



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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“Wisdom, If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less.” - General Eric Shinseki

Apr 2017 Cub Scout Roundtable

May 2017 Program Ideas

## CLEAN/ PICNIC WITH PIZZAZZ

CS Roundtable Planning Guide – Helpful/ Cub Scout Camping  
Tiger Cub, Wolf, Webelos, & Arrow of Light Meetings and Adventures

# PART II – TRAINING & ADMIN HELPS

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## HELP WITH THE CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE PLAN MODIFICATIONS

On November 30, 2016, the BSA announced modifications to Adventure requirements in response to feedback from Den Leader feedback. Dens started using the modified requirements as soon as they began their next Adventure.

The BSA has placed PDFs that may be inserted into all Cub Scout Rank handbooks on [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates). The PDFs are formatted to be printed book size. They have, also, sent printed copies to each National Scout Shop. They are available free for the asking by parents and scout leaders. *(We at the Wilmington, DE shop have a great supply!! Stop in and say hello and ask for the ones you need.*

<https://www.facebook.com/WilmingtonScoutShop>)

The PDFs are at –

[Tiger Addendum](#)  [Wolf Addendum](#)   
[Bear Addendum](#)  [Webelos/A of L Addendum](#) 

The [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) Advancement pages have been updated to reflect all the changes.

The **Cub Scout Learning Library** will not be updated to show the changes. All updates to the Cub Scout Learning Library ([www.cubscouts.org](http://www.cubscouts.org)) are on hold as BSA assess its digital strategy.

## ADMIN HELPS

### CUB SCOUT SPRING RECRUITMENT

*New Birth of Freedom Council*

Recruitment should be a year round activity for all units. Whether the recruitment method is an activity such as a pack ice cream social, troop open house, or peer to peer campaign it's important that the door is always open for a boy to join scouting. Primarily, there are two times every year that an extra emphasis is put into recruiting for packs, troops, and crews, during the fall and spring. In the fall packs are participating in the fall round-up and venture crews are hosting first nighters. In the spring Troops actively work with cub packs to bridge over 2nd year Webelos for them to join Boy Scouts.

During May of every year the kindergarten boys are becoming eligible for the first time to join cub scouts and parents of boys for all ages are making decisions on what activities to get involved in for the following school year. It is important that we take advantage of this opportunity and plan a recruiting activity so we can ensure boys have the opportunity to join cub scouts when they are being offered all types of other activities.

Packs should set goals for recruiting a new tiger den and identifying a tiger leader to lead them in the spring so they are ready to go in the fall. As with most packs during the summer, weekly meeting have slowed down along with most pack activities. However, to actively engage your new scouts and leaders the National Summertime Pack Award is a simple and great award recognition program for the new scouts and the entire pack to participate in.

Please take a look at training video on the link below to gather some information on how your pack can have a very successful spring recruitment. This video was put together by the Central Region Commissioner, Lucia Cronin a volunteer that has had some great success with cub scout recruiting.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=QrSIIdqbt8A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=QrSIIdqbt8A)



## SPRING RECRUITING

Spring is a great time to recruit new Cub Scouts, especially Tigers!! Five Year Olds are eligible for Lions and Kindergartners are eligible for Tigers after June 1.

The Pack is getting ready for its biggest adventure of the year – CAMP!!! Once a boy goes to camp and has a good time he will be hooked!!

As mentioned below, the key to retention through the summer is PROGRAM –

### Does your pack have an active Summertime Program –

#### If you do – Spring Recruiting will work for you.

There has been discussion in many places lately about Summer Programs. Packs responded that they run two activities per month so no one has to miss out on the award. My local pack runs two activities – one free (pool party, car wash, hike, walk, picnic, fishing derby) and one that has a charge (camp, baseball game (*minor league games are best!!*), zoo, aquarium, museum). And they encourage Den Leaders to hold a meeting each month to keep the boys focused.

#### Where can you do your Round Up Night?

- ✓ *How about at the Little League Field??* You probably have more than a few parents and boys registered in Cubs and Little League – get permission to set up a booth at a field (*near the refreshment stand?*) and advertise that you will be there. Show parents how the two work together. Be ready to highlight a few sports-related Adventures to the parents.
- ✓ *A Park with a playground in your town?* It is spring time boys want to be outside not in a building. Set up some outside activities – volleyball, tin can walkers, stilts, make hot dogs, play games.

