Georgia Aquarium is a nonprofit committed to inspiring awareness and preservation of our ocean and aquatic animals worldwide.

TAKE YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Bring your troop to Georgia Aquarium for an experience they’ll never forget! Our sleepover program now includes animal interactions for Scouts to get hands-on experience with aquatic wonders while learning about the importance of conservation and its impact on our oceans. We also offer dive programs for SCUBA-certified scouts.

For complete details, visit GeorgiaAquarium.org/boyscouts or call 404.581.4121.
MY SCOUTING DIRECTORY

Complete this quick reference guide to save important information about your Pack and Leaders.

MY PACK NUMBER IS ___________________________________________________________

MY DEN LEVEL (RANK LEVEL) ___________________________________________________
[Kindergarten= Lions  |  1st Grade=Tigers  |  2nd Grade=Wolves  |  3rd Grade=Bears  |  4th Grade=Webelos  |  5th Grade=Arrow of Light]

MY DEN LEADER’S NAME(S) _______________________________________________________

MY DEN LEADER’S PHONE NUMBER _______________________________________________

MY DEN LEADER’S EMAIL ADDRESS ______________________________________________

MY DEN MEETS ON _______________________[DAY] AT _______________________[TIME]  
[Your Den might meet twice a month or more often. Some Dens meet less often or on weekends.]

MY DEN MEETS AT ___________________________________________[LOCATION]   

MY CUBMASTER’S NAME IS _____________________________________________________

MY CUBMASTER’S PHONE NUMBER IS ____________________________________________

MY CUBMASTER’S EMAIL IS ____________________________________________________

MY PACK MEETS ON _____________________[DAY] AT _______________________[TIME]

MY PACK MEETS AT ___________________________________________[LOCATION]     
[Your Pack might meet at the same place or do adventures like campouts, hikes or field trips!]

MY PACK’S CHARTERED ORGANIZATION IS _______________________________________

MY SCOUTING DISTRICT IS ______________________________________________________

MY SCOUTING COUNCIL IS:
Atlanta Area Council, #92 770.989.8820
1800 Circle 75 Parkway, SE atlantabsa.org
Atlanta, Georgia 30339 atlboyscouts //
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1 // SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

As a parent, you want your child to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring leader. Scouting has these same goals in mind for your child. For over 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has been weaving lifetime values into fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship and physical fitness for youth.

Scouting is about positive youth development through programs for all youth. However, we know that kids do not just join Scouting to build their character. They join because it’s fun!

SUPPORT
Cub Scouts helps to support your family by providing ready-made adventures and activities for you and your child to enjoy together.

FAMILY VALUES
Scouting teaches family values and works to strengthen your relationship with your child. It also provides activities for the whole family to enjoy.

BETTER TOGETHER
Spending time with peers is important. Scouting offers an emphasis on friendship and building self-esteem. As a parent, you know that your child is involved in a group of peers that will teach values of good citizenship, character and leadership in a safe environment.
Your Den

WHAT IS A DEN AND WHEN DO WE MEET?

- A Den is six to ten youth, ideally in the same grade, who meet with adult leaders to do Scouting “Adventures”, play games, learn skills, perform skits and songs, and take field trips.

- Dens meet at the convenience of leaders and families, often twice a month, sometimes less often or on the weekends when families can spend more time Scouting.

- A Den is led by a volunteer Den Leader or Den Co-Leaders, assisted by other parent volunteers. Most volunteers are usually parents of Cub Scouts.

Packs with Dens of Boys and Girls

HOW DEN S OF BOYS AND GIRLS WILL OPERATE IN YOUR PACK

- All Cub Scout Dens are single gender - all boys or all girls. How boy Dens and girl Dens in your Pack do activities will depend on the numbers in the Dens, the involvement of your families and leaders and any requirements of your Chartered Organization.

- It is up to the Pack and parents to decide if Dens for girls and Dens for boys do activities separately or if they will do the same activities at the same time together. Either way is okay, or do some together and some separately!

- Whenever any girl participates in a Den or Pack activity, a registered adult female (21 or older) leader must be present.

Your Den’s Pack

YOUR SCOUT AND THE DEN ARE MEMBERS OF A PACK

- Each Pack is made up of one or more Dens.

