

I'm a new Den Leader. Now what?

What happens after I submit my application?

Now that you are registered as a Cub Scout Den Leader, you will begin receiving the monthly **Scouting** magazine, which includes information to assist you as a leader.

Ask your Cubmaster to furnish you a copy of the current "Leader Guide" & "Den Leader Guide" for your Cub Rank. Begin reviewing both Guides as soon as possible.

Cubmaster Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

What should I do first?

Since you must complete Youth Protection Training prior to submitting your application, chances are you have already created an account at My.Scouting.org. If not, go to website and create an account and complete the "Fast Start" training. This is not required, but will help you get started until you complete in-person or online "Den Leader" training.

What Training do I need?

A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be! To be considered "Trained", new leaders will need to complete the following trainings:

- ✓ Youth Protection (valid for two years)
- ✓ Position Specific Training (valid for Den Leaders of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos & Arrow of Light Dens)

All training is available online at My.Scouting.org. For in-person training, register on the Erie Shores Council website at www.erieshorescouncil.org/training or at the Scout Shop located inside the Jadel Leadership Center at the historic Camp Miakonda.

Erie Shores Council recommends in-person training if possible. Keep in mind there are pros and cons to both types of training.

In-Person:

- Pro: allows new leaders to ask questions and interact with other leaders.
- Con: training may not be offered on a date that works with your schedule.

Online:

- Pro: can be completed on your schedule, 24/7.
- Con: cannot ask questions and actually takes longer to complete.

Have the Cubmaster introduce you to the "Pack Trainer" so he or she can provide you with training information. (Not all Packs have a "Pack Trainer".)

Pack Trainer Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

What do I need to plan?

Plan your first month's Den meetings. This is much easier with the help of the Pack Trainer, Assistant Den Leader, Den Chief (an older Scout or Venturer), and the Leader Guides. Meeting plans are ready and waiting for your use in the "Den Leader Guide" for your Cub Scout rank. You can use these meeting plans as-is or tailor them to fit your needs. The key to success is "KISMIF" (Keep It Simple, Make It Fun)!

What do I need to know about my Den?

Hold a family orientation meeting. Get acquainted with the parents and the Scouts. The parents will be a great source of help when needed. Establish a den code of conduct so the Scouts & parents know what is expected of them. See the Cub Scout Leader Book for details.

What do I need to purchase?

Obtain and begin wearing the Cub Scout leader uniform shirt as soon as possible. It is comfortable and suitable for all Cub Scout meetings and activities. Wearing the uniform properly is important in setting a good example for the Scouts. You will need the following:

- Field Uniform Shirt (sometimes called "Class A")
- World Crest emblem
- Erie Shores Council Shoulder Patch
- Unit Numerals: my Pack Number is _____.
- Den Numeral: my Den Number is _____.
- Blue shoulder loops.

All of these items can be purchased at:

Iott Scout Shop

Jadel Learning Center, Camp Miakonda
5600 West Sylvania Avenue,
Toledo, OH 43623
(419) 843-0113

What meetings will I need to attend?

As a Den Leader you are required to conduct or help with the following meetings:

- ✓ Den Meetings (2-3 per month)
- ✓ Den Planning Meeting (monthly)
- ✓ Pack Meeting (monthly)
- ✓ Pack Committee Planning Meeting (monthly)

Den Meetings are scheduled for whatever works best for your Den, Pack & Location.

Den Planning Meetings are scheduled for whatever works best for Your Den Leaders & Den Chief.

Pack Meetings & Pack Committee Meetings are scheduled by the Pack Committee.



Meetings (continued)

Pack Meetings are normally held:

1st 2nd 3rd 4th week (check one) each month on
 M T W TR F S Su (check one) at _____ pm
and will end approx. at _____ pm.

Location is: _____

Pack Committee Meetings are normally held:

1st 2nd 3rd 4th week (check one) each month on
 M T W TR F S Su (check one) at _____ pm
end approx. at _____ pm.

Location is: _____

I plan to conduct my Den Meetings on:

1st 2nd 3rd 4th week (check all that apply) each month on
 M T W TR F S Su (check one) at _____ pm
end approx. at _____ pm.

Location is: _____

What other meetings are recommended?

There are many meetings held at the Council & District levels (see calendar on website) that may interest you in time, but the most highly recommended is to attend your district's monthly Roundtable. What is a Roundtable Meeting? Roundtable Meeting is a monthly meeting of volunteers, unit leaders, and district leaders gathering in a social and informative setting. The objective is to provide leaders with program ideas, information on policy and upcoming events, and training opportunities. Roundtable Meetings are per district and normally meet as follows:

Commodore Perry District meets:

First Wednesday of the month, 7-8pm
Trinity Episcopal Church, 316 Adams St., Toledo OH 43604

Eagle Bay District meets:

Second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30pm
Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church, 1441 Fangboner Rd.,
Fremont OH 43420

Northwest District meets:

First Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30pm
Jadel Leadership Center, Camp Miakonda, 5600 W. Sylvania Ave.,
Toledo OH 43623

Swan Creek District meets:

Second Thursday of the month, 7-8:30pm
Providence Lutheran Church, Family Life Center, 8131 Airport
Highway, Holland, OH 43528

Wood District meets:

First Thursday of the month, 7-8:15pm
Christ United Methodist Church, 301 W. Main, Portage, OH 43451

How do I get help if needed?

Follow the organization chart from this list and work your way down until you get your answer:

1. Pack Den Leaders
2. Pack Cubmaster or Asst. Cubmaster
3. Pack Committee

Committee Chair Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

4. Unit or District Commissioner / District Field Staff

(Refer to this list for your district's contact information.)

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Wood District

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If your question is of a "training" nature (that your Pack Trainer cannot answer), you may also contact the Council Training Committee Chair, Lee Schultz, at training@erieshores.org.

What is a Den Chief? Do I need one?

A Den Chief is a Scout or Venturer who helps the Den Leader lead Den Meetings. Den Chiefs are not required, but are highly recommended. He or she acts as a role model to the younger Scouts, encouraging them to become Scouts themselves, thus becoming a positive link between the Den and the Troop. The role of Den Chief also benefits the Scout as it counts as a leadership position for rank advancement. Contact the Scoutmaster of the Troop the Pack is associated with, or any nearby Troop to acquire a Den Chief.

Websites

Erie Shores Council: www.erieshorescouncil.org

Cub Scouting: <https://cubscouts.org/>

Den Leader:

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

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