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Summer is Coming!

Long before the end of spring, some Cub Scout packs get a jump on the lazy, hazy days of summer. As May gives way to June, they stop holding den meetings, scale back pack activities, and do little else than mark time until day camp arrives.

Kids' summer schedules are less consistent because of camps, activities, and even family vacations. With this change in routine, it's easy to see how Scouting can get left out of the picture.

Has your Pack planned any summer activities to

keep your Scouts busy? Have you planned monthly outings or Pack overnights?

There are awards the Packs, Dens, and Scouts, can earn throughout the summer. A pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities-one each in June, July, and August.

Dens with an average attendance of at least half their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon.

Outdoor Activity Award

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long

as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award, which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin may be added to the flap.



A Cub Scout can earn the National Summertime Award. It is a pin they can wear on their pocket flap. Keep in mind this is the only award they earn "backwards". Meaning they earn the Tiger pin after they complete their Tiger year, etc.

There is also the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Attendance at Day Camp or Resident Camp is necessary, among other requirements. This award is a pocket flap the Scout can wear and would be awarded a pin each time he earns it at another rank.

Scouts can participate out of the area with other Scout Packs for the purpose of attendance.

Lets continue to offer a great program and not leave our Scouts bored over the summer!

A Scout is Thrifty



Gander Mountain offers a 10% discount to registered Scouts and Scouters. Just your BSA membership card.

New Den Leader Resources

On June 1, 2015, the new Cub Scout program will be in effect. This will be the most significant change in the Cub Scout program since the introduction of the current Webelos program in 1967.

Den leaders will find that their roles and the roles of others are unchanged. Nor are the parts of a den meeting changed. Tiger Cubs will become Tigers in the new model but the shared leadership model of a Tiger Den Leader working with a different Tiger adult partner each month remains. Additionally there are no changes in the role of Den Chiefs, denners or Webelos counselors.

Cub Scouting has always been about adventure. The new program model emphasizes the adventurous nature of Cub Scouting by naming the basic unit of Cub Scouting advancement an adventure.



There are plenty of adventures to provide boys with a year round program of fun and exploration.

Most adventures may be completed in a den or family setting. However some, most notably those related to a boy's Duty to God should be completed by the boy working with his family.

A typical month in Cub Scouting involves four meetings: one pack meeting and three den meetings. One of the den meetings is generally an outing or field trip that helps the members of the den explore the monthly adventure.

Each level of the program - Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos/Arrow of Light - has a newly developed Den Leader Guide. The new guides serve as a comprehensive resource for planning and delivering a fun and engaging den meeting and are available in the Scout Shop NOW!

The new Den Leader Guides provides all of the resources you need to deliver a den meeting. Each part of a den meeting, from the gathering to the after-the-meeting debriefing, is paired with complete resources to plan and carry out the den meeting.

Some of the key parts of the Den Leader Guide include:

- Rationale
- Takeaways
- Rank requirements
- Notes to Den Leaders
- Den meeting plans
- Do-at-home reminders

The den meeting guides are more detailed than any previous version of den meeting plans. A leader will find anything that he or she needs to organize and lead a den meeting present in the new materials.

Cub Scout Day Camp

22-26 June 2015

Location: St Elisabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Cost: \$85 per Scout

Register online at: www.ocscouts.org



Upcoming Training Opportunities

Position Specific Training

May 23rd
Gardner's UMC, Fayetteville

Wood Badge

S7-421-15-2
Sep 9-13 & Sep 30-Oct 4
"Mentoring Scouting's Future"

BSA Shooting Sports Range Master

May 23rd
American Legion, Hope Mills

Upcoming Events

Cub Resident Camp

July 25-29

Cub Shooting Sports Day

August 15



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Roundtable Topics

June

- Beyond the Badges
- Program Planning

