School Night for Scouting Agenda/Script

Our goal with the School Night for Scouting is to give parents very basic information about Cub Scouting; get their Scout enrolled and basic fees collected; and let Scouts/families know about the next Pack/Den meeting they should attend; and Fall Cub Camp on October 3.

- Gathering and Introduction
  - Hand Each Family sign in on an attendance card
  - Personally hand each parent their welcome packet containing: Parent Guidebook, Fall Cub Camp Flyer, BSA Youth Application.
  - Once most families have arrived, begin presentation with introductions of Pack leadership and then yourself.
  - Our purpose tonight is to give you basic information on the Cub Scout program; get your child enrolled in Cub Scouting; and get you key dates for upcoming meetings and events.

** Note: Each following page corresponds with the talking points for a specific slide.
• Welcome to School Night for Scouting!
  o Welcome to the School Night for Scouting at _____________ Elementary School.
  o Our objective tonight is to provide information to your family about the Cub Scout program as well as work through the registration paperwork.
  o All families should be seated by grade. Did anyone not get a postcard when they arrived? Please fill these out and return to one of our team members here in Scout uniform.
  o Let families know that they are here to join Pack ______ serving kids from ______ elementary.
Basic Information on Cub Scouting  (each page corresponds with a poster or slide)
  - What is Cub Scouting?
    - Program for elementary-age kids and families. Through activities and meetings youth are involved in a program which focuses on: Character Development; Participatory Citizenship; Personal Fitness; Outdoor Skills & Awareness; and Leadership & Life Skills. And let’s not forget that the kids…and adults have FUN!
What do Parents Want?

- Family – time. Parents do Cub Scout meetings and activities with their child. Allows you to experience new things together. Only 12 more years to do so!
- Youth to Develop. Cub Scouting builds confidence as kids have new experiences and interact with each other in new ways.
- Meet other people. It is not just the kids that make new connections. Parents meet other families from the school.
- Learn to get along. Throughout Cub Scouting kids are encouraged and taught to work together.

What do Kids Want?

- Fun!!
Year Round Programming

- With covid19 some activities/meetings will be online
- Meetings and Activities
  - Den Meetings. All the kids in one grade. Meets 2-3 times monthly.
  - Pack Meetings. All the kids in Cub Scouts from the school. Meets one time each month.
  - Other Activities. Most months there is one other Cub Scout activity scouts attend.
- Camps. Scouts love to do activities outside. We have several day events throughout the year for scouts to do outside activities like archery, bb guns, crafts and much more.
- Pack events. Special events take place through the year like the Pinewood Derby, community service projects, and more.
- Den events. For some of our meetings we do field trips, guest speakers, special activities.
- Summer Camp or WeekLong Day Camp at Camp Decorah
Advancements

- Scouts earn awards as they accomplish things through the year from their Cub Scout handbook. Youth are being taught to work towards a goal and that recognition occurs with completion of that goal.
Finance

- There is an annual Scouting registration fee. We will cover that shortly.
- Annual popcorn sale takes place next month. This funds the majority of the year of Scouting for your Pack as well as individual expenses (camps, uniform, etc) for your child.
- Some Packs may collect an additional fee for Pack activities, dues, etc. They will let you know about that at an upcoming meeting if that is taking place.
- “Friends of Scouting” takes place each winter, an optional program where families are asked to support Scouting financially if able.
- Financial Assistance is available. We want every family to be able to be a part of Cub Scouting. See myself or someone else from our School Night team afterwards for more information.
Training for Adults

- Youth Protection. This online training is required of all volunteers and ensures that all our youth are safe.
- Online “Leader Specific” training also available to orient someone to their volunteer role such as Den Leader, Committee Member, or Cubmaster.
Commitments

- Just to re-cap
  - Time Commitment: Two - Four meetings, about one hour in length (two den meetings, one Pack) and other activity/outing
  - Family Commitment: Scouts need to attend with an adult, all of our leadership comes from parent volunteers
  - Cost Commitment: Joining Fee: $25; Pro-rated registration is $33 / $38.50; council fee $4 so a total of $62 or $67.50
- Fall Cub Camp
  - Before we go, make sure you attend Fall Cub Camp on October 5\textsuperscript{th} at Camp Decorah (map on the flyer)
  - Join us \textbf{any time} between 9am – 3pm for bb guns, archery, obstacle course, lunch and more!
o Pack Specific Information (3-5 minutes) – **conducted by Pack leaders on site**
  ▪ Pack distributes copy of 2020-2021 calendar
  ▪ *When is the next meeting that these families should attend?*
- Youth Registration
  - Youth Application. This registers your child in Cub Scouting.
  - Joining Fee: $25; Pro-rated registration is $33 / $38.50; council fee $4 so a total of **$62 or $67.50**
  - Boy’s Life is a magazine about Scouting. Comes monthly, geared towards your sons’ age. Cost is $7 / $8 for monthly subscription through the spring
  - Uniform is available at the Scout Shop (M-F, 9-5; Thu, 9-6), will cost about $50 new.
• Registration

- We are now to the registration part of the evening. There is paper application in your envelope. This enrolls the child in the Cub Scout program.
- Please remember that we do have financial assistance available to cover the registration fee for any families in need. To take advantage of that just go ahead and grab one of us as you turn in the application.
- All scouts tonight who submit their application with payment or are using financial assistance will receive their t-shirt at this time!
- If you would prefer to pay with credit card online that option is available as well on a tablet or smart phone. We do ask that you complete that process this evening to get the t-shirt.
- The link is here on the slide or can be accessed by clicking your school on couleescouting.org
BSA Youth Application

- Please complete the name, address, DOB, phone number, grade, and school. Parent needs to include their name, phone, email, and DOB.
- As you complete your application please hand in to an Organizer who will help collect your fees.
- Thank you for attending! Welcome to the adventure of Cub Scouting!