

## Cub Scout vs. Boy Scout Comparison Overview

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**TROOP 727 - BURLINGTON, KY**

	<b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b>
<b>Ideals</b>	Spelled out in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, Motto, and Slogan	Spelled out in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, Motto, and Slogan
<b>Structure</b>	Each boy participates in a Den with boys of similar rank. The Dens belong to a Pack	Boys all belong to one Troop, but are assigned to a Patrol, a small group of boys close in age.
<b>Leadership</b>	The Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Parents	The boys lead the Troop under the guidance of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, and Parents.
Boy Leaders	None	Each Patrol is led by a boy who has been elected by the Patrol members. He is the "Patrol Leader" for that Patrol. Within the Patrol, the boys may also have other appointed positions, such as Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, etc. The Troop is led by the "Senior Patrol Leader" who has been elected by the other boys in the Troop. He is assisted by the "Senior Patrol," which is made up of boys of advanced rank or age, and the Patrol Leaders from each Patrol in the Troop.
Association with Adults	The adults plan and run all activities. The boys look to adults to structure and direct activities.	Activities are Scout-led with adults modeling behavior and encouraging the Scouts. Additional assistance may be given, based on the capabilities of the Scout in the planning of activities.
<b>Parent Involvement</b>	The parents are expected to assist the Pack with planning or helping with at least one activity or event annually. They may also take a leadership role in the Pack or Den.	The Parents are expected to continuously assist the Troop by supporting the boys and participating in those tasks that the boys cannot do. This may include transportation to or from an activity, shopping for a trip, or chaperoning a trip. It also may include assisting with fund raisers (finance and organization) and coordinating special events. It is expected that each family take an active role in the Troop.

<b>Advancement</b>	Cub Scouts rely on their Den leaders and parents to plan and assist with all advancement activities. Completed achievements are signed by either the Den leader or parent.	The individual Boy Scout plans his own advancement and progresses at his own pace. With encouragement of adult leaders, he learns from his peers, or seeks out on his own the skills and knowledge needed to advance. Rank requirements are only signed by leaders after the Scout completes them and requests that they be signed. Parents can not request the book be signed. Boys learn to follow the Chain of Command, directing their questions to their Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.
Ranks	Based solely on age or grade. Boys move up in rank the following program year whether or not they earn the rank for that age. The levels are Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos I, and Webelos II (Arrow of Light). Bobcat is the first rank earned, as boys first join Cub Scouts at any rank level at or above the Tiger rank.	Attaining the next rank is dependent on the Scout earning the previous rank. A Scout cannot advance to the next level until all activities are completed in the lower rank. The ranks are Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd class, 1st class, Star, Life, and Eagle. Eagle Palms may also be earned following earning the Eagle rank.
Merit Badges	None	Earned by Scouts after demonstrating the knowledge or skill in a specific subject to an adult merit badge counselor. There are some required merit badges that must be earned to advance to Star, Life, and Eagle ranks.
<b>Outdoor Programs</b>	Dens are limited in the type of activities they can pursue based on age of the Cub Scouts. Overnight camping is mainly limited to Council or Pack sponsored events. Parents are required to camp with their Cub Scout.	Monthly camping trips, as well as additional outdoor day activities organized by the Scout leaders of the Troop. Much of the program involves activities that can only be done in the outdoors (conservation, ecology, pioneering, orienteering, etc.) There are many opportunities for week long camping in the summer. Parents are encouraged to camp with the Troop, but must pitch their tents away from those of the Boy Scouts.
<b>Uniform</b>	Blue Cub Scout shirt and pants with a neckerchief reflective of the boys rank. Worn at Pack meetings and most Den meetings. Boy Scout shirt may be worn by Webelos Scouts.	Boy Scout Khaki shirt is required. The official BSA pants/shorts are highly encouraged, as are the belt and socks. The Troop will supply a neckerchief and slide when the scout reaches the Tenderfoot rank. The uniform is worn at specific Troop meetings and events. The standard Boy Scout uniform is referred to as "Class A." Also, a red Troop t-shirt, referred to as "Class B," is worn at camping and other activities.

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