- The Pack can host activities, usually once a month, that all Cub Scout families are invited to attend, like campouts, hikes, field trips, Pinewood Derbies and much more!

- Pack activities are led by the Cubmaster or other leaders, with help from parents.

Your Chartered Organization

YOUR PACK IS SPONSORED BY A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

- Chartered Organizations are organizations with permission - a “charter” - to own and operate a Scouting program. They include schools, religious organizations, service clubs and other organizations interested in serving youth.

- Your Chartered Organization approves leadership, helps secure meeting places and keeps the Pack within both their guidelines and policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

- Your Chartered Organization selects a Representative as a liaison between the Pack and the Chartered Organization, called the “Charted Organization Representative” or COR.
IN THIS SECTION // you will be guided through how your Scout can advance through the Cub Scout program, the adventures they can attend, the Atlanta Area Council’s first-class camp properties, how you can enjoy them and what they will need for their adventure.

Scouts have opportunities that many children don’t. They get to learn alongside their peers, be challenged and rewarded for their good work and attend amazing activities!

**DID YOU KNOW: SCOUTS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE COMPARED TO THOSE WHO WERE NEVER SCOUTS.**
THE ADVANCEMENT PLAN

All Scouts have their own Cub Scout Handbooks and work on the age-appropriate “Rank Badge”, shown below, in that Handbook.

The first step for every new Cub Scout, regardless of age/grade, is to first earn the **BOBCAT BADGE** by learning the Scout Oath and Law, the Cub Scout handshake, salute, sign and motto. Lion Scouts can earn the Bobcat Badge right after they earn the Lion Badge.

**Lion // KINDERGARTEN**

As a Lion, your kindergartner will make friends, laugh loud, gain confidence, discover nature and most of all… have fun! They’ll experience the Scouting concepts of character development, leadership, citizenship and personal fitness through engaging and exciting adventures!

**Tiger // FIRST GRADE**

The Tiger badge is earned after completing six required adventures and one elective adventure, plus a parent/child safety exercise. Adventures can be a Den activity, family activity or a field trip. After completing the Tiger rank, Scouts may do more elective adventures. Adventure loops are worn on the Tiger belt.

**Wolf // SECOND GRADE**

The Wolf badge is earned after completing six required adventures and one elective adventure, plus a parent/child safety exercise. Adventures can be a Den activity, family activity or a field trip. After completing the Wolf rank, Scouts may do more elective adventures. Adventure loops are worn on the Wolf belt.

**Bear // THIRD GRADE**

The Bear badge is earned after completing six required adventures and one elective adventure, plus a parent/child safety exercise. Adventures can be a Den activity, family activity or a field trip. After completing the Bear rank, Scouts may do more elective adventures. Adventure loops are worn on the Bear belt.

**Webelos // FOURTH GRADE** - “Webelos” meaning “WE’ll BE LOoyal Scouts”

When a Cub Scout has completed the third grade (or turns 10 years old), the Scout works on requirements for the Webelos badge in the Webelos Handbook. The Webelos badge is earned after completing five required adventures and one elective adventure, plus a parent/child safety exercise. Scouts earn adventure pins to be worn on the uniform.

**Arrow of Light // FIFTH GRADE**

When a Scout completes the fourth grade, they will work on requirements for the Arrow of Light badge. The Arrow of Light badge, also found in the Webelos Handbook, relates to learning what older Scouts do in Scouts BSA Troops. The Arrow of Light badge is earned after completing four required adventures and one elective adventure, plus a parent/child safety exercise. Scouts earn adventure pins to be worn on the uniform. In late winter or spring of the fifth grade, they graduate from Cub Scouts to a Scouts BSA Troop at a ceremony called a Crossover.
The Cub Scout program provides a variety of ways to engage and recognize youth. Below are a few additional awards that can be earned while your child is a Cub Scout.

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CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Cub Scouting is doing! Everything in Cub Scouts is designed to have kids doing things and staying active. Activities are used to achieve citizenship training, character development, personal fitness and build their own adventure of a lifetime with programs like these. Your Den and Pack have a full schedule of fun activities - some put on by the Atlanta Area Council and some put on by your Den and Pack!

