



The Lion Pilot

*Boy Scouts of America's pilot program
for Kindergarten-age boys*



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- The Lion pilot program was created by the Boy Scouts of America to address the needs of Kindergarten-age boys
 - Youth must be 5 years old by September 1 to participate
- Councils must apply to become a pilot site for Fall 2016
- The Lion pilot is the only approved pilot for Kindergarten-age boys



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Overview

The Lion pilot offers Kindergarten-age boys, and their adult partners, an experience that includes.....

- Games with a purpose
- Active and fast-paced excitement
- Hands-on exploration
- Values-based and relevant content
- Focused time together as a family



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Basic Structure

- Dens of 6-8 boys plus adult partners
 - Lion Guides provide support and leadership
- Dens will meet twice per month
 - Den meeting
 - Outing
 - Field trips
 - Participation in a couple of pack meetings



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Scouting

Scouting is designed to provide a fun adventure for boys that helps them.....

- Build character
- Foster citizenship
- Develop personal fitness
- Develop leadership skills
- Participate in outdoor activities



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- The Lion pilot encourages boys to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities
- Each adult partner takes a turn at leading a den meeting or outing during the year, under the guidance of a Lion Guide
 - The Lion Guide is an experienced Cub Scout leader
- Most meetings and outings are approximately 45-min. in length



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Recognition

- Boys are recognized for each “adventure” they complete with an adventure sticker for their activity book
- The Lion badge is earned by completing five required adventures
- Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings



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Adventures

Required Adventures

Lion's Honor

Fun on the Run

Animal Kingdom

Mountain Lion

King of the Jungle

Elective Adventures

I'll Do It Myself

Pick My Path

Gizmos and Gadgets

On Your Mark

Build It Up, Knock It Down

Rumble in the Jungle

Ready, Set, Grow

- The Lion badge is earned by completing all 5 required adventures
- The order of elective adventures are completed at the discretion of the den



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Leadership

- Adult partners
 - Adults who participate with a Lion Scout
 - Take turns leading a den meeting or outing
- Lion Guides
 - Oversees the den
 - Communicates with participating families
 - Leads initial den meetings or outings
 - Mentors adult partners as they lead den meetings and outings during the year



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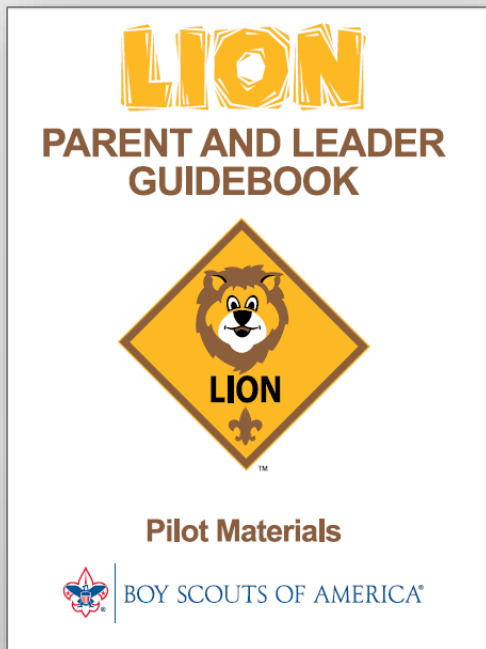
Adventure Book & Uniform

- The youth “Adventure Book” is designed as a memory or keepsake book
- The uniform is a Lion t-shirt and an optional cap
- Adults are encouraged to wear a Cub Scout activity shirt or follow the associated pack’s uniform custom



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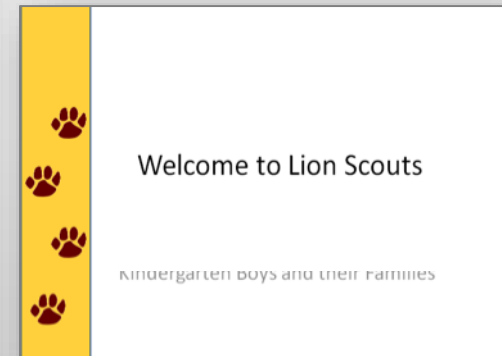
Parent/Leader Resources



Den Meeting and
Outing Plans



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Overview



Training for
Lion Guides
(May 2016)



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Pilot Development

- Program materials were developed based on the input and experience of early pilot councils, then further enhanced by the National Service Center
- The team included experts in child development, curriculum design, and education...working in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America
- Many of the developers also worked on the new Cub Scout curriculum and are active Scouting volunteers



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Pilot Evaluation

- The pilot program will be assessed and evaluated throughout the year
- Feedback will be requested from:
 - Parents
 - Lion Guides
 - Cubmasters
 - Councils
- For the pilot to be valid, it is important to deliver the curriculum and program as written



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Parent Perspective

- Be a hero to your son...
- Get to know your son's friends and their families
- Participate with your son
- Build memories for a lifetime
- Take responsibility for leading one adventure and/or outing for the Den

An adult partner is required at all Lion den meetings, outings, and events



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Getting Started

- Leaders are recruited and trained beginning May 2016
- Lions are recruited and begin program Fall 2016
- Adult Partner completes youth application and submits fees to pack
- Lion guide completes adult application and submits fees to pack
- Lion guide completes required YPT
Youth Protection Training is free online and available at www.Scouting.org/Training/youthprotection.aspx



Although YPT is required only for Lion Guides, it is suggested that all adult partners complete that training



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Council Next Steps

- Obtain an application by sending an email to pilots@scouting.org
- Submit completed application to your Area Director
- Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted
- No deadline, although it is suggested to submit an application soon in order to allow for sufficient preparation of materials and Fall recruitment
- Notifications to councils will be sent as determinations are made



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Questions



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