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Unit -To-Unit Connections

Do you know your counterpart at another Cub Scout Pack? Why do you think it would be beneficial for you to know who that is? Being able to share Scouting knowledge, ideas and resources is only going to enhance you as a leader and your Pack as a whole. Forming and building positive connections with various units in the district and council promote the opportunity for units to engage in fellowship, activities and to share experiences.

When we engage in multi-unit events it's an economy of force. More hands helping to plan & execute an event. It also promotes awareness

that we are involved in an organization larger than just our local unit.

When we practice these connections it provides opportunities to borrow and share unique, specialized equipment that can increase the scope of the Scouting experience. Sometimes when more Scouts are involved in an event or activity it drops the price point enabling more Scouts to join in on the fun. Positive unit connections can also allow for larger scale service projects to happen in our communities.

This idea is especially important for Webelos leaders and helping make the Webelos to Boy Scout tran-

sition much smoother for all involved.

Unit to unit connections also help new leaders see seasoned leaders in action outside their own Packs. Giving them an opportunity for other perspectives and bring in new and fresh ideas. Sharing ideas and resources make every unit program stronger which leads to retention. It can also help a unit build new program strengths they would otherwise be unable to attain on their own. Some leaders may hesitate to use this approach, worried that they may lose boys to another unit. But as we know, not all units are the right fit for all boys.

Den Leader Training Award

The Cub Scout Den Leader Award is available to Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Cub Scout Den Leaders who complete training, tenure, and performance requirements. This award is presented by the local council and requires the completion of Basic Leader

Training for the position, Youth Protection training, and participation in roundtables or a powwow or University of Scouting. One year of registered service as a Cub Scout Den Leader is a requirement for the award, and tenure used for one award may not be used for another.



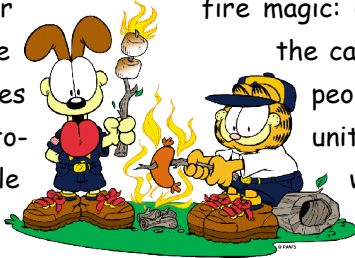
Cool Website

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Light My Fire!

Scouting, including Cub Scouting, is an outdoor oriented program. Whenever you get the chance, take your Scouts outdoors for hikes and campouts. One very important part of the outdoor program is the Campfire. It takes planning to put together a memorable Campfire. Its not just the flickering flames, but the heat and light



generated by skits, songs, readings, stories, and roasted marshmallows. After being involved in and planning many campfires over the years, I have learned some secrets to achieving Campfire magic: Gather close around the campfire, involve more people than just your unit, mix the impromptu with the well planned, mix the new with the old favorites, laugh, sing and be silly!

BSA's New Learn Center

Connecting volunteers to the learning content they need when they need it is the purpose of the new BSA LearnCenter. In today's fast-paced world, Scouters want to know how to deliver quality Scouting programs to youth, but need access training in short learning segments. Delivering a quality Scouting program makes volunteering as a leader rewarding. When the Scouting program is delivered as designed, leaders get to see the youth become more confident, resilient, and begin to learn and practice leadership at all levels.

The BSA Learn Center is de-

signed to provide new and robust methods of delivering learning to leaders. Position Specific Training is now delivered in three parts called learning plans. The content for each learning plan is designed for the specific position and is recommended to be taken before the first meeting, within the first 30 days, and within 90 days to complete position specific training. The training program is self-paced, allowing the volunteer to complete the training as quickly as they would like.

The first content offered in the new BSA LearnCenter is for Cub Scouting leaders. This content sup-

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Visit the training page on highlanderdistrict.org
For more information

Wood Badge
S7-421-16-1
April 8-10, 2016
April 29 - May 1, 2016

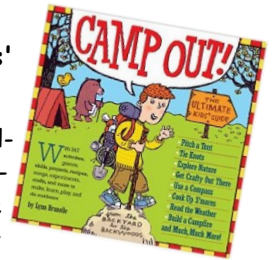
University of Scouting
7 November
Raleigh, NC

Position Specific
31 October
Wake Forest, NC

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31 October
At our Fall Camporee!

Book of the Month

Camp Out!
The Ultimate Kids' Guide



Bear bags, wilderness showers, and telling the temperature by counting the cricket chirps...

Whether you're planning an over night in the backyard or a weekend in the wilderness, this book is packed with stuff to know. The basics, from gearing up to choosing a site to building a tarp tent. Tasty outdoor recipes: Solar Oven Pizza, Chow Down Chili and s' more's of course—with 8 variations. Plus: how to keep a Field Journal, exploring the nighttime sky, creepy campfire stories, and when it's time to go home, leaving no trace. It's everything you need to pick up and head for the hills.



ports the new program changes to Cub Scouting. To access the training, log into My.Scouting.org. Create an account if you are a new leader, and select the online training button on the home page.

Keep up to date on new content by selecting the "What's New" tab in the BSA LearnCenter. New content will be added regularly to support our volunteers.

Upcoming Events

**Highlander District
Fall Camporee**
October 30—November 1

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day
November 14

Fayetteville Christmas Parade
December 12