

2016-2017 LIONS PILOT PROGRAM

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION



❖ **Leadership & Required Training:** An experienced leader to serve as Lion Guide (name, phone, & email provided to the Council) must be identified prior to Lion youth/family recruitment. The Lion Guide must complete Youth Protection Training and Lion Den Orientation prior to the start of the program (along with all PA background checks).

❖ **Registration Fee to Start:** Not to exceed \$55 registration fee for new Lions joining the Pack based on the following breakdown:

- \$32 for 2016-2017 BSA Fee (\$8 for remainder of 2016 assuming September registration; \$24 for all 2017)
- \$10 Lion book set
- \$13 for recognition patch (\$2) and modest monthly dues (approximately \$1/ month for consumables).
- Notes on Fees & Funding:
 - Packs may choose to cover some portion of the costs outlined above thereby lowering the new Lion family's cost to join, but the Pack may not exceed the above total fee of \$55.
 - Families purchase \$10 Lion T-shirt on own unless Pack develops some other option without increasing the fee to start. Hat is an optional purchase.
 - Per event pricing for any other outings offered to Lion Den. Cost info should be provided prior to each outing, ideally as part of the Lion Den Calendar shared with new families.



❖ **Program Planning:** Packs are required to provide a Lion Den Calendar submitted to the District prior to recruitment with the 2-3 Pack meetings listed for them to attend. Assuming there is also a Pack Calendar, submittal to the Unit Commissioner for review is requested, but the Pack Calendar is not mandatory.

❖ **Camping Promotions:** Unit agrees to hold a NBOF Council Summer Camping Promotion presentation to include Lion Den by a District representative before February 2017.

❖ **Other Program Notes:**

- Request participation in Lion Guide conference calls at mid-year, and year-end coordinated by the districts to share ideas and gauge how things are going locally. Participation is encouraged, but only optional.
- Lion Dens are not to participate in unit fundraisers as outlined in the Lion Guidebook. These are reserved for Tiger-age boys and above, just like earning Bobcat.
- In accordance with the National Lion Pilot program materials, Lion Dens are to meet monthly using the Lion Den Meetings Plans and have one other outing/Pack meeting per month.
- NBOF Council reserves the right to terminate a unit's opportunity to continue to deliver the program based on the criteria noted in the Lion Pilot National Memorandum of Understanding to which the local Council has entered into on behalf of local Scouting.





2016-2017 LION PILOT PROGRAM UNIT COMMITMENT FORM

Cub Scout Pack _____,

chartered to _____,

is committed to offering local kindergarten boys a Scout program during the 2016-2017 school year through the Lion Pilot program. We understand both National and New Birth of Freedom Council criteria must be maintained in order to offer a quality program experience, and therefore the Council reserves the right to terminate a unit's participation. By initialing each item below we agree to the criteria and acknowledge it will be recorded/tracked.

1. ____ Lion Den Guide Leadership (must have YPT, Lion Den Orientation, & PA Background Checks):

- Lion Guide Name: _____
- Lion Guide Phone: _____
- Lion Guide Email: _____

2. ____ Maintain Lion Den registration fee not to exceed \$55 based on the fee structure below.

- \$32 for 2016-2017 BSA Fee
- \$10 Lion book set
- \$13 for recognition patch and modest monthly dues for consumables.

3. ____ Pack agrees to submit to the Council/District a Lion Den Calendar prior to fall recruitment with 2-3 Pack meetings listed for Lions to attend. Pack Calendar submittal is optional.

- *Lion Den Calendar submitted by* _____ *on* _____.

(name)

(date)

4. ____ Pack agrees to hold a NBOF Council Summer Camping Promotion presentation to include Lion Den by a District representative before February 2017.

- *2017 Summer Camping Promotion presented by* _____

on _____.

(date)

(name)

Commitment made by: _____ Date: _____
(Signature)

Printed Name: _____ Pack Position: _____