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Families are the basis of our society. In the family, children learn about love, values, and social interactions while they prepare for today's world. The family is vital to the future of our communities and our nation. The Boy Scouts of America has a great interest in the strength of the family.

Cub Scouting is a family program. Family involvement is vital to Cub Scouting's success. When we talk about "family" in Cub Scouting, we might be referring to several different types of groups of people. Many Cub Scouts do not come from traditional two-parent homes. Some boys live with a single parent or other relatives or guardians. *Cub Scouting considers a boy's family to be the people with whom he lives.*

The family is probably the most effective mutual-help organization to be found. Family life has its good times and bad times, but, above all, it is people giving strength to one another when needed, people caring and letting it show, people leaning on one another, and people feeling loyal to one another. It's worth the effort to keep a family strong.

Scouting aims to develop its youth into participating citizens of good character who are physically, spiritually, and mentally fit. The organization recognizes that it is the responsibility of parents and family to teach their children. Scouting is an available resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships among family members.

THE FAMILY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Cub Scouting gives families an opportunity to spend quality time together. It is your role as a leader to provide interest,

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skill, and time in developing a good program. The family provides help and support for the den and pack.

Here are some examples of family involvement:

- Working with their Cub Scout on advancement projects and activities
- Attending pack meetings with their Cub Scout
- Presenting advancement awards to their Cub Scout at pack meetings
- Becoming a leader
- Providing ways for their Cub Scout to earn money he needs for den dues
- Helping at an occasional den meeting on a specific project or activity badge
- Providing refreshments
- Providing transportation
- Assisting with den outings
- Telephoning
- Helping teach a Webelos activity badge
- Attending a council-organized family campout with their Cub Scout
- Attending a pack overnighter

FAMILY AND ADVANCEMENT

The advancement program is part of the fun of Cub Scouting. It is an excellent opportunity for families to get to know

