

Learn to Speak Scouting

Scouting practically has its own language. Here are many of the terms you're likely to hear during your involvement with Scouting.

activity badge - One of 20 specialized recognitions earned by Webelos Scouts. Capitalize the name of the badge only.

Example: "Earn the Aquanaut and Sportsman activity badges."

Akela - (Pronounced Ah-KAY-la.) A title of respect used in Cub Scouting-any good leader is Akela.

Arrow of Light Award - The highest rank in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. A boy who has earned the Arrow of Light Award is eligible to become a Boy Scout.

Arrow Point - An award for earning 10 elective credits as a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout: The first 10 electives earned in either rank are represented by a Gold Arrow Point; subsequent groups of 10 earn Silver Arrow Points.

assistant Cubmaster - A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Cubmaster.

assistant den leader - A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Cub Scout den leader.

Bear - The rank designed for a Cub Scout in the third grade (or 9 years old). Combinations: "Bear achievements," "Bear badge," "Bear Cub Scout," "Bear electives," "Bear trail."

blue and gold banquet - A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and of Cub Scouting in 1930. May be called "blue and gold dinner." Capitalize only when part of a full title: "Pack 254 Blue and Gold Banquet."

Bobcat - The first rank earned by boys in Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos dens in Cub Scouting.

BSA - Boy Scouts of America. The Cub Scouts are a part of the BSA. Sometimes referred to as "national".

council - A Cub Scout Pack is a member of a council, usually comprised of many districts covering a large geographical area. Pack 254 is part of Circle 10 Council covering the Dallas-side of the Metroplex and up north to southern Oklahoma.

crossover - When Webelos Scouts become Boy Scouts: "Webelos crossover." This is done at the blue and gold banquet.

Cubmaster - A commissioned volunteer Scouter, 21 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to lead a Cub Scout pack.

den - A group of about four to eight Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts that meets periodically, and is part of a Cub Scout pack.

den leader - A commissioned volunteer leader, 21 or older, appointed by the pack committee to plan and direct the den's activities

district - A Cub Scout Pack is a member of a local district, usually comprised of the city or neighboring cities. Pack 254 is part of the Great Plains District made up of Plano, Wylie and Nevada.

National Summertime Pack Award - A Cub Scout pack can earn this award by planning and conducting three pack activities-one each in June, July, and August. Cub Scouts who participate in all three activities may wear the National Summertime Pack Award pin.

pack - A group made up of several Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout dens. The pack includes not only the boys in the dens but also their families and leaders.

pinewood derby - A pack activity that involves making and racing model cars on a track.

Tiger Cub - A boy who is in the first grade (or is 7 years old) and registered, with his adult partner, as a member of a Tiger Cub den.

Tiger Cub den - A den of about four to eight Tiger Cubs and their adult partners. Part of a Cub Scout pack.

Webelos badge - The fifth rank in Cub Scouting; earned by Webelos Scouts in a Webelos den.

Webelos den - A group of Webelos Scouts who meet under the supervision of a Webelos den leader.

Webelos den leader - A registered volunteer member, age 21 or older, appointed by the pack committee to plan and direct the den's activities.

Webelos Scout - (Pronounced WEE-buh-los.) A Cub Scout who has completed the third grade or is age 10 but has not yet completed fifth grade or reached age 11 1/2, and is a member of a Webelos den. The word "Webelos" means WE'LL BE LOyal Scouts.

Webelos Woods - An activity designed to introduce Webelos Scouts, each with an adult family member, to the many outdoor adventures of Boy Scouting.

Wolf - The rank designed for a second-grade or 8-year-old Cub Scout.