

# Den Chief



## General Information

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**Description:** The Den Chief works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and Den Leaders in the Cub Scout Pack. By accepting the position of Den Chief, you agree to provide service and leadership to your troop. The responsibility should be fun and rewarding. This job description outlines some of the things you are expected to do while serving in this leadership role.

**Comments:** The Den Chief provides knowledge of games and Scout skills that many Den Leaders lack. The Den Chief is also a recruiter for the troop. This function is important because no troop can thrive without new members and most new members will come from Cub Scouting.

<b>Reports to:</b>	Scoutmaster and Den Leader
<b>Type:</b>	Appointed by the Scoutmaster
<b>Term:</b>	One Year

## Qualifications

<b>Age:</b>	None
<b>Rank:</b>	1st Class or higher
<b>Experience:</b>	None
<b>Attendance:</b>	75% for all activities over previous 6 months
<b>Confirmation:</b>	Appointment Approved by the Den Leader

## Performance Requirements

<b>Training:</b>	You <b>must</b> attend the troop Junior Leader Training even if you have attended in the past.
<b>Attendance:</b>	You are expected to attend at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 65% of troop meetings</li><li>• 65% of troop outings</li><li>• 65% of service projects</li><li>• 80% of den functions</li></ul> If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.
<b>Effort:</b>	You are expected to give this job your best effort and use the adult leadership and advice when you feel they are needed.

## General Leadership Responsibilities

<b>Uniform:</b>	Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear all of the parts of the troop uniform as defined by troop communication.</li> <li>• Shirt buttoned correctly, shirttail tucked in.</li> <li>• All required insignia and badges current and in their correct locations.</li> </ul>
<b>Behavior:</b>	Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.
<b>Attendance:</b>	Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time and prepared for meetings and activities. If you are not going to be at a meeting you must call the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster, or Den Leader. If you suddenly have to miss an outing, you must notify the Scoutmaster, the adult in charge, and the Senior Patrol Leader. You also need to make sure that the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or his delegate is ready to assume your responsibilities. This requires you to "Be Prepared". Plan ahead and this will never be an issue.

## Specific Leadership Responsibilities

- Attends and assists at Den activities.
- Attends the Patrol Leaders Council meetings on an 'as-needed' basis.
- Knows the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Helps Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks.
- Encourages Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout troop upon graduation.
- Is a friend to the boys in the den.
- Meets with adult members of the Den, Pack and Troop as necessary.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Shows Scout spirit.
- Perform any additional duties as assigned by your Advisors.

<b>Duties</b>	<b>What it means in Troop 804</b>
Serves as the activity assistant at den meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Den Chief Training.</li> <li>• Attend all den and pack meetings of the den to which you are assigned.</li> <li>• Help the Den Leader conduct the meeting and keep order.</li> </ul>
Meet regularly with the Den Leader to review the den and pack meeting plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the Den Leader to find out what is expected of you.</li> <li>• At each meeting, find out what you need to do to assist the Den Leader.</li> <li>• Help maintain discipline.</li> </ul>
If serving as a WEBELOS Den Chief, prepare the boys to join Boy Scouting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite your den to visit a Troop meeting.</li> <li>• Tell the WEBELOS about Boy Scouts.</li> <li>• Make sure they know all the requirements for the Scout rank before they are finished with WEBELOS.</li> </ul>

Project a positive image of Boy Scouting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always wear the uniform properly. It gives the Cubs something to look forward to.</li> <li>• Be enthusiastic about the Boy Scout program - tell them about the activities.</li> </ul>
Keep others informed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with your Den Leader before each meeting to plan your part in the den's upcoming activities.</li> </ul>
Set a good example:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be the first to reflect the scout sign.</li> <li>• Maintain a positive and enthusiastic attitude.</li> <li>• Exhibit good self-discipline.</li> <li>• Have a good attendance record.</li> <li>• Meet your obligations on time and in full effort.</li> <li>• Have fun but not at the expense of others. Goofing off without purpose wastes time and loses the interest and respect of the other scouts.</li> <li>• REMEMBER: The troop will follow your example.</li> </ul>
Wear the uniform correctly:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always conform to the Troop 804 uniform policy.</li> </ul>
Show Scout Spirit:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the Scout Oath and Law as an everyday guideline.</li> <li>• Actively participate in the activities of Troop 804.</li> <li>• Set an example for the other Scouts to follow.</li> </ul>