 1<sup>st</sup> following completion of first grade (or turning age 9).



## BEAR

A Cub Scout who has completed second grade (or is age 9) works to complete 7 adventures to earn the Bear badge.

After he earns his Bear badge, a boy may work on electives in different interest areas until he moves up in rank on June 1<sup>st</sup> following completion of second grade (or turning age 10).

For every adventure a boy completes, he earns a belt loop. A boy may earn as many belt loops as he is can.



## WEBELOS

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or becomes 10 years old), he transfers to a Webelos den, led by an adult Webelos leader. The boy works on requirements for the Webelos badge, 7 adventures must be completed to earn the rank of Webelos before he begins working on the Arrow of Light Award (the highest award in Cub Scouting).

Camping and outdoor programs are an important part of the 18-month Webelos program. In February of a Webelos Scout's fifth-grade year, he graduates from Cub Scouting into the adventure of Boy Scouting at an impressive graduation ceremony.

## ARROW OF LIGHT

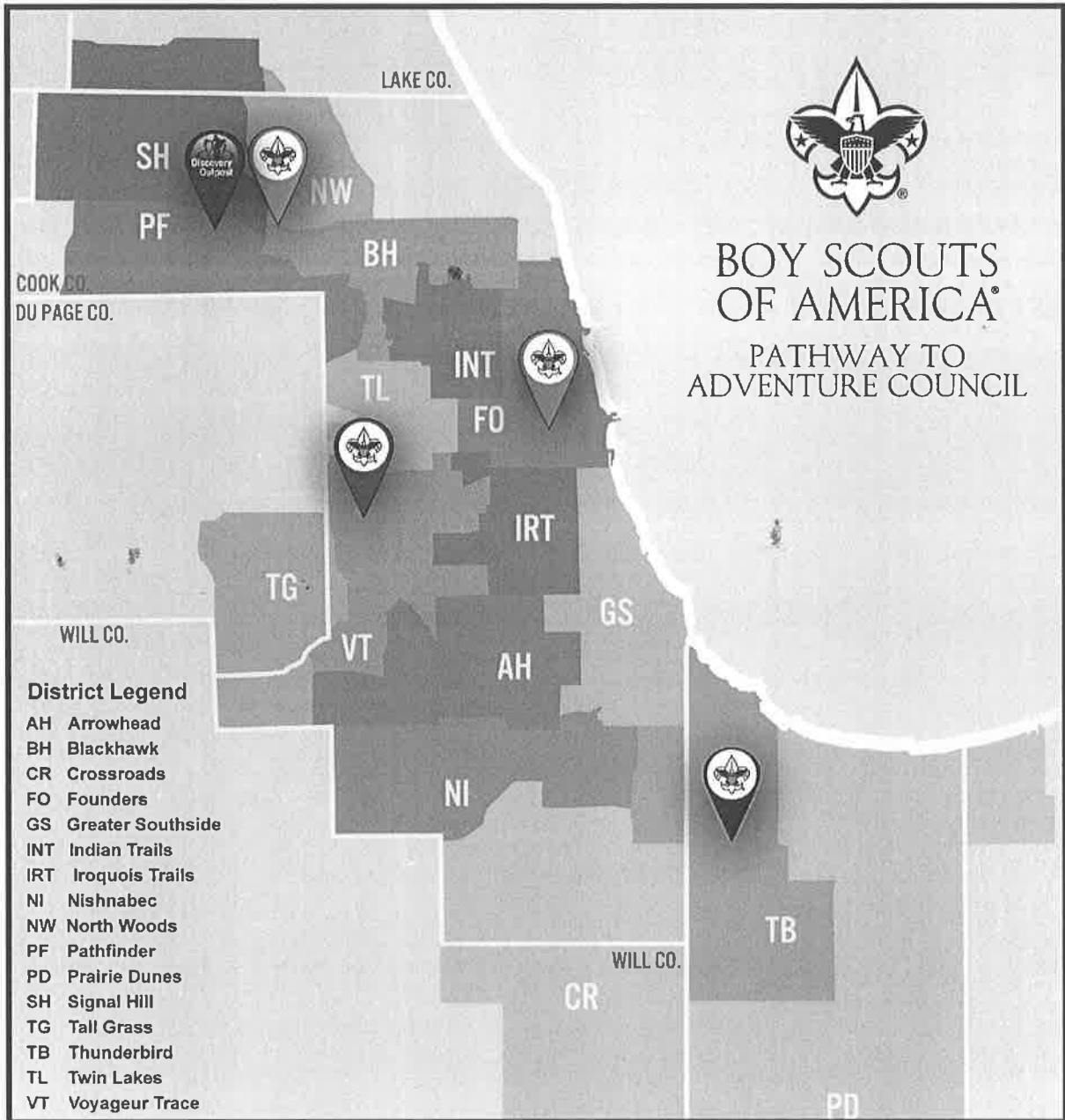


After completing all the Webelos badge requirements, the scout may earn the Arrow of Light Award, which is the highest award a boy can earn as a Cub Scout and is the only Cub Scout badge authorized to be worn on a Boy Scout uniform. Arrow of Light requirements give him a chance to practice Scout skills, earn more activity badges and learn about Boy Scouting.



*Every boy deserves an opportunity to be a Boy Scout.*

# KEY LOCATIONS



### District Legend

- AH Arrowhead
- BH Blackhawk
- CR Crossroads
- FO Founders
- GS Greater Southside
- INT Indian Trails
- IRT Iroquois Trails
- NI Nishnabec
- NW North Woods
- PF Pathfinder
- PD Prairie Dunes
- SH Signal Hill
- TG Tall Grass
- TB Thunderbird
- TL Twin Lakes
- VT Voyageur Trace

**Arlington Heights Service Center**  
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 Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
