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## **Three Fires Council Invites Boys and Girls to Join Cub Scouts**

*Families invited to school events to learn more about Family Scouting*

**ST. CHARLES, IL** – The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is now inviting boys and girls to join Cub Scouts (ages 5-10). As the school year begins, the Three Fires Council in St. Charles welcomes families to participate in Cub Scouts, a program renowned for character-building fun and adventure. Through adventures both big and small, Scouting embraces the outdoors and helps our communities through service projects, STEM development and building confidence through a wide range of activities.

“The Three Fires Council is excited to welcome boys and girls into Cub Scouting,” said Clint Scharff, TFC Scout Executive/CEO. “The values of Scouting are relevant to boys and girls after all, a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.”

On Thursday, Sept. 13 a Chicagoland School Night for Scouting event, will take place at all school districts across the Council with the exception of U-46 which will hold its event on September 20. This year’s theme is ‘Scout Me In!’

Families can now choose to sign up their sons and daughters for Cub Scouts. Each Cub Scout den (made of boys or girls of the same age) will be single gender. Cub Scout packs (made of multiple dens) can include a combination of all-boy and or all-girl dens. This unique approach allows the organization to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model while also meeting the needs of today’s busy families.

“For years, girls have been participating in Scouting, whether it was with their brother or through our Exploring and Venturing programs,” said Scharff. “The Cub Scout program is designed to make important life lessons during the beginning stages of life. Physical fitness, problem-solving and emotional growth are some of the invaluable programs that are available for our youth and families.”

In January of 2018 the BSA offered an early adopter program for girls, and more than 10,000 girls nationwide joined Cub Scouts. In February 2019, the Boy Scouts of America will expand program for girls to enroll into Scouts BSA (ages 11-17), in single gender troops for girls.

For more information about how to become a Scout, visit [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org).

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### **About Three Fires Council**

Three Fires Council is headquartered in St. Charles, Illinois, and was formed in 1925. It serves over 14,000 youth throughout Kane, DuPage, Kendall, DeKalb, and parts of Will and Cook Counties. Local communities are divided into 10 volunteer-led districts. Approximately 6,000 adult volunteers serve local youth. Last year, more than 142,000 community service hours were accumulated in Eagle Scout projects and other service opportunities. Three Fires Council also boasts two camps: Camp Big Timber (Elgin, Illinois) and Camp Freeland Leslie (Oxford, Wisconsin).

Website: [www.threefirescouncil.org](http://www.threefirescouncil.org)

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