#### What do you need –

Besides all the applications and other usual stuff

- ✓ *Pack Tee shirts* – Have all your Cubs and leaders in their spiffy pack tee shirts and have shirts available for the new Scouts. Maybe even adjust your registration fee to include a tee shirt for all registrants that night!
- ✓ *A calendar of all your summertime activities with complete details, contact names and numbers, and sign up forms.* Have it cleared with council that any boys recruited will still be able to go to camp for the early registration fee. (*Garden State Council offers three free days for Spring recruits. Parents need only pay 40% of the fee to get a week!!*)

**Why now (Spring)?**

- ✓ You are away from the Fall frenzy when everything is starting up
- ✓ Five Year-olds and Kindergarteners are available and not swamped with a million other things yet.
- ✓ Most other organizations are slowing down or suspending for the summer
- ✓ Parents are not running around buying school supplies and signing kids up for other things
- ✓ Families are looking for activities to do together in the summer
- ✓ Summer is the best time to experience the outdoors where Scouting does its best job!
- ✓ You can have everything rolling (especially your new Lion and Tiger Dens!!) when you hold your Fall Join Scouting Night to really wow those who sign up then.

Adapted from the Greater Pittsburgh Council website, <http://www.gpc-bsa.org/>

**Key features of a Spring Roundup campaign:**

- ✓ Five Year old and Kindergarten boys are invited early to join!
- ✓ Boys going into first grade may become Tiger Cubs anytime after the first day in June.
- ✓ First and second grade boys who were missed in the fall will be invited.
- ✓ National Council has helpful recruiting materials that should be available at every council headquarters

The key to success is, as always, **PROGRAM!** The council and districts offer great program opportunities like day camp which for many Cub Scouts, is a “mountain top” experience. By recruiting boys in May and June, they will be organized in time to experience Day Camp as well as opportunities for Parent and Son events and Cub Scout Resident Camps.

Of course other program opportunities will be important.

**First packs need to:**

1. Organize the Lion and Tiger Dens and get them started on their Cub books. The new boys graduating from first to second grade can get caught up with their classmates by working on and earning their Bobcat badge.
2. Provide fun activities such as a baseball game, a picnic or other activity, which are vital to keeping the interests of new boys who join.



Adapted from The Gerald R. Ford Council website

<http://bsagrfc.org/>

**Pack Spring Roundup Coordinator Job Description**

The Pack leadership appoints and/or recruits an individual to serve as the Pack's Spring Roundup Coordinator. This name should be submitted to the appropriate District personnel.

This person should -

1. Attend a District Unit Coordinators training / orientation (If your district has one)
2. Determine the Packs Spring Rally / Tiger Cub Signup Night.
3. Confirm date and secure permission for School Youth Talk and distribution of School Night flyers.
4. Order appropriate School Rally flyers.
5. Recruit additional leaders and parents as needed to help with the flyer distribution as well as with the actual Rally Night.
6. Check-out what incentive may be available for Spring Recruiting and how to get them.

***In going to various council websites to prep this article I found a lot of incentives being offered by councils.***

- \* ***One council is offering FREE Handbooks to newly recruited Cub Scouts if the pack qualifies.***
- \* ***Many councils are offering free council summer events for new Cub Scouts***
- \* ***One council was giving free Tiger Tee Shirts***

7. Submit ALL NEW youth applications to your District Executive or the Boy Scout Service Center by a specified date
8. Continue follow-up with potential NEW youth not signed up at the rally night.
9. Promote NEW members and their parents to participate in the various council and district activities to be held over the summer months. Distribute flyer of activities and how they can sign-up to participate.
10. Turn in recognition forms for those Cub Scouts which served as recruiters and brought in a NEW member to join the Cub Scout Pack

Like many other things in life, being Cub Scout leaders can be a joy or a chore. At times, things may look so hard that you may be tempted to say, 'I quit!' Then one of the boys looks up to you with a smile and says he loves Cub Scouting. That will instantly make you happy, and you will think you can go on for the next several years being a Cub Scout leader. Don't give up even when you want to. There are many people who would be happy to support you. For example, look around this room. Persevere through hard times for that smile on the boys' faces.

**What are YOU going to do now?**

*The best gift for a Cub Scout.....  
.....get his parents involved!  
The greatest gift you can give your child  
..... good self respect!*

**Cub Scout Information**



**WEBELOS MEANS:**  
"WE'LL BE LOYAL Scouts"

**SCOUT OATH**  
On my honor I will do my best  
to do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
to help other people at all times;  
to keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

**SCOUT LAW**  
A Scout is trustworthy,  
loyal, helpful, friendly,  
courteous, kind, obedient,  
cheerful, thrifty, brave,  
clean, and reverent.



Go to <http://strongarmor.blogspot.com/2015/06/cub-scouts-scout-oath-and-law-helps-and.html> to get full size, full color (or black and white) printable versions

**REWARD**  
Fun Boys & Families



Tiger - 1<sup>st</sup> grader   Wolf - 2<sup>nd</sup> grader   Bear - 3<sup>rd</sup> grader   Webelos - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Cub Scout Round Up!**



**BE UP TO DATE**

[www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates)

The Program Updates page has been regrouped. Since the CS Adventure is in full swing, the emphasis on getting ready for it has been reduced. The downloads are still all there.