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 La Grange, IL 60525  
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 Munster, IN 46321  
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# Placement of Insignia on Cub Scout Uniforms

## Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

### Right Sleeve

- Wear the U.S. flag, den numeral, and Centennial Quality Unit Award (if earned) as shown. Only the most recently earned Centennial Quality Unit Award may be worn.

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### Left Sleeve

- Wear the council shoulder emblem and pack numeral as shown.
- The veteran unit insignia bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years), if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem (above) and unit numeral (below).
- Denner cord or assistant denner cord is worn over left shoulder.

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### Right Pocket

- Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
- Progress Toward Ranks (with thong and beads) is fastened to the button under the right pocket flap with the flap rebuttoned.
- The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
- The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.

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### Left Pocket

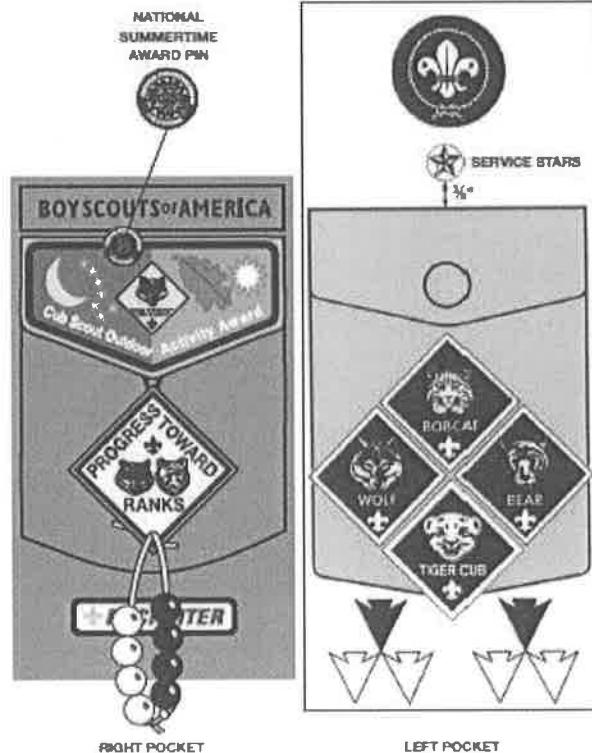
- Cub Scouts wear badges of rank as shown: Bobcat, Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear.
- Gold Arrow Points are worn beneath the pocket and below the badge for which they were earned.
- Silver Arrow Points are worn below the Gold Arrow Points in double rows.
- Wear medals just above the pocket seam, and service stars centered just above medals or knots, or  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above seam if no medals are worn.
- Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger Cub service.
- Not more than five medals may be worn.
- Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
- The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
- The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket.