Fall Council Camping Weekends

**SPOOKY-REE WEEKENDS** are fall themed camping weekends with pumpkin carving, creepy-crawly nature shows, archery, campfires and more fun at Bert Adams Scout Camp. **TRAILBLAZER WEEKEND** is a chance for Scouts to get their first taste of archery, BB Guns, outdoor games, nature activities and fishing at Bert Adams Scout Camp.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Spooky-REE Weekend #1 // September 27-29
- Trailblazer Adventure Camp // October 4-6
- Spooky-REE Weekend #2 // October 11-13
- Spooky-REE Weekend #3 // October 18-20
- Spooky-REE Weekend #4 // October 25-27

**Trailblazer Adventure Camp**: $15 per Cub Scout  
**Spooky-REE**: $25 per Cub Scout

For more information and to register go to [bertadams.org/family](http://bertadams.org/family)

Scout Days

**YEAR ROUND**

Scout Days are opportunities for Scouts, friends and family to watch the Atlanta Braves hit home runs, Atlanta United score goals, the Atlanta Falcons score touchdowns, and to buzz with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, enjoy the Georgia Aquarium and Six Flags and much more. Better yet, all Scout Day proceeds go back to benefit local Scouting! Check out [atlantabsa.org/scoutdays](http://atlantabsa.org/scoutdays) for dates and discounted ticket options.
Pinewood Derby

**JANUARY-MARCH**

A parent/child project to build a race car made from a block of wood. Scouts will race their cars at the Pinewood Derby set up by their Pack or District. Be there for the big race!

Spring Council Camping Weekends

**APRIL**

As spring comes we kick-off the warmer weather with **SPRING FLING**. Mark your calendars for April 3-5, 2020 at Bert Adams Scout Camp OR April 24-26, 2020 at Woodruff Scout Camp! These weekends are full of fishing, shooting sports, hiking, games and more! $25 per youth.

For more information check out [campbertadams.org/springfling](http://campbertadams.org/springfling).

Cub Day and Twilight Camps

**JUNE-JULY**

Day or evening camps for all Cub Scouts in your community include crafts, games, nature, sports, songs and skits. Camps run four to five days at a local park or church.

For more information check out [atlantabsa.org/daycamp](http://atlantabsa.org/daycamp).

Cub Adventure Camp & STEM Camp

**JULY**

**Cub Scout Adventure Camp** is a 3 day / 2 night program held at Bert Adams Scout Camp in Covington. Cub Scouts and adults will have fun and adventure while participating in exciting activities and work on advancement. Age-appropriate programs are offered for Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelo Scouts. Activities include aquatics, shooting sports, handicrafts, nature, sports and fitness. Food service, program materials, patches, tents and cots are provided.

**STEM Camp** focuses on thematic activities for youth completing the 2nd grade-4th grade. Activities include robotics, forensics, Nova award, codes and more!

For more information check out [bertadams.org/cubovernight](http://bertadams.org/cubovernight).

Scouting for Food

**YEAR ROUND**

Join Scouting’s largest coordinated service project and collect canned food for local charities. The Atlanta Area Council can provide a plan of action to make Scouting for Food an easy way to give back.

For more information check out [atlantabsa.org/scoutingforfood](http://atlantabsa.org/scoutingforfood).

Service Projects

**YEAR ROUND**

Packs often participate in service projects throughout their community, especially at your Chartered Organization and local schools. Doing these will help Scouts in earning their rank advancement.
One of the promises of Scouting is being able to experience all of the amazing programs Cub Scouts has to offer in the beautiful outdoors. It helps them learn to rely on themselves - on their own skills and knowledge. When a Scout goes camping as a Cub Scout, they will develop skills that they will take throughout their lives. The Atlanta Area Council serves more than 32,000 Scouts and over 9,000 adult volunteers in Metro-Atlanta, and operates three premier camping properties for your Scout and family!

**Bert Adams Scout Camp**

218 Scout Road | Covington, GA 30016

Bert Adams is known for its modern amenities with an air-conditioned dining hall and permanent platform tents with electricity. Bert Adams serves thousands of weekend campers in addition to Scouts at Summer Camp and Cub Scouts for Cub Adventure Weekends.

Call 770.956.5687 or visit [campbertadams.org](http://campbertadams.org) for more information.

