

Update on Family Scouting as of March 7, 2018

It is an exciting time in the Scouting Movement. As I am sure you are all aware, beginning in the Fall of 2018 Erie Shores Council will begin welcoming girls into the Cub Scout program. In an effort to better serve the entire family and make Scouting more accessible for busy households, packs will be able to adopt the **Family Scouting Model**. This allows for separate dens of boys and girls, with them all coming together in a family pack meeting. Chartering Organizations do have the option of starting a separate all girl pack in order to serve the girls that are interested in Cub Scouts, or the third option is that they can choose to keep their pack in the all boy model they have already been using.

What about the older girls?

Again, national recognizes the need to serve the older girls and the demand for our programs. The same premiere character development and leadership program that we believe so passionately in for older boys will now be offered for the older girls. This gives them the opportunity to earn the rank of Eagle; a distinction and honor they will carry with them for life. There has been a lot of misinformation out there and we want to make sure our entire Scouting family knows that this is **not co-ed Scouting**. Girls will be in their own troop and boys will be in their own. Chartering Organizations can choose to use a linked model which will allow the troops to share a committee and COR but each troop must have their own Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. Girls and boys will not be participating in the same troop. The role out for this program is scheduled for **February of 2019**.

The Scout Oath and Law are values that have guided so many young men through youth and into adulthood. These are values we can all apply to our lives. We are excited to be a part of growing the Scouting Movement, having a positive impact on more youth in our community and growing our Erie Shores Scouting Family.

All of the latest information, as well as some FAQ's for both programs, can be found on the council website at erieshorescouncil.org/familyscouting. We will continue to keep this site with the most up to date information and making sure to highlight dates new information has been added.

FAMILY SCOUTING

OFFERING ICONIC BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® PROGRAMS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Starting in 2018, families can choose Cub Scouts® for their sons AND daughters.

A Scouting® program for older girls will be delivered in 2019, allowing participants to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout™

WHY THE CHANGE?

Families today are busier than ever and with less free time, families want convenience. In fact, convenience beats cost as the #1 concern.

Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today's busy families.

In a recent survey of parents not involved with Scouting...

90% are interested in a program like Cub Scouts for their daughters

87% are interested in a program like Boy Scouts® for their daughters

HOW WILL IT WORK?

Legend: Cub Scout Pack (blue), All-Boy Den (dark blue), All-Girl Den (yellow)

Cub Scouts

Ages 9-10 (or grades K-5)

- All-Boy Cub Scout Pack
- Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack
- All-Girl Cub Scout Pack

Older Scouts

Ages 11-17 (or grades 6-12)

- Separate Troops for Boys & Girls
 - Chartered Organization
 - Troop Committee
 - All-Boy Troop
 - Chartered Organization
 - Troop Committee
 - All-Girl Troop
- Linked Troop
 - Chartered Organization
 - Troop Committee
 - All-Boy Troop
 - All-Girl Troop

TIMELINE

Mar '18 | Apr '18 | May '18 | Jun '18 | Jul '18 | Aug '18 | Sep '18 | Oct '18 | Nov '18 | Dec '18 | Jan '19 | Feb '19

- Early Adopter K-4 Grades (Jan-May 2018)
- Cub Scouts Begin Program Year 2018 Cub Scout Materials in Scout Shops* (June 1, 2018)
- Scheduled Launch of Program for Older Girls
- Materials in Scout Shops for Program for Older Girls

Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities

Allows flexibility for chartered partners

Allows us to introduce Scouting to more families

Allows boys and girls to learn and grow at the pace that is unique to their development

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For more information, visit www.scouting.org/familyscouting

