

Glossary of Scouting Terms

chartered organization. A community organization that has been granted an annual charter by the Boy Scouts of America to use the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Responsible for the selection of leaders in the organization's Scouting programs.

commissioner. A volunteer Scouter, representing the district or council, who works as a friend and mentor to Scouting units to help them succeed.

council. A geographically defined administrative organization, tasked with delivering the programs of the Boy Scouts of America to the community organizations within its borders.

Cubmaster. The top volunteer position in every Cub Scout pack. Responsible for planning the monthly pack meetings and working with the pack committee to make sure the pack is moving together and in the right direction.

den. This is the name given to smaller, working groups of Cub Scouts (typically six to eight boys or girls). Dens are single-gender and are organized by age and/or grade. In large packs, there may be more than one same-age and/or -grade den. Dens usually have a number (Den 1, Den 2, etc.).

den chief. A Scouts BSA member, Venturer, or Sea Scout selected by the Cubmaster to help the den leader lead the activities of a Cub Scout den.

denner. A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout who is elected or selected to be the temporary youth leader of the den. Denners can change every few weeks, monthly, or other term so every Scout gets leadership experience.

district. A geographic administrative committee of volunteers within a council, organized to serve the Scouting units within its borders.

district executive. A career Scouting professional who works as a staff member for the local council. District executives are assigned specific communities within the council.

pack. The larger group a Cub Scout belongs to beyond the den. All packs have numbers that identify them ("Pack 125," for example). Packs usually consist of more than one den and are commonly referred to as a Scouting unit.

