



Cub Scout Pack 957 Information Night Presentation

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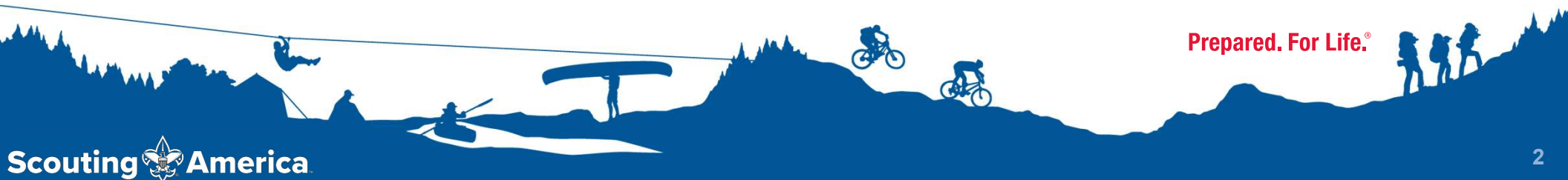
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History of Cub Scouts

- In 1907, Lord Robert Baden-Powell officially founds the Scouting movement in the UK. In August 1907, he held a camp on Brownsea Island with 20 scouts to test his idea.
- In 1916, the “Wolf Cubs” program was started. The theme of both names actually stem from the Jungle Book! It took a while for Cub Scouting to become what we know it as today since many of the ranks — such as Bobcat and Tiger — weren’t introduced until much later.
- In 1920, The BSA is founded in America by William D. Boyce and is modeled after Scouting in the UK
- In 1930 Cub Scouting in the US was founded.



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Scouting America

THE SCOUTING PROGRAMS



Cub Scouts

Grades K-5



Scouts BSA

Ages 11-17



Venturing

Ages 14-20



Sea Scouts

Ages 14-20



Exploring

Ages 10-20

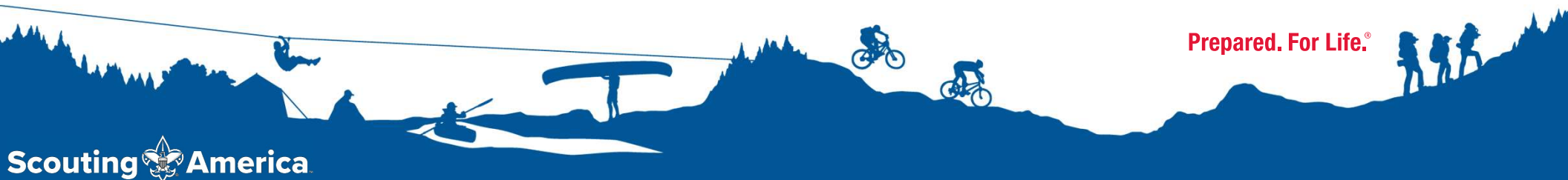


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The Mission

The mission of the Scouting 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.



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The Aims and Methods

The Aims of Scouting are:

- Character
- Citizenship
- Personal Fitness
- Leadership

To a Cub Scout, the primary aim is **FUN**.



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Methods of Cub Scouting

LIVING THE IDEALS

Cub Scouting's values are embedded in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Cub Scout motto, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, and salute. These practices help establish and reinforce the program's values in Scouts and the leaders who guide them.



BELONGING TO A DEN

The den is ideally a group of six to eight children who are in the same grade. It is the place where Cub Scouting starts. In the den, Cub Scouts develop new skills and interests, practice sportsmanship and good citizenship, and learn to do their best, not just for themselves but for the den as well.



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ADVANCEMENT

Recognition is important to everyone. The advancement plan provides fun for the Scouts, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding as adult family members and their den leader work with them on advancement projects.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Whether a Cub Scout lives with two parents or one, a foster family, or other relatives, their family is an important part of Cub Scouting. Parents and adult family members provide leadership and support for Cub Scouting and help ensure that Scouts have a good experience in the program.





ACTIVITIES

Cub Scouts participate in a huge array of activities, including games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and service projects. Besides being fun, these activities offer opportunities for growth, achievement, and family involvement.



SERVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Cub Scouting focuses on the home and neighborhood. It helps Scouts strengthen connections to their local communities, which in turn supports their growth and development.



