



Who is a Den Chief?

A Boy Scout who meets specific criteria

- First Class rank, or higher
 - Full knowledge of the core scouting skills
- Trained
 - Online course
 - Classroom training
- Wants to develop leadership skills required for rank advancement
- Approved by the Scoutmaster, or Den Chief Advisor

If you would like to learn more about the Den Chief Program ...

- 1) Take the online course all Den Chiefs are required to take:

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Youth/DenChiefTraining.aspx>

- 2) Contact any Boy Scout troop

- 3) Contact your BSA district, or council

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DEN CHIEF Program



What is it?

Assist the Den Leader

- Activities Leader
- Role model to younger scouts

Role of a Den Chief

Assist the Den Leader

- Activities Leader. At the start or end of the meeting the Den Chief can lead the den in an activity while the Den Leader speaks to parents, attends to sign-offs etc.
- Development of meeting plans. Typically a Den Chief has been a cub scout himself, and is more 'in tune' with how a cub scout thinks. Make use of his expertise and ask for ideas for 'go and see' events, or feedback on what you are planning for the den meetings. Involve him in the plans for each meeting and delegate activities to him.

Role Model

- Demonstrate and teach. A Den Chief has done many flag ceremonies, skits etc. He knows his core scouting skills.
- Model behavior. A Den Chief wears his complete uniform; he is comfortable speaking to adults; younger scouts will try to emulate.



Inspire boys to continue their adventure

A Den Chief can be key in instilling excitement about scouting so that the boys *want* to become Boy Scouts.

The Den Chief can share with them the adventures that lie ahead and answer any questions or concerns the boys might have. He can prepare the boys by explaining how a troop works, how it is different from a pack, what is meant by the patrol method, and what happens when you first join, etc.

The Den Chief is active in his own troop and will be able to put the Den Leader in contact to coordinate a den visit, or join in on an overnight camp (Arrow of Light requirement).

A Den Chief develops bonds with the cubs and is often looked up to, like a 'big brother'. This relationship encourages cub scouts to continue and progress through the cub scout ranks.