

Scouting America
Glacier's Edge Council



School Night for Scouting

School Night for Scouting Agenda and Script

(FOR EMCEES, REGISTRARS, AND UNIT LEADERS)

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Dear Volunteer:

Welcome to Join Scouting Night!

School Night for Scouting events will be held at more than 100 schools throughout the council, providing boys and girls with the opportunity to join Scouting America. During these events, parents will complete youth membership applications and submit the appropriate registration fees.

Each School Night for Scouting event is led by a **School Night for Scouting Emcee**, who welcomes families, guides them through the registration process, and provides an overview of Cub Scouting. The **School Night for Scouting Registrar** is responsible for collecting completed applications and registration fees, then submitting all required paperwork and payments to the district's School Night for Scouting Report Center or District Executive.

Den Organization Meetings should be held no later than one week after the School Night for Scouting event. During these meetings, new dens are organized, adult volunteers are recruited, and leadership responsibilities are assigned. Before conducting the Den Organization Meeting, existing pack leaders should review the attendance cards to identify potential volunteer leaders, determine how many new Scouts have joined the pack, and assess the number of additional adult leaders needed to support the new dens.

The agenda and presentation script included in this guidebook provide a step-by-step roadmap for conducting a successful School Night for Scouting event. Following this guide will help ensure that every family has a positive experience and that each new Scout begins their journey with a well-organized, enthusiastic pack.

Thank you for your commitment to Scouting. Your time, leadership, and dedication make a lasting difference in the lives of young people and their families across Wisconsin. Together, you are helping build character, develop future leaders, and strengthen communities through the values of Scouting.

Good Luck and Good Scouting!!!

**Jason Mascitti,
Vice President - Membership**

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Materials List

DISTRICT PROVIDES:

1. School Night Scouting Agenda and Script
2. Attendance Cards (to turn in at district report center)
3. Youth & Adult Applications (to turn in at district report center)
4. Scout Life Mini Magazines
5. Welcome to Scouting Information Packet
 - Contents: * New Cub Parent's Guide
 - * Council Event Flyers
 - * Cub Family Weekend campout flyer
 - * Popcorn Order Forms
6. Grade Placement Tents
7. Directional Signs
8. Scholarship Forms
9. Council Giveaways
10. Report Envelopes

UNIT PROVIDES:

1. 40 Pens
2. Calculator (for Registrar)
3. Masking Tape
4. Coins and Currency (to make change)
5. Unit Calendar
6. Money Bag
7. Unit Display including Council Contact Information

SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING AGENDA

Before Sept 3 Write “next meeting information” on each *Parent’s Guide* and *Pack Meeting Information Card*. Complete information on the *Pack Information Poster*.

Sept 3:

5:00 P.M. Arrive at School to set up

5:30 P.M. Complete set up of room (including Unit Display)

See that Scouts are in place to open doors and direct the parents to the meeting room.

As Families Arrive:

Greet them and ask them to sign the attendance sheet

Distribute Scouting Life Mini Magazines and pens

6:00 P.M. Introduce yourself and other leaders and welcome everyone

Have Scouts conduct opening ceremony (Pledge of Allegiance)

Distribute applications and information handout

Follow script

Have parent’s complete applications and submit them to the Registrar with fees.

Collect completed attendance cards

Inform parents of next week’s meeting time and place.

6:30 P.M. Registrar delivers youth applications, fees and attendance sheets to district report center

Welcome to School Night for Scouting Script

We're excited you're here and thank you for joining us this evening.

My name is _____, and I'll be your emcee for tonight's program.

- "Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance."

(Scouts conduct the opening ceremony.)

- "Thank you. Please be seated."
- "How many of you here tonight have ever been involved in Scouting?"

(Pause for a show of hands and take note of those who respond.)

That's wonderful! Whether you're returning to Scouting or learning about Cub Scouts for the very first time, we're glad you're here. For those who are new, I'd like to take a few minutes to explain what Cub Scouting is all about and why it has made a positive difference in the lives of so many young people and their families."

Cub Scouting is a program of Scouting America for boys and girls in grades 1–5. It offers a fun, exciting environment where young people build character, learn new skills, make lasting friendships, and gain confidence through adventure and hands-on activities.

Some of the many benefits of Cub Scouting include:

- Character development
- Citizenship
- Leadership and teamwork
- Family involvement
- Outdoor adventures
- And, above all... **FUN!**

"So, what do parents hope their children will gain from Cub Scouting?"

- A program that brings the family together
- Opportunities for their child to grow and develop
- The chance to learn and master new skills
- And most importantly, they want their child to be happy and enjoy their experiences.

The good news is that Cub Scouting is designed to accomplish all of these goals. Through exciting den and pack meetings, outdoor activities, community service, and the advancement program, Scouts grow while having fun every step of the way.

"Now, if you ask the kids what they want..."

The answer is usually pretty simple; they want to have **FUN!**

And that's exactly what Cub Scouting is all about. We'll have campfires, games, crafts, outdoor adventures, service projects, and plenty of opportunities to make new friends while learning new things.

Our goal tonight is simple: to complete and submit your Cub Scout application so your family can begin enjoying all that Cub Scouting has to offer.

Once everyone is registered, we'll be ready for our first official Cub Scout meeting, which will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026**, at the **Wall Family Service Center, 5846 Manufacturers Dr., Madison, WI 53704**. The meeting will begin promptly at **6:00 p.m.**

We also ask that each family complete and return the **Attendance Card** included in your information packet before leaving tonight. Your responses will help our volunteer leaders identify the talents, skills, and interests within our pack, making it easier to plan activities and provide the best possible program throughout the year.

"It's now time to fill out and turn in your Cub Scout Applications." Please remember that in addition to the child's name, address, and telephone information, we must have your son's birthday and your parental signature (located on the bottom right corner of the application) to process his registration.

The usual yearly fee for Scouting is \$205.00 for registration and \$15.00 for Scouting Life Magazine.

However, the Glacier's Edge Council has a special \$120 offer for each youth that signs up tonight. This \$120 fee includes your child's registration fee and a subscription to Scouting Life magazine!

If you are paying by check, you can make the check out to Scouting of America.

After completing your application, please turn it in to our Join Scouting Night Registrar, **Mr./Mrs. _____**, who will be happy to assist you with the registration process.

Once you have submitted your paperwork you are free to leave.

Don't forget! Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 1**, at the **Wall Family Service Center, 5846 Manufacturers Dr., Madison, WI 53704**. The meeting begins promptly at **6:00 p.m.**

We hope to see every one of you there as we kick off a fun and exciting year of Cub Scouting!

"Thank you for coming tonight, and we'll see you next Thursday!"