UNIFORM

Cub Scout uniforms serve a dual purpose, demonstrating that a Scout is part of a team and showing individual achievement (Scouts wear the badges they've earned). Wearing the uniform to meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, and good behavior.



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Organization

- **Scouting America**

- <https://www.scouting.org/>
- National Organization

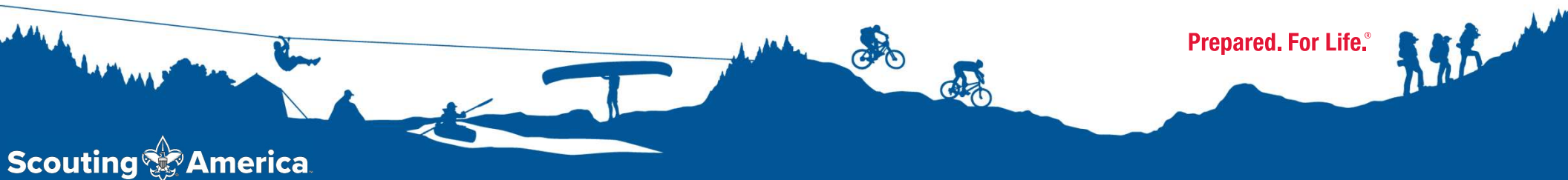


- **Sam Houston Area Council**

- <https://shacbsa.org/>
- Serves approximately 25,000 youth in 16 counties in Southeast Texas

- **San Jacinto District**

- <https://shacbsa.org/san-jacinto>
- Serves Scouting units in Clear Creek ISD, Deer Park ISD, La Porte ISD, and Pasadena ISD area.





Pack Organization

Pack 957 (The Pack)

- Our Cub Scout Program is chartered by the University Baptist Church (UBC), and the program is not secular.
- Boys & girls, K-5th grades, from BWE and surrounding schools
- Currently 6 Dens

Multiple Dens (within Pack 957)

- By Grade (each Den works on that rank level requirements)
- A Den is about 8-13 Cub Scouts from a single grade





What do Cub Scouts Do?

Pack Meetings: 1 per month

Den Meetings:

- **Lion Den – 1 per month**
- **Other Dens – 2-3 per month**

Camping trips – 3 per year (optional)

- **Fall Campout (Camp Bovay)**
- **Winter Field Trip (USS Lexington)**
- **Spring Campout (Challenger Park)**

Annual Events:

- **Pinewood Derby**
- **Raingutter Regatta**
- **Blue & Gold Banquet**
- **Trail to Troop**
- **AOL Ceremony**



Camping



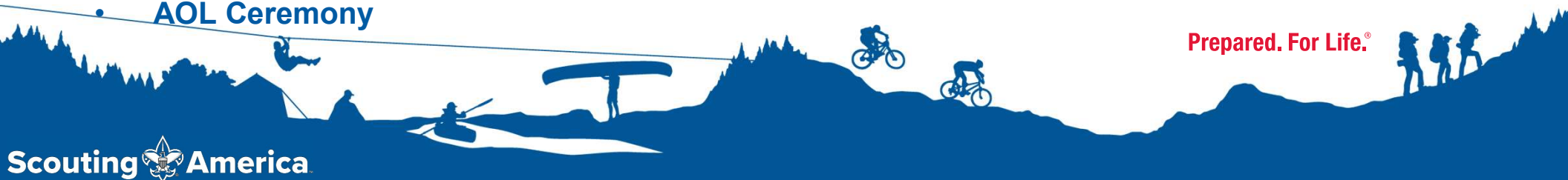
Overnight Field Trips



Advancement



Pinewood Derby





Volunteers Make Cub Scouting Work!

Cub Scouting is a Family Program. All leaders are Volunteers and have Children in the Pack.

All registered leaders go through YPT training, background checks, and are “required reporters”.

- Cubmaster –Carries out Pack program. Runs monthly pack meeting.
- Committee Chair – Coordinates pack committee activities and helps plan pack program.
- Den Leader – Leads den meetings and coordinates den activities.



