

Encyclopedia Cub-tannica

your first resource for Scouting lingo!

Akela - In Scouting, “Akela” is the leader - the person who leads and who is to be listened to. Akela is a parent, Den leader, Teacher, or other person guiding the Cub Scout. Akela is the lead wolf in Rudyard Kipling’s *The Jungle Book*, the story upon which Cub Scouting’s structure is based.

Arrow of Light - The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve. This recognition is earned by **second year Webelos** who have completed their Webelos Badge.

Bear Cub - Bear Cub Scouts are third-grade boys who advance towards the Bear rank.

Bobcat - The Bobcat Rank is the first award earned in Cub Scouting, whether a boy joins in first grade or fifth grade. Bobcat requirements focus on learning the basic of Cub Scouting.

Cubmaster - Selected by the Pack Committee and approved by Chartering Organization, the Cubmaster is responsible for the monthly Pack meeting and distributing district and council information to the leaders, parents and scouts.

Cub Scout Sign - The Cub Scout sign is two fingers extended in a “V” on a raised, outstretched arm. This sign signifies the ears of **Akela**, and reminds the Cub Scout to listen. Because everyone is *listening* to **Akela**, no one should be talking.

Den - A Den is a group of 6-8 boys all the same age or grade, along with their Den Leader and one or more assistants. Boys in a Den work on the same rank. Dens meet once a week.

District - Four Districts comprise the Pee Dee Area Council. Many activities such as Day Camp, the district Pinewood Derby, *Welcome to Cub Scouting* activities, and Camporees are organized at the district level.

District Executive - Your District Executive is a full-time Scouting Professional who resides in your District and assists with organizing new units, training leaders, recruiting district volunteers and represents Scouting in your community.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) - Our annual fundraising campaign, in which community volunteers solicit donations from businesses, organizations, Individuals and Scouting families in support of Scouting and our programs.

Pack - A pack is a group of **Dens** chartered to a sponsoring organization like a church, school, or civic organization. **Packs** are led by a Cubmaster and one or more assistants. **Packs** meet monthly to let Cubs present skits, songs, and projects they

have been working on, and to award Cubs with their advancements. Parents are especially encouraged to attend **Pack** meetings.

Pee Dee Area Council - The Pee Dee Area Council is the Scouting organization that serves 11 counties in the Pee Dee Area. The Council serves 4,200 youth, 1,200 adult volunteers in this area.

Tiger Cubs - Tiger Cubs are first-grade Cub Scouts. Every Tiger cub must have an Adult Partner with him at all times.

Unit Commissioner - Your **Pack** has a Unit Commissioner, whose responsibility is to be a resource, teacher, Mentor, and guide to your **Pack's** leaders. If you do not know who your Unit Commissioner is, contact your District Commissioner or District Executive.

Webelos - An acronym for **WE'll BE LOyal Scouts**, Webelos are Cub Scouts in the fourth and fifth grades. Webelos advance towards the Webelos Rank and the **Arrow of Light**. The proper singular form of Webelos is "Webelos."

Wolf Cub - Wolf Cub Scouts are second-grade boys who advance toward the Wolf rank.

Youth Protection - The Boy Scouts of America is proud to ensure the safety of our children and the integrity of our program. Many different mechanisms work toward this end: "Recognize, Resist, and Report" trainings, two-deep leadership, formal Adult Youth Protection training courses, and a series of age-appropriate youth training videos are some ways in which this goal is achieved.