**Woodruff Scout Camp**

31 Woodruff Drive | Blairsville, GA 30512

This camp is visited by Scouts from all over the southeast. This sought after location features cool temperatures, gorgeous mountain views and whitewater rafting. For older Scouts Woodruff hosts eight weeks of Summer Camp for the older Scouts program and thousands of campers on the weekends throughout the year.

Call 770.956.5687 or visit [campwoodruff.org](http://campwoodruff.org) for more information.

**Allatoona Aquatics Base**

200 Lovinggood Drive | Woodstock, GA 30189

With 400 acres of lakefront property leased from the Army Corps of Engineers by the Atlanta Area Council, this nearby camp is used throughout the year for weekend camping, day trips and other Scout outings. At the Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base, older Scouts in the Scouts BSA program can enjoy aquatic activities including canoeing, rowing, sailing, skiing, swimming, motor boating and lifesaving.

Visit [campallatoona.org](http://campallatoona.org) for more information.
As part of the local communities in metro Atlanta, NAPA AutoCare Centers are coming together to support the Boy Scouts in our great city.

Help Atlanta area NAPA AutoCare Centers continue to support and donate to local Scouting by making a NAPA AutoCare Center your home for vehicle maintenance and repair. Donating to local area Boy Scouts has been a privilege and honor for NAPA AutoCare Atlanta since 2012.

www.NAPAAutoCareAtlanta.com

1.844.NAPA.ATL
NEW SCOUT BASIC NEEDS

CUB SCOUT HANDBOOK
Cub Scout handbooks are the guides parents want for developing skills, leadership and character. The books for Cub Scouts are related to age and contain the basics they will need for the coming year, especially the requirements for their advancement awards.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORM
Wearing a uniform gives Scouts a sense of identification and commitment to the goals of character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. The awards displayed on the uniform mark significant milestones in every Scout and leader’s progress in achieving these goals and successfully practicing Scouting’s ideals.

Scout uniforms are made of very high quality material, and in most cases will last several years. So, be sure to buy your child one they can grow into.

SCOUTS’ LIFE MAGAZINE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
Boy’s Life Magazine has been around for almost as long as children have been Scouts. It is the only magazine specifically designed for the Scout.

The mission of the magazine is to entertain and educate America’s youth and to open their eyes to reading about amazing adventures other Scouts are taking part in science, news, nature, history and comics. A special edition is published for Cub Scouts with age and program specific content and feature articles.
Getting Your Scout Geared Up

You can purchase all of your Scout’s needs at the Atlanta Scout Shop located at the Volunteer Service Center. Here you will find helpful team members to help you get the right sizes, patches and everything else your Scout may need. Uniforms and other items are also available at www.ScoutShop.org.

**Note:** to reduce financial barriers to participation, your Pack may not require that all uniform elements be bought, but Scouts will want to work towards the “full uniform” look.

**ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL VOLUNTEER SERVICE CENTER**
Across the street from SunTrust Park!

**ADDRESS:**
1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE
Atlanta, GA 30339

Phone // 770.988.9912  
Web // atlantabsa.org/scoutshop

**UNIFORM CHECK LIST**
For Tiger, Wolf and Bear Scouts

**HEADGEAR**  
Tiger, Wolf and Bear cap, according to rank  
$14.99 + tax

**SHIRT**  
Official long- or short-sleeve, navy blue. Wear with either pants or shorts  
$24.99 + tax

**NECKERCHIEF AND SLIDE**  
$9.99 + tax (neckerchief)  
$5.99 + tax (slide)

**PATCHES**  
[Council Shoulder patch, Pack numerals, world crest, rank appropriate patches]

**BELT**  
Official navy blue web belt cut to proper length with Tiger or Cub Scout insignia on buckle  
$9.99 + tax

**PANTS/SHORTS/SKORT**  
Official navy blue pants or shorts, no cuffs. To be worn with official long- or short-sleeve navy blue shirt  
$24.99 + tax (pants/shorts)  
$19.99 + tax (skort)

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*25% off a Cub Scout uniform shirt with the purchase of a Cub Scout Uniform Bottom. See Scout Shop for details. Prices subject to change.*
3 // JOIN YOUR SCOUT

IN THIS SECTION // you will learn how to get involved as a parent and a leader and what training you will need to make your job easy.

