

## Scouting for All

Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has had fully participating members with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. The first Chief Scout Executive, James E. West, had a disability. While there are units composed exclusively of Scouts with disabilities, experience has shown that Scouting works best when these Scouts are fully integrated.

Pack 261 is committed to providing the Cub Scout program to all youth, regardless of ability. Youth with disabilities will be treated and respected like every other member of the unit. They want to participate like other youth—and Scouting provides that opportunity.

The Boy Scouts of America recognizes that no two young people are exactly alike. Each child is unique. Children are not machines who can be steered in exactly the same way, to have fun doing the same activities, or who learn in the same way from exactly the same instructions. Some youth need extra help from trained leaders.

Prior to joining a unit, the prospective Scout and his parents or guardians should meet with the unit leader to explain the prospective Scout's special needs. The prospective Scout should be present at the pre-joining conference, so he, the parents or guardians, and unit leadership can define expectations. Allow the prospective Scout to self-advocate as much as possible. The following are some of the issues that should be discussed during a pre-joining conference.

1. Addressing Behavioral Issues
2. Diet and Eating Problems
3. Living Skills/Hygiene
4. Unit Operation
5. Medical Contact Information and History

Please find more information on Scouting with Disabilities here:



<https://www.scouting.org/resources/disabilities-awareness/>

## You Are Not Alone!

Your den is in a pack that belongs to an organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to operate a Cub Scout pack. The chartered organization approves leadership, helps secure a meeting place, and makes sure that the pack works within the guidelines and policies of their organization as well as those of the BSA.

Pack 261 meets at Bartlett Woods Church of Christ at 7:00pm every Monday.

Our local council name is Chickasaw Council, <https://www.chickasaw.org/>  
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<http://www.pack261bartlett.org>

# WELCOME! NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILY



Bartlett Woods Church of  
Christ

Wolves  
(2nd Grade)



## Why Join Cub Scouting?

Cub Scout-age children benefit developmentally from belonging to a small group of peers. Your child will be a part of a den, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. Through this sense of belonging, children build self-esteem and learn to get along with others. • As a parent, you want to be assured that the groups that your child joins will teach values consistent with good citizenship, character development, personal fitness, and leadership. The values we seek to instill are found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

### Scout Law

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

### 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.

We know that kids do not join Cub Scouting for character building. Kids join because it is fun. Your child will learn great lessons, but they will be far too busy having fun to notice.



## How Does Cub Scouting Work?

In Cub Scouting, you and your family join in on the program with your child, and you will help them along the way. Cub. As your child advances by working on adventures, they will earn badges and other recognition that they wear on their uniform. As your child grows in Cub Scouting, your role will change with them, from hands-on involvement to guiding and coaching. Your child's success in Cub Scouting depends on you!

The Cub Scouting program takes place at two levels. Your child will be a part of a **den**, a small group of Cub Scouts in the same grade level and who are of the same gender. All dens, from kindergarten through fifth grade, make up a **pack**. The dens, with their families, come together at the pack meeting and Cub Scouts are recognized for the adventures and badges they have earned.

Children this age are becoming more independent, and activities are designed to meet their developmental needs. A Wolf (second grade) den is ideally no more than eight Cub Scouts, a den leader, an assistant den leader (usually parents of some of the den members), and often a den chief (an older Scout who helps the den leader).

The pack, including families, also participates in other special events throughout the year, including:

**Pinewood Derby®**—You can build and race a model car with your child.

**Blue and gold banquet**—Cub Scouting's birthday party—for all pack members and their families— takes place in February.

**Camping**—Overnight and day camp opportunities introduce your family to the camping experience.

**Service projects**—Packs may participate in food drives, conservation projects, or other community activities.

**Field trips and special outings**—Den outings are a great way to learn more about the people and places in your community.

## How Much Does Scouting Cost?

**Youth registration fee** (Includes a one-time joining fee of \$25 and an annual fee of \$75.): .....\$100

**Books:** Wolf Handbook (optional).....\$17

**Pack dues:** The amount varies by pack, depending on money-earning projects conducted by the pack to decrease the amount needed to run the pack program.

**Uniform:** Scout Uniform Shirt/Neckerchief/Hat/Belt.....\$96

See [www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org) for details and current prices. See your local Scout shop or [www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org) for prices and a wealth of other reasonably priced resources.

## Youth Protection

Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for its youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with multiple online and print resources for all Scouting programs.

All leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training.

All parents are encouraged to take the training.

Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.

For more information about Youth Protection, please see BSA's Youth Protection website at

[www.scouting.org/youthprotection.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/youthprotection.aspx)

