

FAMILY PROGRAM UPDATE



Are you wondering what having **girls in Cub Scouts** is going to mean to your Den and Pack? You're not alone. Mid-Iowa Council is hosting two meetings in April help answer that question and many others.

Also, if your Pack has planned a **robust summer program** and would like to invite girls to join, then this meeting is vital for you to attend. Packs participating in Twilight/Day Camp, Council Resident Camp (Camp Akela) or plan to earn the Summertime Pack Award **can have girls join starting June 1st**.

Since it's very important new members enjoy an action-packed program immediately after joining, all other Packs must wait until their **School Night for Scouting** event this fall. Packs without summer programs have a higher drop-out rate than the Packs with summer programs.

- **What:** Serving the full Family orientation meeting
- **When:** Monday, April 2, 2018 – 7:00 pm
or
Saturday, April 7, 2018- 10:00 am
- **Where:** Maytag Scout Center, 6123 Scout Trail, Des Moines, IA 50131
- **Online:** Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Facebook Live: Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scouts

https://www.facebook.com/Mid-Iowa-Council-Boy-Scouts-141565645854740/?ref=br_rs

GoTo Meeting: Family Program

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/737449325>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 737-449-325

- **Who:** Scouters wanting to learn more about the Family Scouting Program
- **Cost:** None



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Thank you for your support of young people through the Boy Scouts of America. Scouting is undergoing some major program changes. We wanted to make sure you were aware of these changes and had opportunity for input regarding some of these decisions. It is important to remember that human nature is often uncomfortable with change, but we must remember our primary focus to develop our youth remains unwavering.

With that in mind, we will be expanding our Cub Scout membership to serve the whole family including interested young girls starting this fall. This change was driven by our Scouting families asking why our quality program could not be offered to the girls who were often sitting next to the boys at the same meetings and outings.

Each Organization that charters a Cub Scout Pack has a voice in this process. We need to know if you desire to include young girls in your units or wish to remain boys only. Boy Scouting units will need to make the same decision as girls will be able to join in 2019.

I am asking each charter organization or their Scouting leadership to contact us by March 23, 2018 with your Charter Organization's unit Cub Scout decision. If we have not heard from you by August 1st, 2018 we will assume you will enroll girls.

Mid-Iowa Council, 515-266-2135 or email midiowa.councilbsa@scouting.org

To aid in this transition, we have a few events planned:

Information meetings for Packs desiring to include girls in their summer camping plans are on:

Monday, April 2nd at 7PM or Saturday, April 7th at 10AM

Both meetings are held at the Maytag Scout Center in Des Moines

A Girls' Open House for Cub Scouts

Saturday, May 19th from 10AM-2PM

at the Maytag Scout Center

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours in Scouting,

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