

# CUB SCOUT

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Since its origin, the program of the Boy Scouts of America has been an educational experience concerned with values. In 1910, the first Scouting activities were designed to build character, physical fitness, practical skills, and service. These elements were a part of the original Cub Scouting program and continue to be part of Cub Scouting today.

Since character development should extend into every aspect of a boy's life, so should character development extend into every aspect of Cub Scouting. Den leaders and pack leaders should strive to use Cub Scouting's **twelve core values** throughout all elements of the program—service projects, ceremonies, games, skits, songs, crafts, and all the other activities enjoyed at den and pack meetings.

Program support for ideas will be available through **Cub Scout Program Helps** and at your monthly roundtable meetings.



### Cub Scouting's Twelve Core Values

**1. Citizenship:**

Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.

**2. Compassion:**

Having consideration and concern for the well-being of others.

**3. Cooperation:**

Working together with others toward a common goal.

**4. Courage:**

Doing what is right regardless of its difficulty or the consequences.

**5. Faith:**

Having inner strength or confidence based on our trust in a higher power.

**6. Health and Fitness:**

Making a personal commitment to care for our minds and bodies.

**7. Honesty:**

Telling the truth and being a person worthy of trust.

**8. Perseverance:**

Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it's difficult.

**9. Positive Attitude:**

Setting one's mind to look and find the best in all situations.

**10. Resourcefulness:**

Using human and material resources to their fullest.

**11. Respect:**

Showing regard for the worth of someone or something.

**12. Responsibility:**

Fulfilling our duty to take care of ourselves and others.

➤ Core values are the basis of good character development.

➤ Character must be broadly defined to include thinking, feeling, and behavior.

➤ Core values should be promoted throughout all phases of life.



***Character can be defined as the collection of core values possessed by an individual.***

***Character development refers to the processes by which these values are learned.***