

# TIDEWATER COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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The Mary Jayne Breeden Council Service Center is the customer service hub for Scouting families in Tidewater Council.

Our friendly staff can answer questions and provide help to you.

Open: **9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
Monday through Friday  
(excluding holidays)

## Scout Shop

At our full service Scout Shop, you can purchase your Scout's uniforms, books, and supplies. Call in orders are welcome and shipping is available.

Open: **11:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
Tuesday through Friday  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
Saturday

Closed: Sunday, Monday, & holidays



# NEW PARENT GUIDE

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# #ADVENTUREON!



## Congratulations on becoming a Scouting Family!

First steps to ensure that your family gets the most out of Scouting:

1. Complete a youth application.
2. Know your Cubmaster and their contact information.
3. Learn about the who, what, when, where of your pack.
4. Learn how to get involved at your meetings.
5. Attend a campout with your pack as soon as possible.



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The mission of the Boy Scouts of 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.

## Why Cub Scouting?

As parents, we strive to instill in our children:

1. Character
2. Citizenship
3. Leadership
4. Personal Fitness

Everything we do in Scouting revolves around these things.

Of course, we **HAVE FUN**, so the youth keep coming back!



## Have Fun with STEM

Cub Scouting encourages the natural curiosity of youth and their sense of wonder about the world. Scouting supports your child's academic development with hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities.



## Building Strong Families

Scouting is a family-oriented activity proven to enhance a child's personal development.

When you volunteer as a Cub Scout leader, you are spending meaningful time with your child and your local community.

Build your adventure together and watch as your Scout thrives!



### 2ND & 3RD GRADE

- Adult participation as needed.
- Weekly meetings led by den leaders.
- Den meetings focus on learning new skills using games, projects, crafts, and basic outdoor skills.
- Work toward achieving the Wolf or Bear Badge of rank.



### 4TH & 5TH GRADE

- Adult participation as needed.
- Weekly meetings led by den leaders.
- Den meetings focus on activity pin advancements and outdoor activities.
- Work toward achieving the Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light rank. Prepare youth for Scouts BSA.





## Earn Awards and Badges

On the advancement trail, a Cub Scout progresses from rank to rank. All the requirements to earn these awards are in the Scout's handbook.

As Scouts advance, the requirements become more challenging, to match their new skills and abilities. Cub Scout Adventures are completed as a den, pack, and family.

Scouts receive these awards at pack meetings and the pack's annual Blue and Gold Banquet.



### KINDERGARTEN

- Youth sign up with an adult partner. (Adult is required.)
- Usually meet twice per month.
- Work on achievements and family activities in the Lion Adventure Book.



### 1ST GRADE

- Youth sign up with an adult partner. (Adult is required.)
- Usually meet weekly or twice per month, and go on field trips and outings.
- Works on special recognitions through fun family activities.

## How Cub Scouting Works



Your child is a member of a **DEN**, consisting of 6-8 youth, similar in age or grade, who typically meet weekly with two **DEN LEADERS**. All of the dens make up the **CUB SCOUT PACK**.

**PACKS** typically meet monthly with the **CUBMASTER**, with other **DENS** and families in attendance. **PACK** meetings have fun activities, recognition, and the opportunity to engage with other **DENS**.

Your **PACK** is part of **TIDEWATER COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**, which serves families throughout southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina.

## Leaders Spend Quality Time with their Children



Parent volunteers make the pack thrive.

**DEN LEADER/ASSISTANT DEN LEADER:** Leads the den at weekly den and monthly pack meetings. Attends the monthly pack leaders meeting.

**PACK COMMITTEE:** Performs administrative functions of the pack, including treasurer, secretary, fundraising, advancement, and other behind-the-scenes support.

**For the safety of your child**, all adult volunteers must complete a detailed adult application with a criminal background check. All leaders are required to complete BSA's **Youth Protection Training**, and meet all other BSA standards of leadership.

**#ADVENTUREON!**

Find upcoming council and district events at [TidewaterBSA.com/calendar](https://TidewaterBSA.com/calendar)





# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

## Pinewood Derby

Youth participate in many fun projects, including the Pinewood Derby. Cub Scouts design and build small wooden cars to race on an inclined track.

This is a great opportunity for youth to work with their parents or other adults in the pack to construct a race car and compete in the race.



## Helping Our Community

Service projects are one way Cub Scouts help other people. Scouts learn to work together and to do something good for our community.

Activities may include: conducting flag ceremonies, collecting food for food banks, cleaning litter in a park, or other age-appropriate tasks.



## Pack Campouts and Activities

Your family can attend periodic campouts and field trips with your pack, which can vary from a day visit to a neighborhood attraction to an exciting overnight adventure.

Your pack may choose to stay at Pipsico Scout Reservation or one of the local state parks, where the families can relax and enjoy exploring the outdoors.

## Family Camp

A fun opportunity to enjoy time in the great outdoors and get away from the busy buzz of the city for the weekend. Family Camps are hosted by Pipsico Scout Reservation and are for the whole Scouting family.

Scouts have the chance to do a whole array of fun adventure, including shooting sports, nature hikes, outside games, crafts, and more. The weekend concludes with a big campfire full of skits, songs, and fun!

## Day and Summer Camps

**Day Camp:** A summer activity including crafts, games, nature, sports, and outdoor activities. Camp typically runs one week.

**Resident Camp:** A summer camping adventure at Pipsico Scout Reservation. Experience family-friendly camping and outdoor adventure.



**PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION**  
57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881

Enjoy the outdoors at Tidewater Council's 916-acre camp on the James River. Special program areas include individual campsites, dining hall, swimming pool, shooting sports range, climbing wall, rappelling tower, ropes course, canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, and more.