

## Fox Island's Cub Scout Pack 27 Lion Cub Program For Kindergartners



The Lion Cub program is a new Scouting program for Kindergarten boys and girls. Like all Scouting programs, it weaves the concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness, and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun.

The activities introduce the family to Cub Scouting, and provide an exciting way for the little guys & girls to explore the world around them. The program will fuel their imagination, creativity and fun as they experience the growth Scouting can provide.

At the end of the kindergarten year, Lions will “graduate” into Cub Scouting as a Tiger – where even more fun and adventure will await!

Pack 27 was among the first in the Pacific Harbors Council to introduce the Lion Cub program in Fall 2016.

### **What is the structure of the Lion Cub program?**

- Very similar to Tiger Cubs
- Adults must accompany Lion cubs to all meetings and events
- Shared leadership at meetings
- Meet once or twice a month and attend pack meeting each month
- Instant recognition
- Meeting format: gathering, opening, sharing, activity, closing

### **How does the Lion Cub program work?**

A group or family of Lions is referred to as a den. Your unit’s Lion Den will be comprised of youth/adult teams. Girls will be in separate dens from the boys. In order to participate and adult who is 18 or older must accompany all Lion cubs to all activities and meetings. The program is designed to encourage parent/adult participation and leadership.

A Den Leader is provided by the Pack to act in a supervisory and organizational capacity. The Den Leader is not expected to conduct meetings but rather assist the Lion parents/adults in doing so.

### **Do Lions get badges and pins and awards?**

Lion Cubs receive instant recognition for having done their best in a den activity. Participation and attendance at scheduled pack events. Lion Cub is not a rank. All recognition is based upon participation, not performance. We are building self-esteem, confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

Lions earn stickers, not adventure loops (belt loops) as they will do in Cub Scouting. Additionally, Lions will be led by parents filling the role of "Lion Guides" and will meet as dens of six to eight kindergarten-age boys and girls.

### **Lion Adventures**

"Adventures" (themed sets of activities and experiences) will assist Lion families in exploring the world around them. As they complete the requirements for each adventure, Lions will earn an adventure sticker to be placed in their Lion Adventure Book.

#### **Lion Adventures:**

Lion's Honor	Pick My Path	Fun on the Run
Gizmos and Gadgets	Animal Kingdom	On Your Mark
Mountain Lion	I'll Do It Myself	Ready, Set, Grow
King of the Jungle	Rumble in the Jungle	Build It Up, Knock It Down

### **Uniforms**

Lions will wear their own approved uniform, a Lion Cub t-shirt! It is available in Scout Shops to help the Lions feel unique and special. Lions should not wear the Cub Scout uniform until they are old enough to officially transition into Cub Scouting as a Tiger.

### **How Often Does a Lion Den Meet?**

Lion Dens meet twice a month, once for a Lion Den meeting and again at the Pack meeting. The meetings are held at the Nichols Community Center, at 690 9th Ave, Fox Island, WA.

There are seven themes or units in the program that may be completed before June. From opening to closing a Lion Meeting should last between 45 minutes and in some cases up to 60 minutes.

### **Girls and Lion Cubs**

Through a new initiative with the BSA, Kindergarten girls will be able to join Lion Cubs in 2018. Actual start dates have yet to be announced, but it is believed the program will begin in the Spring of 2018.

### **Find out more about joining Lion Cubs in Pack 27:**

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