One of the promises of Scouting is being able to experience all of the amazing programs Cub Scouts has to offer in the beautiful outdoors. The fact is, Scouts love to camp. It helps them learn to rely on themselves - on their own skills and knowledge. When a Scout goes camping as a Cub Scout, they will develop skills that they will take throughout their life. Be sure to have one or more leaders complete the introductory Outdoor Cub Scout Leader Training, called “BALOO” (for “Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation”). A BALOO trained leader is required to take a Pack camping.

DID YOU KNOW: 71% OF CUB SCOUTS JOINED “TO GO CAMPING.”
SCOUTING’S BARRIERS TO ABUSE

ADULT LEADERSHIP

• Find a buddy: Always maintain 2-deep leadership on all outings, including meetings and any trips
• Three or more: One-on-one contact between youth and adults is prohibited, including electronic communication
• Be the teacher: Utilize constructive discipline
• Be a guide: Youth leadership monitored by adults

RESPECT

• Respect the privacy of everyone: Adults, youth and leaders
• Respect your peers: No secret organizations allowed
• Being mean isn’t cool: Bullying and hazing are prohibited

UNIT PROTOCOL

• Keep calm and camp on: Always have separate housing and restroom accommodations for adults and youth
• Stay classy: Maintain appropriate attire
• Stay safe: Always enforce Youth Protection policies and always use the buddy system

TECHNOLOGY

• Use technology for good: Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging and digital devices is prohibited
• Get updated: Know and understand social media guidelines

TO REPORT A YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY VIOLATION WITHIN SCOUTING, FIRST CALL 9-1-1.
TO REPORT A VIOLATION CALL 770-989-8820 OR THE SCOUTS FIRST HOTLINE AT 1-844-SCOUTS1
IF YOU SUSPECT CHILD ABUSE OF ANY KIND, YOU MUST REPORT BY CALLING 1-855-GACHILD (422-4453) IMMEDIATELY.
GEORGIA LAW REQUIRES A REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF REASONABLE SUSPICION OF CHILD ABUSE.
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT ATLANTABSA.ORG/YOUTHPROTECTION
JOIN THE JOURNEY WITH YOUR SCOUT

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer leaders are an example of Scouting’s principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are the primary source of leaders in the Scouting program. You volunteer not only to fill a role in Scouting, but also to help your Scout and their friends and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth in your community.

It’s a Family Program

Being a leader is fun and rewarding. Leaders find that their experiences help them to become better parents. The following are some of the many dividends that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- Fun and fellowship with other families and sharing your pride with your Scout on their accomplishments.

- A chance to help our children learn good citizenship and to help shape them into young people who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.

- The opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of youth as they grow strong in mind and body.

- The satisfaction of being a member of the worldwide Scouting movement and pride in being publicly identified as a part of this organization.
Your Scout’s Pack is led by parent volunteers who provide leadership to a variety of key positions that ensure every youth and family has a quality Scouting experience. For this reason we encourage at least one parent in your family to participate in a leadership role. Here are some examples on how you can get involved today!

**Den Leader/Assistants**

Leads the Den at Den adventures and Pack activities. Den Leaders will need help from Assistants and helpers, and Dens can be led by a “co-leader” team to share the adventures.

**Cubmaster/Assistants**

Helps plan and carry out the Pack program with the help of others. Emcees the monthly Pack activity or meeting.

**Pack Committee**

Pack committee members (some positions listed below) perform administrative functions of the Pack to support the delivery of the program by Den Leaders and the Cubmaster - all coordinate in regular Pack Leader meetings.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Overall coordination of Pack plan and volunteers. Presides at all Pack committee meetings. Helps recruit adult volunteers.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Keeps records of Pack funds (collections and expenses) and reports to the Committee. Handles applications and recharter paperwork.

**ADVANCEMENT CHAIR**

Maintains advancement records for Scouts. Orders and obtains all badges and insignia for Den and Pack recognition.

**PACK TRAINER**

Guides leaders and parents to training resources and classes (online and in person).

**PARENT HELPERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Involved in program jobs of short duration including coordinating Pack participation in sales events, Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, Day Camp, weekend activities, etc.

