

SCOUTING
PILOT PROGRAM
FOR
KINDERGARTNERS
with
CUB SCOUT PACK 355



LION



BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL
CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT



LION PILOT OVERVIEW



LION

Lion is a national pilot program of the Boy Scouts of America for kindergarten-age boys now offered by the Baltimore Area Council. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, develop personal fitness, become effective leaders, and have fun in the outdoors. Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys in the first through fifth grades. The Lion pilot is exploring the value of a Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys. (Boys must be 5 years old by September 30 and not yet 7 years.)

OVERVIEW

Lion is a family-oriented program. A youth and his parent or caring adult partner join Scouting together. A group of six to eight boys and their adult partners meet together in a group called a den. Dens will meet approximately twice per month. They have fun participating in den meetings and outings while making memories together.

PROGRAM

The Lion pilot encourages boys to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities. Adult partners take turns leading a den meeting or outing during the year. Most meetings last approximately 45 minutes to an hour; outings are slightly longer.

RECOGNITION

Boys are recognized for their accomplishments as they work toward the Lion badge. The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures. Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings. When an adventure is completed, the youth receives a sticker to put in his *Lion Adventure Book*.

ADVENTURES

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

LEADERSHIP

Den meetings and outings are facilitated by a Lion guide and participating parents. The Lion guide is an experienced Cub Scout leader. He or she will lead the first den meeting of the year. The Lion guide will help each adult partner lead one of the remaining meetings. The den meeting plans are provided in the *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook*.

Adult Partner

The adult partner participates with the Lion in fun meetings and outings. He or she takes turns with other adult partners in leading a den meeting and/or outing.

Lion Guide

Our Lion guide is a volunteer leader who provides direct support to your Lion den.

Cubmaster

The Cubmaster serves as the master of ceremonies for the monthly pack meeting. The pack meeting is an event where all of the dens in a Cub Scout pack come together for fun activities and awards. Lion dens usually attend only two special pack meetings to accommodate the earlier bedtimes of Lions.

LION PILOT Overview (continued)



UNIFORM



The uniform for Lions is a Lion T-shirt with an optional cap.

MATERIALS

Each Lion will receive PROGRAM MATERIALS which includes:

- Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook
- Lion Adventure Book for youth
- Stickers for youth to accompany the Lion Adventure Book



COSTS

Lions are official members in the Boy Scouts of America. The annual membership fee is \$28 per year prorated as follows:

Join In:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Registration	\$24.00	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Insurance	\$4.00	\$3.74	\$3.40	\$3.06	\$2.72	\$2.38	\$2.04	\$1.70	\$1.36	\$1.02	\$0.68	\$0.34
TOTAL	\$28.00	\$25.74	\$23.40	\$21.06	\$18.72	\$16.38	\$14.04	\$11.70	\$9.36	\$7.02	\$4.68	\$2.34

Note that optional events like camping trips, baseball games, field trips, etc. can carry additional fees. Such opportunities are just that, options and not components of the program.

The uniform t-shirt cost is \$9.99. The optional baseball cap is \$12.99.

The Lion program materials cost is \$9.99.

VISIT

Visit www.mdpack355.com for information by a unit in this area selected to offer the Lion Program Pilot.

You can also check our www.scouting.org/lion for more information about the Lion Pilot Program.

CONTACT

Contact lions@mdpack355.com or call 443-718-0355 to enroll you and your son in the Lion program. Adventure awaits!