

WELCOME NEW LEADER!



Thank You for committing to serve as a leader in your son's Cub Scout Pack. Your commitment will bring you a great deal of satisfaction as you help your son and his fellow scouts grow through Scouting. We have provided some links to online resources that should help you plan your first few meetings. In fact, a sample agenda for your first meeting is printed on the reverse.

Your role as a Den Leader is very important and there are many resources, both online and in person, including your local pack leadership, unit commissioner, and district committee. One of the most beneficial resources available to you as a new leader is your district's monthly leader roundtable.

ROUNDTABLE IS A MONTHLY MEETING WHERE PROGRAM RESOURCES, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION ARE PROVIDED TO YOU FOR THE COMING MONTH'S PROGRAM.

TRAINING IS VITAL TO YOUR SUCCESS AS A NEW CUB SCOUT LEADER. THE VERY FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS IS TO COMPLETE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING ONLINE BY SETTING UP AN ACCOUNT AND LOGGING IN AT: <https://my.scouting.org/> BE SURE TO PRINT YOUR TRAINING CERTIFICATE SO IT CAN BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR PROCESSING.

YOUR SECOND STEP IS TO TAKE POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING FOR THE POSITION YOU HAVE REGISTERED TO DO. YOU CAN COMPLETE TRAINING BY ATTENDING AN UPCOMING LEADER SPECIFIC CLASSROOM TRAINING IN YOUR DISTRICT OR ONLINE AT: <https://my.scouting.org/> . BE SURE TO PRINT YOUR TRAINING CERTIFICATE SO IT CAN BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPROVED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

RESOURCES FOR NEW LEADERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT THE LINKS BELOW. www.scouting.org ALSO HAS A LOT GENERAL SCOUTING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR YOUR USE.

Den Meeting Resources for New Den Leaders

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources.aspx>

Pack Meeting Resources for New Cubmasters

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/CubmasterResources/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

LOCAL RESOURCES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COUNCIL WEBSITE LOCATED AT:

www.quapawbsa.org

THIS SITE INCLUDES LINKS TO THE DISTRICT & COUNCIL EVENT CALENDARS, EVENT REGISTRATION FORMS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION LINKS, AND NEWS AND INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS OR GUIDE YOU TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST YOU. YOU MAY REACH YOUR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE AT: [\(NameofDistrict\)@quapawbsa.org](mailto:(NameofDistrict)@quapawbsa.org)

YOU CAN FIND YOUR DISTRICT BY CHECKING OUT THE COUNTY BY COUNTY MAP ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE (www.quapawbsa.org)



THE CUB SCOUT DEN MEETING

Den meetings are usually held once each week in the afternoon, after school, or in the evening; and they can take place in a home, at a place of worship, or at a school. The meeting day, time, and location are set by the den leader and should be the same each week to prevent confusion.

Den meetings last approximately one hour. Leadership responsibilities are shared by the den leader, assistant den leader, den chief, and denner (a selected member of your den).

The den meeting program includes the following parts, detailed for each adventure in the den leader guide for your position:

1. **Before the Meeting**. The den leader, assistant den leader, and den chief make final preparations while the denner helps set up the meeting place.
2. **Gathering**. As Cub Scouts arrive, they join in a game, stunt, or activity, with help from the den chief or denner. The den leader and assistant den leader checks on completion of rank advancement requirements.
3. **Opening**. The den participates in a simple opening ceremony such as a song, yell, pledge to the flag, or uniform inspection.
4. **Talk Time**. Leaders discuss den activities and plans and make announcements.
5. **Activities**. Cub Scouts do activities related to the current adventure the den is working to complete.
6. **Closing**. The den leader gives reminders and shares a closing thought, and the den holds a brief inspirational closing ceremony.
7. **After the Meeting**. The den leader, assistant den leader, and den chief discuss plans for next week's meeting, while the denner puts the room back in order.

REMEMBER: Additional downloadable resources are available for free at:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources.aspx>

And many more resources are available for purchase at the local Scout Shop located at the Quapaw Area Council Office, 3220 Cantrell Road, Little Rock or by calling 501.663.7157.