

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'

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Cub Scout Leaders,

As you may have heard, a few years ago National authorized a pilot program allowing boys in Kindergarten to join Cub Scouts. These new scouts would be called Lions. Originally, a Council had to apply to be part of the pilot program and our Council was not one of those running the pilot. Now, all Councils are allowed to run the pilot if they choose to do so. This program shows good potential for growth and retention, if run properly.

In the Muskingum Valley Council, we would like to offer select Packs the opportunity to be part of this new program. Since this is still a pilot program, not all Packs will be participating. To participate in the Lion Cub pilot, a unit must:

- A. Have earned the GOLD JTE award last year.
- B. Have your Lion Den Leader selected and trained before holding a sign-up night.
- C. Sign a pledge that you will operate using the Leader Guide for Lions.
- D. Have a summer time activity plan to keep youth active and engaged throughout the year.

These are exciting times in Scouting and we look forward to finding the best ways to serve as many youth as possible. We hope you are as committed as we are to delivering the promise of Scouting! If your Pack qualifies, and you are interested, please return the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

Yours in Scouting,

Chip Udischas  
Council VP, Membership

*“Scouting Volunteers make something far more valuable than money. They make a difference!”*

