

BSA Statement Regarding the Integration of the Lion Program into the Cub Scout Program

Recognizing the success of the national Lion pilot program, the Boy Scouts of America's Board of Directors have approved integrating Lions into the Cub Scout program empowering chartered partners with packs to offer the experience to Kindergarten-age children nationwide. Integrating the national Lion pilot into the Cub Scout program enables chartered partners, along with the adult leadership in the pack, to offer the program to Kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

Q: Why did the BSA make this decision?

To achieve our mission, we create innovative programs and evolve existing ones that respond to the needs of today's families and deliver them through dedicated community partners and volunteers across the nation. Integrating the national Lion pilot into the Cub Scout program enables units to offer the program to Kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.



Q: When does the integration of Lion into the Cub Scout program take effect?

The decision to integrate Lions into the Cub Scout program will take effect for the 2018-19 program year.

Q: What does this mean for my unit?

The decision means that units no longer need to be pre-approved by the council to offer Lions. Moving forward, Lions will be part of the Cub Scout program, just like the other ranks that unit offer.

Q: When will the new Lion materials be available?

In addition to the t-shirt and hat that are now available, the new Lion materials, including the Lion Adventure Loops, neckerchief and slide, will be available in late summer for the fall recruitment season.

Q: Will Lion Guides now be called Den Leaders?

Yes, the name of adult leader was changed to align with the rest of the Cub Scout program; however, den leaders still facilitate and engage the families to each take turns in leading a den meeting and outing.

Q: Will the Lion uniform change so that they wear the blue Cub Scout uniform shirt?

No. The Lions uniform will be the Lion t-shirt, hat, and belt, with a neckerchief and slide optional after the completion of the 'Gizmos and Gadgets' adventure.

Q: Do Lions now earn Bobcat first before they work on their rank?

No. Lions work on their Lion first. When they become a Tiger they then begin to work on their Bobcat.

Q: What will the Lions be able to earn in the program?

Throughout their experience, Lions can earn adventure loops, the neckerchief and the Lion rank patch, which is to be worn on the front upper left-hand side of the t-shirt. When Lions cross over into Tigers they may wear the patch on the bottom of the left-hand side pocket.

Q: Can Lions do overnight camping?

Lions can participate in family camping with their pack.