**NEW MEMBER COORDINATORS**

A “Welcome” team to help welcome families to Pack events and guide families on how to get the most out of Scouting.
Getting Trained to Lead Your Scouts

Leading your Scout’s Cub Scout Den or Pack is a great journey where you will share many lifelong memories. The first step in that journey is to complete training. The main purpose of training is to provide you with the tools you need to put on a quality program for the Scouts and to help you have a fun time leading them. Trained leaders have more fun!

1 // YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Youth Protection Training outlines the policies all Scouting adults must follow in order to protect our Scouts. This training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and must be taken every two years. If a volunteer’s Youth Protection Training expired, their registration will be expired.

2 // VOLUNTEER TRAINING

All Cub Leader Training is available online. Scouting encourages all leaders to complete training within three months of taking on the role to be prepared to deliver a safe, quality program. Visit my.scouting.org to set up an account and begin your training today! Visit AtlantaBSA.org/training for more information.

DID YOU KNOW: 88% OF VOLUNTEERS SAY THEIR TIME INVESTED WITH SCOUTS HELPS THEM TO BE BETTER PARENTS.

Source: Volunteer Outcomes Study
[getting trained continued...]

3 // CUB SCOUT POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

Position specific training is designed to present essential and practical information for Den Leaders and Assistants, Cubmasters and Assistants, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. These instructor-led or online courses are designed to help leaders learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles. Some live courses are designed for Pack parent leader teams, and cover all roles, to better coordinate among leader teams. This course is presented many times a year around the Atlanta Area Council, and just about every weekend in late August through September. Check the Council website training page at AtlantaBSA.org/training for dates. Online versions of all Cub Scout courses may be found at my.scouting.org.

4 // CUB SCOUT CAMPING TRAINING

Be sure to have one or more leaders complete the introductory Outdoor Cub Scout Leader Training, called “BALOO” (for “Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation”), as a BALOO trained leader is required to take a Pack camping. BALOO teaches you how to help new camping families have fun and be safe.

Visit AtlantaBSA.org/Training for more information and the most up-to-date training opportunities.
UPCOMING TRAINING

Your child is going to be a Cub Scout and you said you’d help. Now what? To know what to do when those Scouts show up to their first Den Adventure, attend Cub Leader training!

You, your leaders and all Cub Scout parents are welcome to attend. You’ll see how families play the game of Scouting, how to have exciting den and pack activities, how leaders and families work together for great Cub adventures and learn the resources to further your training. Some of these courses are “Position Specific”, for Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee or all of them. Some are the Outdoor Cub Scout Leader Training or “BALOO” (“Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation”), which is required to take a Pack camping.

Visit atlantabsa.org/training for more information and to sign up.
*Some classes may require a small fee for handouts, course materials, snacks, etc.

CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

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FAMILY TALENT SURVEY

Your Name ________________________________  Your Scout’s first name ________________________________
Your Scout’s Pack number _____________________

[1.] As an adult, I enjoy the following activities (select all that apply).

- Camping
- Carpentry
- Computers
- Cooking Crafts
- Drama
- Sewing
- Electronics
- Games
- Hiking
- Music/Singing
- Nature
- Magic
- Pets
- Fishing
- Science
- Other __________________________

[2.] I can play and/or teach these sports __________________________________________________________

[3.] My career is in:

- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Business
- Communications
- Construction
- Engineering
- Health Care
- Marketing
- Technology
- I do not work outside the home/stay at home parent
- Other __________________________

[4.] Skills that I have that might be beneficial (select all that apply).

- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Building/Construction
- First Aid/Nursing
- Fundraising
- PowerPoint/Excel
- Social Media
- Web Design
- Writing/Public Relations
- Other __________________________

[5.] Skills or assets I have that might be beneficial (select all that apply).

- I have an SUV
- I have a van
- I have a truck
- I have a workshop
- I have family camping gear
- I know others who can help teach Scout skills
- I have access to a cottage/camping property
- I have access to a boat
- Other __________________________

[6.] Please select the description that best fits you.