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RIGHT SLEEVE

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# Placement of Insignia on Webelos Uniforms

## Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

### Right Sleeve

- 5 pts
- Wear the U.S. flag, den numeral, and Centennial Quality Unit Award (if earned) as shown. Only the most recently earned Centennial Quality Unit Award may be worn.
  - Webelos Scouts may wear the den emblem in place of the den numeral.
  - If the pack elects, Webelos Scouts may wear the Webelos colors.
  - Wear the Webelos colors immediately below and touching the U.S. flag if no den numeral is worn.
  - If the den numeral is worn, wear colors below and touching the numeral (as shown).
  - Wear activity badges on the colors if this option is elected.
- Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### Left Sleeve

- 5 pts
- Wear the council shoulder emblem and pack numeral as shown.
  - The veteran unit bar (25, 50, 55, or 60 years), if worn, is centered and touching the council shoulder emblem (above) and unit numeral (below).
  - The denser cord or assistant denser cord is worn over the left shoulder.
- Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### Right Pocket

- 5 pts
- Temporary insignia are not necessary in uniform inspection, but if worn, the insignia must be centered on the pocket, or hung from the button.
  - The compass points emblem is positioned under the right pocket button, and the flap is buttoned to keep it in place.
  - A metal compass point may be pinned to the emblem for each four activity badges earned subsequently until three compass points have been earned.
  - The National Summertime Award is pinned centered on the right pocket flap.
  - The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is worn on the right pocket flap.
  - Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.
  - The recruiter strip is worn centered below the right pocket.
- Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### Left Pocket

- 5 pts
- Webelos Scouts have the option of wearing the oval-shaped Webelos badge by itself on the tan shirt only; or the diamond-shaped Webelos emblem along with other rank badges on either the tan or navy blue shirt or if the Tiger Cub emblem was earned, the Webelos diamond-shaped emblem may be worn on either the tan or navy blue shirt by itself and centered on the left pocket.
  - The Arrow of Light Award is worn centered below the pocket of the tan shirt or centered at the top of the pocket flap of the navy blue or tan shirt.
  - Wear medals just above the pocket seam.
  - Wear service stars centered just above the medals or knots, or centered 1/4 inch above the seam if no medals are worn.
  - Gold background disks are worn with service stars for Cub Scouting service, including Tiger Cub service.
  - Not more than five medals may be worn.
  - Wearing sequence for medals or knots is at the wearer's discretion.
  - The only knots worn by Cub Scouts are the religious emblem knot and a lifesaving or meritorious award knot.
  - The World Crest is worn centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket, as shown.
- Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### Official Boy Scout Uniform Option

- 5 pts
- Webelos Scouts electing this option wear blue shoulder loops on the epaulets, Webelos neckerchief, and Webelos cap.
  - The navy blue belt is worn with and will fit only the Webelos buckle.
  - Academics and Sports belt loops will fit only on the navy blue belt.
  - Badge placement is the same as for the navy blue uniform.
- Notes \_\_\_\_\_

◀ Total Insignia Score (transfer to other side)

#### OPTIONS FOR RIGHT SLEEVE



WITH DEN NUMERAL



WITH DEN EMBLEM



LEFT SLEEVE



RIGHT POCKET



OPTIONS FOR LEFT SLEEVE



LEFT POCKET, NAVY BLUE OR TAN SHIRT



LEFT POCKET, NAVY BLUE OR TAN SHIRT



LEFT POCKET, (TAN SHIRT)