

# CORE VALUES / CHARACTER CONNECTIONS

The message of the core values of Scouting has spread across the Bay-Lakes Council. The values, as found in the Scout Oath are: Integrity, Spirituality, Patriotism, Service, Fitness, Education, and Morality. These are values Scouts are to live their life by while using the twelve points of the Scout Law as guideposts.

At the June 2002 Boy Scouts of America National Meeting Cub Scout Character Development was introduced. This is not some new program with new requirements and recognitions.

Character development refers to the processes by which these core values are practiced.

Just as character development should extend into every aspect of a boy's life, so character development should extend into every aspect of Cub Scouting.

When it comes to developing character, the complete person must be considered. Character development involves at least three critical areas: 1-Know (thought), 2 Commit (feeling), and 3-Practice (behavior). In Cub Scouting, addressing these three critical areas and relating them to values is referred to as Character Connections.

## THE GOALS OF THE CUB SCOUT LEADER ARE:

- to seek out and maximize the many opportunities to incorporate character development
- to convince the young Cub Scout that character is important to the individual, to his family, community, country, world and to God.

*Program ideas can be found in Cub Scout Program Helps, in the Cub Scout Leader Book, and at monthly roundtable meetings.*



**CHARACTER CAN BE DEFINED AS THE COLLECTION OF CORE VALUES POSSESSED BY AN INDIVIDUAL THAT LEADS TO MORAL COMMITMENT AND ACTION.**

## CUB SCOUTING'S 12 CORE VALUES

1. **CITIZENSHIP:** Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. **COMPASSION:** Having consideration and concern for the well-being of others.
3. **COOPERATION:** Working together with others toward a common goal.
4. **COURAGE:** Doing what is right regardless of its difficulty or the consequences.
5. **FAITH:** Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in a higher power.
6. **HEALTH AND FITNESS:** Being personally committed to care for our minds and bodies.
7. **HONESTY:** Telling the truth and being worthy of trust.
8. **PERSEVERANCE:** Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. **POSITIVE ATTITUDE:** Setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. **RESOURCEFULNESS:** Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. **RESPECT:** Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Fulfilling our duty to take care of others and of ourselves.

