

# LET'S GO SCOUTING!



***CUB SCOUT RANKS***



***HOW WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO BE A  
CUB SCOUT?***

# Dear Parent:

**Tiger Cubs**—a program of exciting indoor and outdoor activities—is the first step into Scouting. It is about families living, working and playing together, and supporting and respecting each other.

***LET'S GO SCOUTING!*** is a story to read together with your first-grade son to gauge his interest in becoming a Tiger Cub Scout. It takes only a few minutes and shows activities typical of a Tiger Cub den. Read it with enthusiasm!

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# Ian was excited!

Today was his first Tiger Cub den meeting and he was dressed in his uniform and ready to go.

“Mom! Is it time to go yet?” he yelled as he ran down the stairs.

“Just about,” she said as she looked over his uniform, “Do you have everything?”

“Yep—blue shirt, blue pants, blue belt and orange and blue—what’s this called again?”

“That’s your neckerchief. It’s like a handkerchief, but around your neck.”

“That’s right. How do I look?” Ian asked.

“Like a SCOUT!” his Mom said, “now LET’S GO SCOUTING!”

A cartoon illustration of a bookshelf. The top shelf has a purple banner with the letters 'M' and 'L' in green. The middle shelf is filled with books of various colors (yellow, white, blue, green). The bottom shelf is empty. A wooden railing is visible on the right side.

**88%**

**OF SCOUTS SAY  
THAT SCOUTING  
HAS TAUGHT  
THEM TO TREAT  
OTHERS WITH  
RESPECT**











**78%**  
**OF SCOUTS**  
**AGREE SCOUTING**  
**HAS TAUGHT**  
**THEM TO CARE**  
**FOR OTHERS**  
**IN NEED**

**T**here were seven boys at the meeting and Ian really enjoyed it. “It was kind of like a party,” he said to his mom. “I know,” she replied, “We played games, we sang, we had treats and it was fun!”

Ian made friends with two of the boys—**Mark**, who was there with his grandfather, and **Billy**, who came along with Mark. They went to a different school than Ian, but played soccer in the same league. Mark’s older brother, Ty, was 11 and a he was Boy Scout. Billy’s parents were from Mexico and he spoke Spanish and English. The boys became friends and decided to hang out together after their next soccer match.



**A**t the next den meeting, Ian, Mark and Billy compared their Tiger Cub handbooks to see how far they were along the Bobcat Trail. They got to color in a tiger paw print every time they completed a requirement.

“Look,” said Billy, “I’m half way to earning my Bobcat badge!”

“Awesome!!” said Ian, “We’re going to get our Immediate Recognition badges tonight.”

“Then we can start on the achievements for our Tiger Cub badge and start earning BEADS,” said Mark. A bead was awarded every time a Tiger Cub Scout completed an activity on the Tiger Cub badge trail. “My brother had 15 beads when he was a Tiger Cub!”



**IMMEDIATE  
RECOGNITION  
BADGE WITH BEADS**















**83%**

**OF SCOUTS SAY  
SPENDING TIME  
WITH FAMILY IS  
IMPORTANT TO  
THEM**

**I**an got his Bobcat badge and started to earn beads. He got one for helping to clean out the garage, another one for visiting the elderly people at a nursing home, and one for going to a pro soccer game with his family.

At the next pack meeting, Ian told the den leader, “Earning beads is AWESOME! I get an allowance when I help around the house, and some of those chores count for beads, too!”

“I know,” said Billy, “I used to think chores were hard, but now I like earning the beads!”

“Yeah!” said Mark, “and soon we’ll be able to go camping with the Cub Scout pack!”

“YES!!” the boys all shouted, and gave themselves high fives.

**O**ne day when Ian wore his Scout uniform to school, Mr. Reed, a first grade teacher, saw Ian in the lunchroom and said, “Ian, I didn’t know you were a Cub Scout.”

“I’m really a Tiger Cub,” said Ian.

“That’s great,” said Mr. Reed, “When I was a Scout, they didn’t have Tiger Cubs. I see you’ve got your Bobcat badge—congratulations!”

“Thanks,” said Ian, “You were a Scout?”

“Yes,” said Mr. Reed, “I made it all the way to Eagle Scout.”

“WOW! I’ll bet you had all the merit badges!”

“Not quite,” Mr. Reed laughed, “but it’s the things I learned that I still carry with me today.”

“Like what?” asked Ian.

“Like learning about responsibility and being a good citizen, and being respectful of others,” Mr. Reed replied.

“Oh yeah,” said Ian, “We call those **Character Connections**. They’re achievements that we can earn beads for. We learn about safety, too”

Mr. Reed smiled. “You know your stuff, Ian” he said, “It sounds like you’re on your way to becoming an Eagle Scout, too.”

