

Den Chief



Who can be a Den Chief?

- A registered member of Scouts BSA, Venturer, or Sea Scout
- Both young men and young women serve as Den Chiefs. There are no gender restrictions for Den Chiefs in boy only or girl only dens. Any qualified Venturer (young woman or young man) may be a Den Chief for either boys or girls



Why be a Den Chief?

- The Den Chief is a leadership position
- Den Chief meets the leadership requirements for Scouts BSA rank advancement
- Star rank requires four months of leadership
- Life and Eagle require six months of leadership



What are Den Chief Qualifications?

- A registered member of Scouts BSA, Venturer, or Sea Scout
- Selected by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Skipper to help serve a Cub Scout den
- Approved by the Cubmaster and pack committee to the den leader
- Complete Den Chief Training to be considered fully-trained



Den Chief Role: Help Scouts Achieve Purposes of Cub Scouting

- **Character development** – learning to be a worthy person.
- **Spiritual growth** – coming to understand your relationship with God.
- **Good citizenship** – obeying the law and helping out in the community.
- **Sportsmanship and fitness** – playing fair and taking care of your body.
- **Family understanding** – all families are different, knowing how yours works is very important.
- **Respectful relationships** – every single human being deserves respect.
- **Personal achievement** – trying your best at all times is one way to make it to your goals.
- **Friendly service** – help others at all times with a smile.
- **Fun and adventure** – good times are what make life exciting.
- **Preparation for the Boy Scouts** – help den members understand why it is great to be a Boy Scout.

What is a Den Chief? What does he/she do?

- The Den Chief is the activities assistant for a Cub Scout or Webelos den
 - Reviews den and pack meeting plans with the adult leadership
 - Helps lead den meetings
 - Help lead activities, games and ceremonies
 - Helps the den with its part(s) of the pack meetings
 - Helps out however he can
- Knows the purposes of Cub Scouting
 - Helps Cub Scouts achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting
 - Helps prepare boys join Scouts BSA
 - Knows the importance of monthly theme and meeting plans



What is a Den Chief? What does he/she do?

- Serves as a role model for the den and pack
 - Projects a positive image of Scouts BSA
 - Encourages advancement to Webelos Scouts and Scouts BSA
 - Is a friend to the boys in the den
 - Lives by the Scout Oath and Law
 - Shows Scout Spirit
- Receives training and guidance from the pack leadership (Den Leader, Cubmaster, etc.)
 - Activity training and preparation
 - Feedback



Den Chief Pledge

" I promise to help the scouts in my den to the best of my ability, to encourage, guide, and protect them in all den and pack activities, and show them by my example what Boy Scouts of America stands for.

I will strive to be prompt and dependable, and to cooperate with the leaders in carrying out the den program.

As each boy becomes eligible to move along the Cub Scouting trail (earning the Bobcat, Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos badge, or the Arrow of Light), I will encourage him and do all in my power to interest him in someday becoming a Scout. "





Den Leader Do's

- Become familiar with the Den Chief's job description and award requirements
- Treat the Den Chief as a young leader; a peer
- Make the Den Chief feel wanted. Include in planning
- Be specific about their responsibilities for each activity
- Be a mentor
- Give some latitude. Let them lead whenever possible
- Help the Den Chief to get trained
 - Give your Den Chief the Den Chief Handbook and look through it together. Inform your Den Chief of available training.
 - Sign your Den Chief's Handbook in the Service Record sections when the specific requirements have been completed
- Encourage participation in all den and pack activities
 - Take your Den Chief with you to Cub Scout camps!
 - Obtain a copy of your Den Chief's BSA health and medical forms to take on field trips with your den and your Den Chief. [Medical Form parts A and B]
- Recognize such as Den Chief Service Award



Den Leader Don'ts

Do not treat or expect a Den Chief to be:

- another Cub Scout
- an older Cub Scout
- a denner
- a babysitter
- a gofer
- an adult leader
- the assistant leader
- the disciplinarian

Insignia

Troop

The Scoutmaster, Advisor, or Skipper provides the Den Chief's patch to wear on the left shoulder of the uniform



Pack

The Cubmaster or the Den Leader provides the Den Chief's leadership shoulder cord

After one year of service and the completion of other project tasks, Den Chiefs may earn the **Den Chief Service Award**, which may be permanently worn by the Den Chief until he turns 18