- I am comfortable working directly with kids, teaching skills and leading activities while keeping their attention (i.e. coach, youth group leader).
- I am more comfortable as a support person, working in the background to serve our organization (i.e. administrative, record keeping, committee volunteer).
- I am equally comfortable in either role.

[7.] Please list your Scouting experience.

- CUB SCOUTS  ○ Youth  ○ Adult Volunteer  EAGLE SCOUT  ○
- SCOUTS BSA  ○ Youth  ○ Adult Volunteer  GIRL SCOUTS  ○ Youth  ○ Adult Volunteer
- VENTURING  ○ Youth  ○ Adult Volunteer  OTHER  ○
- EXPLORING  ○ Youth  ○ Adult Volunteer  If other please list organization __________________

Thank you! We appreciate your time and feedback. Now we are ready to start our adventure!
SCOUT DAYS
AT SUNTRUST PARK

The Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Area Council are proud to partner on two Scout Days at SunTrust Park.

SAT. JUNE 1, 2019
GAME TIME 4:10 PM

SAT. SEPT. 7, 2019
GAME TIME 7:20 PM

All Scouts and Troop Leaders can participate in a pregame parade. Please line up at the Third Base Ramp one hour and thirty minutes before each game.

TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT
groupmatics.events/group/AtlantaBSA

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Ingold at Daniel.Ingold@braves.com.
The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members in all of the BSA Programs: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring and Sea Scouts.

**Tools for Safe Scouting**

The following are some of the many tools that will enrich your life as you dedicate your time, talents and enthusiasm to Scouting.

- Get Youth Protection Trained today! This is required for all registered volunteers to help keep kids safe.
- The Guide to Safe Scouting is the reference guide for Youth Protection and Adult Leadership. You can download your copy at scouting.org/safescouting.
- Be aware. Know the BSA’s policies on Safe Scouting and stay up to date on your training.

**BSA’s Commitment to Safety**

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district and unit levels.

**Barriers to Abuse**

The BSA has adopted several robust policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. Parents and youth using these safeguards outside the Scouting program further increase the safety of their youth. Scout leaders in positions of youth leadership and supervision outside the Scouting program will find these policies help protect youth in those situations as well.
4 // FUNDING YOUR ADVENTURE

IN THIS SECTION // you will learn the opportunities the Atlanta Area Council offers to Scouts to raise funds to help pay for their Scouting experience.

Scouting is one of the most affordable programs for families to take part in. With all the new skills learned, friends made, and fun, it is definitely the best return on your investment. The Scout Law teaches Scouts to be thrifty and earn your own way.

Popcorn

Popcorn is a late summer/early fall fundraiser that helps to pay for camp experiences, registration dues, handbooks and more! Top selling Scouts earn great prizes, are invited to special events and have opportunities to receive college scholarships.

A great benefit of the popcorn sale is that Packs have the ability to fund their entire year’s program through a council supported fundraiser. The Atlanta Area Council does all the pre-work to set up the sale, eliminating the need for your Pack to research opportunities, calculate returns on sales, create sales and promotional material, manage a relationship with the vendor, etc. Additionally, purchasing popcorn as a council reduces the price to each Pack, yielding greater profits for participating Packs. Visit atlantabsa.org/popcorn for more information.

Camp Cards

Camp Cards are discount cards created in partnership with businesses. These cards are sold by Scouts to members of their community. The sale begins in February and ends in April. Each year, the Atlanta Area Council partners with local and national businesses to offer discounts for our Camp Cards. The funds a Scout earns can be used towards Summer Camp or other council activities. For more information, see AtlantaBSA.org/campcards. The Camp Card sale is designed to help Scouts earn funds to offset the cost of their Scouting experience. Past partners have included Waffle House®, Papa John’s®, Great Clips®, Arby’s®, Willy’s® Mexicana Grill, Dick’s Sporting Goods® and more. Take advantage of these partnerships to help your Scouts get to camp. Visit atlantabsa.org/campcards for more information.
Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is the annual campaign where the Atlanta Area Council asks Scouting families, businesses, and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing Scouting programs to tens of thousands of young people in the Atlanta region. Each gift, regardless of size, provides invaluable funding for BSA programs that benefit our Scouts right here in Metro-Atlanta.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO FRIENDS OF SCOUTING?
The Friends of Scouting campaign provides roughly one-quarter of the money needed to support the Atlanta Area Council’s camps, programs, and facilities for a calendar year. These camping and training facilities are the “outdoor classrooms” in which Scouts have fun, learn leadership skills and develop into young adults.