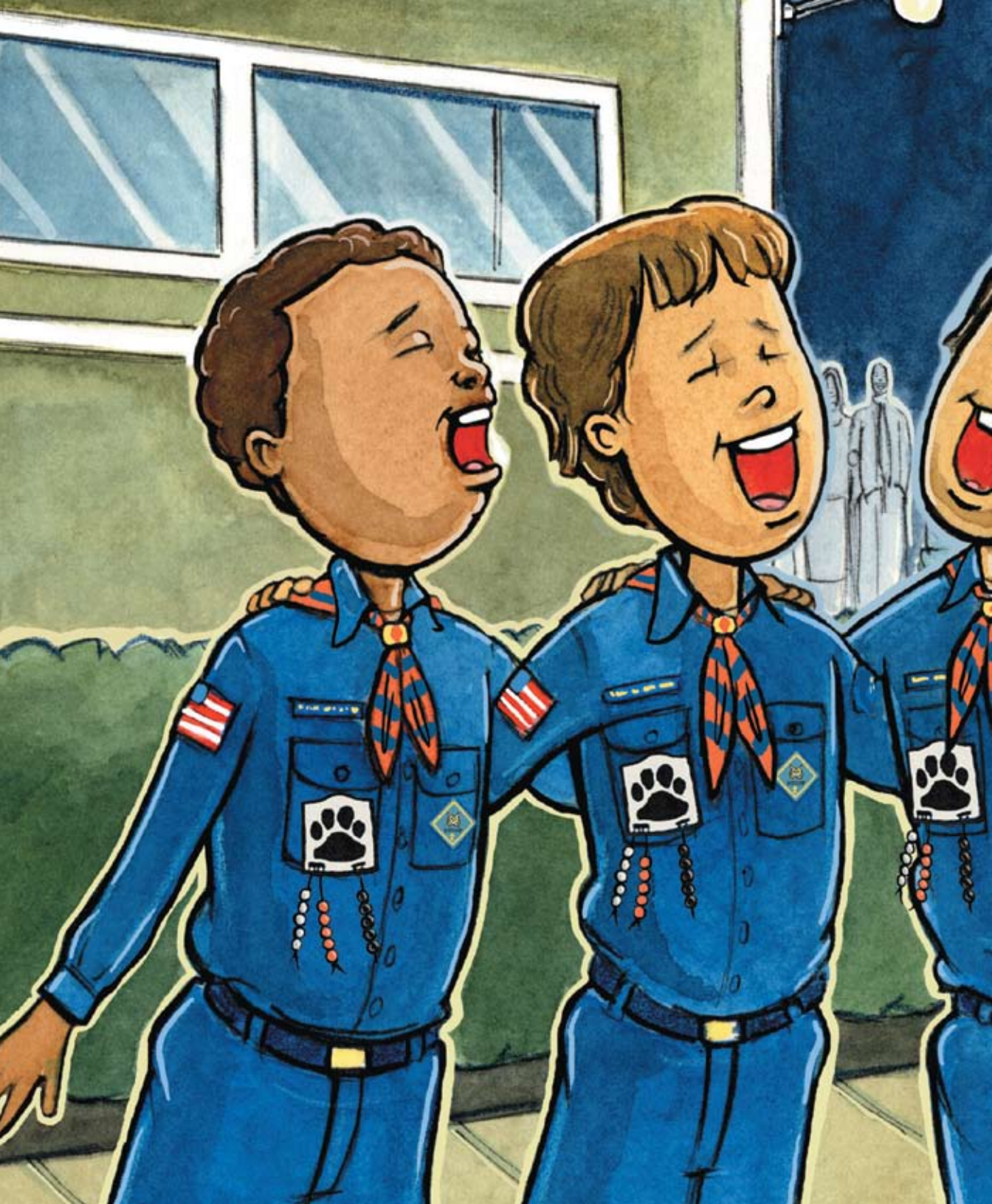


**80%**  
**OF SCOUTS SAY**  
**SCOUTING HAS**  
**TAUGHT THEM**  
**TO HAVE**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**IN THEMSELVES**













**I**an, Mark and Billy all went to the Cub Scout blue and gold banquet with their families and received their Tiger Cub badges. They all finished first grade and began working on their Wolf Cub Scout badges.

At the end of the banquet, as their families were saying goodbye, the boys were whispering to each other and finally turned to their families and shouted together, “WOLF SCOUTS, HERE WE COME—AHHHHOOOOO!”



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Enjoy a family activity with your family or friends and get  
a feeling for what Scouting has to offer.

## AND REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!



**TAKE A HIKE! DISCUSS THE FUN  
AND SAFETY OF HIKING AND  
PREPARE FOR IT**



**HAVE A 'CLEANUP' DAY AT  
YOUR HOUSE**



**FIND THE OLDEST BUILDING  
IN YOUR TOWN**



**CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN  
TO EVACUATE YOUR HOUSE  
AND PRACTICE IT**



**PLANT A FAMILY GARDEN AND  
KEEP A MAINTENANCE LOG**



**ORGANIZE NEIGHBORS TO PICK UP  
TRASH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**



*Family FUN of Scouting!*  
Enthusiasm!  
Commitment!  
Great Rewards!  
***Make It SO!***

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