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Role of Parents

- ♣ Support den and pack activities
- ♣ Help with home assignments
- ♣ Encourage advancement
- ♣ Note advancement progress in handbook

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Recognition: Adventure Loops & Pins

♣ Adventure belt loops – Lion, Tiger, Wolf & Bear



♣ Adventure pins – Webelos & Arrow of Light



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Costs of Cub Scouting - Fees

- **New Scouts pay during registration \approx \$115**
 - Membership for 12 months
- **Annual renewal online \approx \$89**
- **Pack dues = \$65 per calendar year**
 - No fee for new joiners in the Sep-Dec recruiting period
 - Due in December for the next calendar year
- **The best investment you will EVER make in your child**

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Costs of Cub Scouting Uniforms

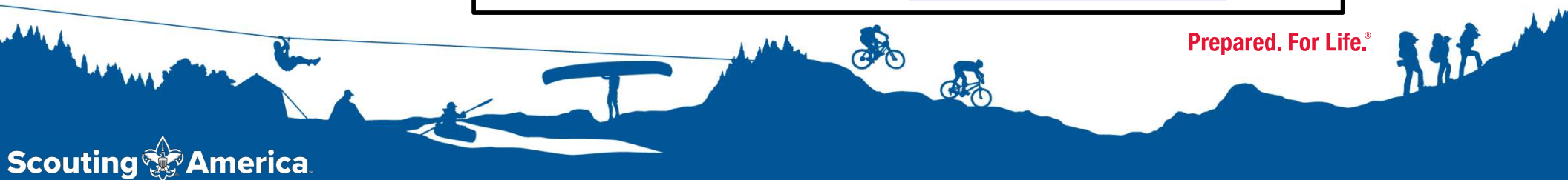
Lions (Kindergarten)

- You will need to purchase the Lion T-shirt, blue shorts, blue belt
- The Pack will provide the neckerchief and slide
- Optional socks, hat, etc.
- Total Cost \approx \$15 + \$13 for handbook



Any Scout Shop can sell and sew uniforms, the closest is the [Houston Scout Shop](#) (NW Loop 610), 713-865-5190, and online www.scoutshop.org

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Costs of Cub Scouting Uniforms

Tiger/Wolf/Bear (1st-4th grades)

- You will need to purchase the Class A uniform: blue shirt with patches (world crest & ring, SHAC patch, 957, DEN #), shorts/skort/pants, belt, and the handbook
- Optional socks, hat, etc.
- The Pack will provide:
 - Neckerchief and slide
 - All badge awards and achievement belt devices
 - Class B T-shirt (Tigers & new joiners)

Total Cost ≈ \$90-115 + \$24 for handbook



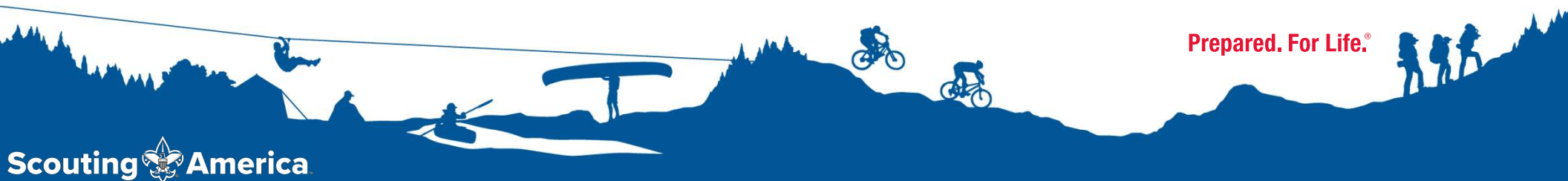


Costs of Cub Scouting Uniforms

AOL Den (5th grade)

- You will need to purchase the Class A uniform: tan shirt with patches (world crest & ring, SHAC patch, red 957), green shorts/skort/pants, green belt, green socks, and the AOL handbook
- The Pack will provide:
 - Neckerchief and slide
 - All badge awards, webelos colors, and achievement pins
 - Class B T-shirt (new joiners)

