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Your child is part of a grade-specific den which:
- Has five to nine youth
- Meets 2-3 times each month in den meetings and once a month with the entire pack (all grades)
- Is led by a den leader (usually a parent), assisted by an assistant den leader and possibly a den chief
- Participates in various outings / field trips
- Includes STEM programming, outdoor adventures and ceremonies

Dens are based on grade level:
- **LIONS (KINDERGARTEN)**: This one-on-one program requires an adult partner for every activity as they complete five required adventures and one elective.
- **TIGERS (1ST GRADE)**: This one-on-one program also requires an adult partner for every activity as they complete six required adventures and one elective.
- **WOLVES (2ND GRADE) & BEARS (3RD GRADE)**: Each rank is earned by completing six required adventures and one elective.
- **WEBELOS (4TH GRADE)**: This rank is earned by completing five required adventures and two electives.
- **ARROW OF LIGHT (5TH GRADE)**: Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting and helps prepare for the transition to Scouts BSA — Earned by completing four required adventures and three electives. The majority of achievements and advancements are completed through den meetings. Don't worry if you have to miss a meeting. Your den leader will support the completion of activities at home and, regardless of achievements, your child will progress to the next rank with the peers in their grade level. For further information on the activities and advancements visit www.sagamorebsa.org.

**BUY A SHIRT AND PANTS/SHORTS, GET 25% OFF OF THE SHIRT.**

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Lions (kindergarten) will purchase their program book and t-shirt as a set. This Lions t-shirt will serve as their uniform for the year. They do not need to purchase the formal Cub Scout Uniform, known as Class A’s, until their Tiger year.

**YOUR PACK IS RUN BY THE PACK COMMITTEE:**

- Made up of volunteer den leaders, pack leaders, and parents
- The committee, led by the committee chairman, meets once a month or more often if needed
- The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, recognizes leaders, and plans activities

**TRAINING**

- Printed resources
- Position-specific training
- Youth protection
- Youth protection

**ADVANCEMENT**

- Awards & badges
- Connecting effort & success
- Recognition
- Celebrating achievement & building self-confidence

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

- Attend the pack's parent orientation
- Register tonight
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It takes EVERYONE's involvement to provide the best program possible. Be sure to ask your leaders how you can help! As parents we have such a short time to make an impact on our child, so make it count...enjoy the adventure together!