I ALREADY PAID MY CHILD’S REGISTRATION AND THE PACK COLLECTS DUES. HAVEN’T I ALREADY SUPPORTED SCOUTING?
Your child’s registration fee goes directly to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America for national program development. If your Scout’s Pack collects dues, that money stays with the Pack to help pay for trips and other activities. The funds raised through Friends of Scouting helps the Atlanta Area Council pay for things like:

- Maintaining and staffing the Atlanta Area Council’s camp properties and Volunteer Service Center
- Training thousands of adult volunteer leaders in and around Atlanta
- Camp scholarships to local Scouts in need of assistance
- Serving kids just like yours in at-risk areas in and around Atlanta
- Insurance for the Atlanta Area Council and units

MAKE A DONATION ONLINE TODAY
Visit atlantabsa.org/donate to give the gift of Scouting
ALL OFFICIAL UNIFORMS NOW INCLUDED!

SAVE 25%*

on ALL Uniform Tops With Purchase of a Matching Uniform Bottom

SHOP ONLINE & IN-STORE

SHOP YOUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP
Located at the Volunteer Service Center
1800 Circle 75 Pkwy | Atlanta, GA 30339

scoutshop.org | offer valid from 8/19/19 - 10/13/19*
IN THIS SECTION // You will learn who can help you with any questions you may have or who can get you the right information.

Being a volunteer leader is fun, challenging and rewarding, but you don’t have to do it all by yourself. Your Pack, District and Council have many people and resources to give you and your child the best Scouting experience possible.

Who to turn to
The staff at the Atlanta Area Council and your District Executive are always right there with you. If we can’t help, we will help you find someone who can!

Atlanta Area Council
Phone: 770.989.8820
Website: atlantabsa.org

- Information is available 24/7 at AtlantaBSA.org, your District’s website and at My.Scouting.org and Scouting.org. Many Packs have a Pack library that contains the leader books you need, but note that Den Leader Guides, Cub Scout Handbooks and more are available at the Scout Shop.

Publications
- You can find out about national Scouting news and events through Scouting Magazine, which is included with your adult volunteer registration fee.
- Online newsletters are a great source of information. The Atlanta Area Council publishes one each month for news and information on things our leaders need to be in the know about. You can subscribe to the list by visiting atlantabsa.org and filling out the information at the bottom of the home page. Registered leaders will automatically be subscribed.
- Your unit’s publications and updates. Many Packs have their own social media pages to update parents and leaders on news and upcoming events.
- Check out the Atlanta Area Council Facebook page for news, upcoming events and inspiring Scout stories. Follow us at Facebook.com/ATLBoyScouts.

Online Resources
Atlanta Area Council..........................atlantabsa.org
Boy Scouts of America..........................scouting.org
Training and Data..............................my.scouting.org
Bryan on Scouting..............................blog.scoutingmagazine.org
BSA Supply Catalog.........................scoutshop.org
Scouting Magazine............................scoutingmagazine.org
Roles of the District & Council

THE COUNCIL

The Atlanta Area Council is an incorporated local Scouting organization that exists to support volunteers and Chartered Organizations by providing leadership and program support to Scouts and their leaders, through quality program that build young people into our future leaders. The Council is a leading youth organization serving 30,000 youth in 13 counties in Metro-Atlanta. We proudly serve the following counties: Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens and Rockdale.

THE DISTRICT

The Council is divided into smaller service areas called Districts. The purpose of the District is to organize and support local Scout units and their Chartered Organizations. Your District has a team of volunteers called the District Committee which develops quality district-wide programs Scouts can participate in and provides resources for unit leaders and volunteers called “Commissioners” to coach and advise unit leaders individually and at District “Roundtables” to help adult leaders. Each District will have one or more District Executives and/or District Directors, as full-time professionals responsible for supporting volunteer Scout leaders in the District.

Our Mission
The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The Scout Oath
On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout Law
A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.
THE ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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JOIN US!
Scout Day
September 7, 2019
atlantabsa.org/braves