

Lion Pilot for Kindergarten Age Boys



Goal Study the value and effectiveness of a new, Kindergarten-aged Scouting pilot program that will grow membership by expanding the current pilot program to other Packs within the council.

Why Research shows that child educational development begins by age 4 and as youth engage in the formal educational process at school, we want to support their efforts with Scouting's programs. Any Pack who believes that this will enhance their ability to grow and serve the youth of their community can apply to be a part of the Lion Pilot Program.

Approval Process Any Pack wanting to be included in a Kindergarten program will submit their request (Lion Pilot Unit Application) to Director of Field Services, John Phares for approval by the Council Vice President of Membership and the District Key 3.

2017 Implementation Schedule

- March-April Units interested in participating in the Pilot Program submit application.
- May Units approved be a part of the pilot program will be selected and notified.
- Summer Approved Units will participate in an Orientation Meeting
- Fall 2017 Packs begin recruiting Lions.
- Summer 2018 New Lions graduate and attend Day Camp as new Tigers, officially bridging into the Cub Scout program.

Materials available for this Pilot Program in Scout Shops (for approved Packs)

1. Parent and Leader Guidebook with 12 Den Meeting Plans
2. Adventure Book for youth
3. Lion youth shirt and cap
4. Adventure stickers for youth to place in their adventure book as activities are completed.
5. Lion Patch—to be awarded youth upon completion of the five required adventures: Lion's Honor, Fun on the Run, Animal Kingdom, Mountain Lion and King of the Jungle.

**Occonechee Council, BSA
Lion Scout Unit Pilot Program Application**

1. Yes our unit would like to be considered for the 2017 Fall Lion Scout Pilot program.

Pack _____ District _____ Current # Youth _____

2. We understand that the Lion Scout Pilot program requires that if selected we will have a tenured Den Leader agree to work directly with the Lion Den and attend all Lion Den Meetings.

Tenured Den Leader _____ # of Years Experience _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

Will this be this person's only position in Scouting for 2017-18? Yes No

3. Yes, We understand that as part of the Occonechee Council Pilot program we will have a summer activity plan for our pack during the summer of 2018.

of 2018 Summertime Activities Expected: June _____ July _____ August _____ Total _____ Will

your unit earn the National Summertime Pack Award this year (2017) ? Yes No

What will be your biggest most exciting pack activity during the 2017-18 year for your Lions to participate in?

4. Yes, We understand that our Tenured Den Leader, Cubmaster, and Committee Chair will be required to attend a Lions Pilot Program Orientation Meeting prior to our recruiting or beginning the Lions program. (Date, Time, Location of Orientation Meeting TBD but most likely sometime during June-July)

5. Why would your unit be a great candidate for the Lions Pilot Program _____

6. If selected as Pilot Unit how would you recruit Lions during the 2017 fall recruitment season: _____

7. Yes, We understand that the Occonechee Council has been selected to be a Pilot Council for the Lions Program and if selected to be a Pilot Unit we will participate in the program as it is designed and will make no changes unless approved by the Occonechee Council. Also we agree that if we are not selected to be a Pilot Unit that we will not develop our own version of the Lions program.

Cubmaster _____ (signed) _____ Date

Tenured Den Leader _____ (signed) _____ Date

Committee Chair _____ (signed) _____ Date

Charter Organization Representative _____ (signed) _____ Date

Submit applications to john.phares@scouting.org or for questions call John Phares @ 919-872-4884, ext 243