Total Cost ≈ \$90-115 + \$24 for handbook

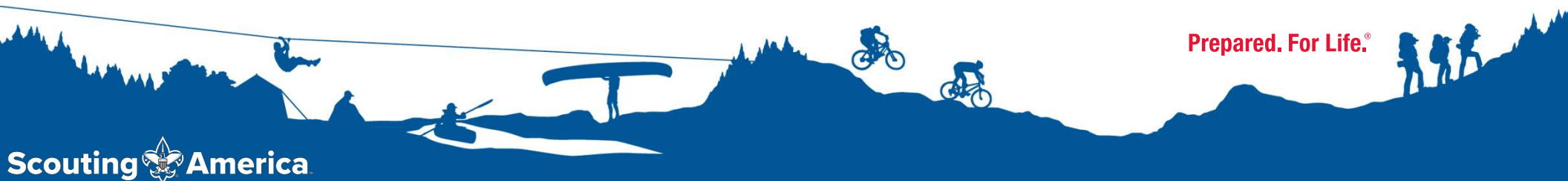




Financial Assistance & Scholarships

We do not let costs be the barrier to joining and fully participating

- SHAC & Pack 957 both have scholarships available to cover the registration fees and the dues
- SHAC & Pack 957 both have an established Uniform Exchange program
 - SHAC Uniform Exchange: <https://shacbsa.org/uniform-exchange>
- "Scouts Helping Scouts" program, with the support of fellow Scouters, offers assistance to Scouts who would not otherwise be able to purchase a uniform. The generosity of Scouts and Scouters across the council enables many Sam Houston Area Council Scouts, who might otherwise not be able to do so, to wear uniforms."











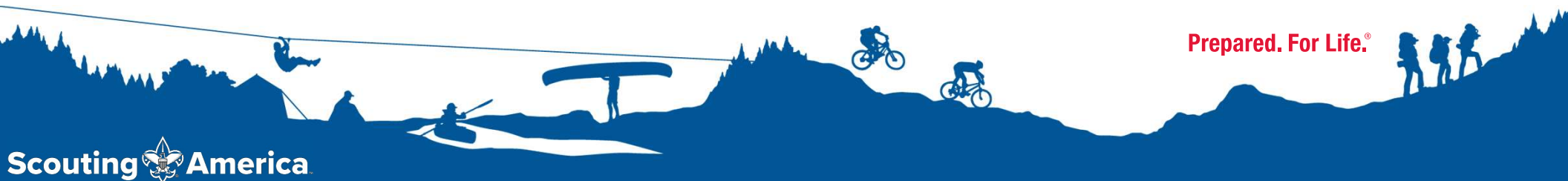


Scout Book

When are my Den meetings?

- Determined by the Den Leader based on the best fit day/time for the most parents
- Option to split into multiple dens if there is a schedule conflict, or size issue
- Worst Case scenario: There are other Packs in the area that can suite your schedule

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|  | LEADERS: 11 | SCOUTS: 52 |
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| Dens (7) | | |
|  | Lion Den 7 | ✓ SCOUTS: 5 |
|  | Tiger Den 3 | ✓ SCOUTS: 8 |
|  | Wolf Den 1 | ✓ SCOUTS: 10 |
|  | Bear Den 8 | ✓ SCOUTS: 11 |
|  | Webelos Den 5 | ✓ SCOUTS: 8 |
|  | Webelos Den AOL | ✓ SCOUTS: 7 |



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What's Next?

- First, make sure you have given me your contact information!

Use the blue QR Code →

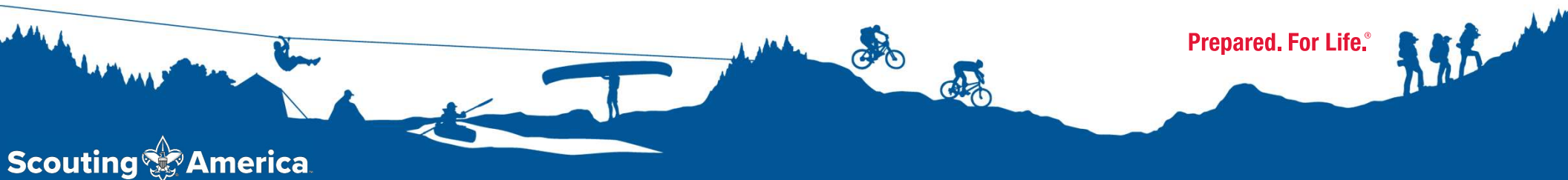
- Check out our website: www.pack957.org
- Grab a copy of the Pack Calendar!
- Attend our first Pack Meeting on Monday, September 8,
6:00 PM, here at the BWE Cafeteria
- Contact your Den Leader and attend your first Den Meeting
- [Register for membership!](#) Use black QR Code →
- Welcome New Cub Scout Families Handout:

https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/512-73523WelcomeNewCSFamily_WEB.pdf

- Questions?



MORE INFO



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