



Cub Scout patch placement can be very confusing—especially for a new Cub Scout family. In this article, we'll cover the **basic Cub Scout patches and badges** so that you can get your child's uniform ready for their first Cub Scout meeting!

LEFT SLEEVE CUB SCOUT PATCH PLACEMENT

Let's start with the left sleeve. **Your Council shoulder emblem** goes at the very top along the shoulder seam. It is shown as position 1 on the diagram above.

Just below the Council shoulder emblem at position 2a is where the small **Veteran Unit Emblem** is worn if you use it. It is for units (in our case, packs) that have been chartered at least 25 years.

The number on the emblem represents how many years your unit has been chartered. Wouldn't it be great to be in a unit chartered 50 or 60 years ago?



Next, in position 2 above, is your **pack number**. Our pack number is 3 digits, but yours could be more or less than that.

A little hint if you're sewing... Sew the numbers together first then sew the connected numbers onto the uniform. MUCH easier than sewing each number individually onto the shirt!



RIGHT SLEEVE CUB SCOUT PATCH PLACEMENT

The **American flag** is sewn on the **right sleeve** of the Cub Scout uniform at position 1. If you purchase your uniform new, the flag will be sewn on already. If your uniform is used, the flag may have been removed, but you can buy another one from your Council.

LEFT POCKET CUB SCOUT PATCH PLACEMENT

The **World Crest** is worn above the left pocket. It is centered between the left shoulder seam and the top of the left pocket. It signifies that the Boy Scouts of America is part of the **World Organization of the Scout Movement**.



The **badges of rank go on the left pocket** as shown in the image above. They are placed in this order:

- Lion Badge – Below other ranks
- Bobcat Badge – 12:00 Position
- Tiger Badge – 6:00 Position
- Wolf Badge – 9:00 Position
- Bear Badge – 3:00 Position

Lions, our newest Cub Scout rank, wear a t-shirt instead of the blue Cub Scout uniform shirt. When the kindergarteners complete all of the requirements for their rank, they can wear the Lion patch over their hearts on the t-shirt.

When the Lions move up to be Tigers, they will put their Lion patch below the left pocket right under where the Tiger badge will go.

Religious knots indicating a Cub Scout has earned the Religious Emblem for their religion are worn centered above the left pocket.

RIGHT POCKET CUB SCOUT PATCH PLACEMENT

The Cub Scout **Outdoor Activity Award patch** is worn on the right pocket flap. Pins earned for the **Summertime Pack Award** are pinned onto the Outdoor Activity Award patch.

If your Scout earns the **Recruiter patch**, it is worn directly below the right pocket.

CUB SCOUT TEMPORARY PATCH PLACEMENT

Temporary patches can be worn on the right pocket. These include patches earned for participating in an activity or for completing an achievement.

The picture below shows a Cub Scout day camp patch. Only one temporary patch can be worn on the pocket at a time.

Some other examples of temporary patches are:

- Shooting Sports Award Patch
- Cyber Chip Patch
- Nova Award Patch
- Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, and Space Derby Patches
- Day Camp Patches
- Popcorn Sales Patches
- Scouting for Food Patches
- Scout Sunday Patches
- Cub Scout “segments” (Council-specific)



Many temporary patches have loops attached so that you can hang them from the pocket button instead of having to sew them on. Makes life so much easier!

According to page 28 of the *Guide to Awards and Insignia*, the Whittling Chip badge isn't worn on the Cub Scout uniform.

WEBELOS UNIFORM PATCH PLACEMENT



Webelos and Arrows of Light wear the tan uniform shirt like Boy Scouts. When the Scouts earn their Webelos rank, they will wear the badge sewn onto the left pocket.

The Arrow of Light rank patch goes directly below the left pocket. It is the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

HOW DO YOU ATTACH SCOUT PATCHES?

Unfortunately, Cub Scout patches are not iron on. They'll need to be sewn on with either a sewing machine or by hand, or you can use a product called **Badge Magic** which is similar to double sided tape for patches.