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Make a Plan!

A great pack program plan leads to a great pack and den program, which leads to Cub Scouts and their families staying and growing in Scouting.

All of the pack leaders and committee should gather at least once a year for an annual program planning conference. The deliverable from this important meeting should be a long-range calendar that has all of the major pack events for the year. It is also a good time to review the pack's budget to make sure that you can afford all of the activities that you

plan. Invite the Scouts' families too—you never know how might have a great idea!

Remember that the new Cub Scout Adventure Program might take a little longer for the boys to earn their ranks than you are used to under the old program. Typically, an adventure will take three meetings to complete. Each rank requires seven adventures.

The following resources are important tools for your program planning. They have been updated to reflect the changes that have come with the new Cub Scout program.



- Cub Scout Den Leader Guides
- Cub Scout Youth Handbooks
- Cub Scout Leader Book
- How-To Book
- Ceremonies for Dens and Pack

The additional resources listed below can add character and context to your program planning.

- Cub Scout Songbook
 - Group Meeting Sparklers
- Check with your pack members for these resources. Many packs have pack libraries as well for sharing among their pack leadership.

Scouter's Training Award

To encourage training, tenure in a position, participation, and performance of adult leaders. The Scouter's Training Award is a set of recognitions for leaders who meet who complete tenure, training and per-

formance requirements in one (or more) of the following positions:

Cub Scout: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chair and Pack Committee Members including Pack Trainer.



Cool Website

Scouting Wire

<http://scoutingwire.org/>

Scouting Wire is an official BSA website offering Scouting news and updates for volunteers and professionals. Scouting Wire simply adds to the BSA's growing arsenal of tools to keep you, the volunteer more informed.

Beyond the Adventures

As of June 1st, the new Cub Scout Adventure program got underway. As excited as we are to get started with this new program and start to partake in the adventures, we cannot forget about the many other opportunities Cub Scouting has to offer our youth.

We all know that in order to advance in Cub Scouts there are a specific amount of adventures and electives our Scouts will need to earn before they can obtain the next rank. Before you get so focused on the new program, don't forget there is so much more to Scouting than just what is offered in the handbooks.

The Boy Scouts of America offers other awards for Scouts to earn besides just belt loops, and ranks. There are some awards that many Scouts have completed the requirements to earn or have come close to earning, but Leaders are not aware of the different awards or how to register/complete the paperwork for the Scouts to be recognized.

Below is a list of some of these awards or programs, but certainly not a complete list by any means.

- Messenger of Peace
- PALA—Presidential Active Lifestyle Award
- Patriotism Award

- Outdoor Ethics
- Outdoor Activity Award
- Religious Emblem Program
- Stem Nova/Super Nova

These are all examples of established programs within the BSA. There are no rules about making up awards within your own Pack to recognize your Scouts and perhaps promote some healthy competition. For example:

- Hiking Award (tracking miles)
- Attendance Awards
- Den Dottles (Best skits or songs at Pack meetings)

Let your imagination run wild with coming up with other awards.

We all know that Scouts love bling. Please do not forget to recognize and award your Scouts.

Keep in mind, many of these programs or awards can be earned as a den, or as Pack. However it is important to become familiar with the requirements due to some of the awards having different levels of requirements according to the Scouts ranks. One of my favorite sayings is, the more the merrier. So there is no reason not to include or invite other Packs to join yours as well.

Shooting Sports

Many leaders are concerned about BB's and Archery, and how they are going to fit into the new program. Do not fear, they are not going away. They are the most popular and biggest draws at Day Camp, Camporees, and Cuborees. The policy and procedures are currently under review and being evaluated by the National Camp School. We have been told that we will be given guidance as to how it will fit in the program in September.



Upcoming Training Opportunities

Wood Badge

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Sep 9-13 & Sep 30-Oct 4

"Mentoring Scouting's Future"



With a tap on your phone you can deposit a check, update your family grocery list or share a photo.

Shouldn't keeping track of a Scout's advancement be just as easy? The Boy Scouts of America thinks so.

That's why the BSA announced it has acquired Scoutbook, the revolutionary web app that makes tracking advancement easier, faster and more fun. That means more time for you and your Scouts to enjoy those life-changing experiences they can't get anywhere but Scouting.

Imagine updating your Boy Scouts' progress toward a rank or a merit badge with a couple of taps or clicks. Or letting Scouts input and provide proof for their own advancement progress. Or seeing at a glance which adventures your Cub Scouts lack for the next rank. Or knowing which of your unit leaders still need to complete BSA training. Or getting an automatically generated shopping list to make your trip to the Scout Shop a breeze. Or never again wondering whether you're using the most up-to-date BSA requirements.

And imagine doing it all wherever you are and on the devices you use every day.

It's all possible with Scoutbook.

Source: Bryan on Scouting

Upcoming Events

Cub Resident Camp

July 25-29

Cub Shooting Sports Day

August 15