



CUB SCOUTING AND YOUR FAMILY

To the families of: **PACK 137 – ST. JOSEPH / ST. ROBERT**

You are reading this because you have shown an interest in becoming, or currently are, a Cub Scout family. You have chosen Cub Scouting because you know it is home and neighborhood-centered. You know that Cub Scouting is designed to support family life. The program also helps to meet your boy's growth needs such as:

- 1. To learn new physical skills.** He can do this through games, sports and crafts. As he develops his coordination, he gains a sense of worthiness and acceptance by his peers.
- 2. To learn to get along with boys of his same age.** He needs to form friendships with other boys. He needs to learn how to balance giving and receiving affection if he is to relate well to his peers. He needs to belong to a group of boys his own age.
- 3. To develop his mental processes.** He can develop his mental process by reading, writing, calculating. He needs opportunities to use language to express ideas and to influence others. He must move from a preoccupation with self to understanding how and what others think of him. Opportunities for observation and experimentation will help him with self-reliance.
- 4. To develop a conscience.** He must begin to develop a sense of what is right and wrong and what is fair and unfair. He will do this by cooperating with other boys, by being taught, by examples of adults, and from positive reinforcement. He begins to develop democratic social attitudes.
- 5. To develop personal Independence.** He needs to be less dependent on adults. His same-age buddies become important to him.

These are the developmental tasks a boy of this age needs to begin working on. He needs to belong to a "gang" of boys his own age. This is exactly where Cub Scouting comes in. A den is like a neighborhood gang of six or eight boys in which he will achieve status and recognition.

As you learn more about how Cub Scouting works and what goes on in a den and a pack, you will see that the program helps your boy in these five important developmental needs. The uniqueness of Cub Scouting is that you, as his family, join the program with your boy. You will help him along the way.

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