**Philmont Training Center**

Get great information about the **Cub Scout Extravaganza** at [Philmont Training Center](http://Philmont Training Center) during the summer of 2017. It is being done TWICE, so ore people can have FUN.

There is a lot of information now on etting ready and implementing the changes to the Boy Scout program. **Check it all out – stay current!!**

**ROUNDTABLE**  
**FOR FUN AND**  
**KNOW-HOW**

"Never too old, never too sick,  
never too late to do yoga  
and start from  
scratch once again."  
– Bikram Choudhury



**Same is true for Boy Scout Leaders!!**

## ROUNDTABLE HINTS



**Keep Checking –  
Jeff will be back soon!!**

### **EPIC ROUNDTABLES -**

#### ***E - Exceptional & Experiential***

Strive to present an exceptional and experience based program

#### ***P - Personally & Program Relevant***

Make the presentation **personally and program level relevant** to the Leaders who attend.

#### ***I - Instructional & Inspiring***

Structure your program so that it is an **instructional** experience, providing examples of the method of delivery, that motivates and **inspires** Leaders

#### ***C - Concrete***

Bring all of these components together at one place at one time, to deliver a **concrete experience** that provides Cub Scout Leaders with what they need to deliver a successful program at the Den and Pack level.

### CUB SCOUT RT SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

| RT Month | Program Month | Pack Meeting Theme and Scout Law Point<br>Pack Meeting Plans at Scouting.org (1) |                       | Roundtable Interest Topic and Scout Law Point<br>Per 2016-2017 Roundtable Planning Guide |                           |
|----------|---------------|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
|          |               | Pack Meeting Scout Law Point   | Pack Meeting Theme    | Roundtable Scout Law Point   | Roundtable Interest Topic |
| Apr 2016 | May 2016      | Clean  | A Picnic with Pizzazz | Clean  | Cub Scout Hiking          |
| May 2016 | Jun 2016      | Brave  | Roaming Reptile Alert | Helpful  | Cub Scout Camping         |
| Jun 2016 | Jul 2016      | Trustworthy  | Let the Games Begin   | Kind   | Campfire Etiquette        |
| Jul 2016 | Aug 2016      | Friendly   | #CUBSCOUTS            | Courteous  | Enjoying Nature           |

(1) Link to Pack Meeting Plans -

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/CubScouts/Leaders/CubmasterResources/PackMeetingPlans.aspx>

| RT Month | DL Breakout Topics   | WL Breakout Topics              | CM Breakout Topic   | Comm Breakout | CS Leader                            |
|----------|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Apr 2016 | Preparing for a hike   | Review Webelos Walkabout        | The CM and Den & Pack Hikes   | Hike Planning | Various Hiking Topics for all levels |
| May 2016 | Combined Session - CS Camping<br>BALOO Training, BSA Camping Rules, Types of Camps, Camp Logistics, Resources                              |                                 |   |               |                                      |
| Jun 2016 | <b>Combined Session - Campfire Etiquette</b><br>Part 1 - Etiquette, Safety, LNT<br>Part 2 - Program Material, Positive Emphasis, Resources |                                 |   |               |                                      |
| Jul 2016 | Nature is NATURE-al in Scouting  | Nature is NATURE-al in Scouting | <b>Combined Session - Nature</b><br>Nature is NATURE-al in Scouting<br>Safety, 2 Deep, Buddy System |               | Overview of Nature is NATURE-al      |

| <b>Cub Scout Adventures To Highlight at RT</b> |                                     |  |  |  |                           |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| RT Month                                       | Tiger Adventure                     | Wolf Adventure                                     | Bear Adventure                                     | Webelos Adventure                                | Arrow of Light Adventures |
| Apr 2016                                       | Backyard Jungle                     | Paws on the Path                                   | Fur, Feathers, and Ferns                           | Webelos Walkabout                                |                           |
| May 2016                                       |                                     | Call of the Wild                                   | Bear Necessities                                   | Camper, Castaway                                 |                           |
| Jun 2016                                       | Tiger Theatre                       | Call of the Wild                                   | Bear Necessities, Grin & Bear It, Roaring Laughter |  |                           |
| Jul 2016                                       | Backyard Jungle, Tigers in the Wild | Call of the Wild, Grow Something, Paws on the Path | Fur, Feathers, and Ferns, Bear Goes Fishing        | Webelos Walkabout, Into the Wild, Into the Woods |                           |

## LIONS



## LION GUIDE AND PARENT ORIENTATION VIDEO



Video URL - <https://youtu.be/YaIBTUO70JA>

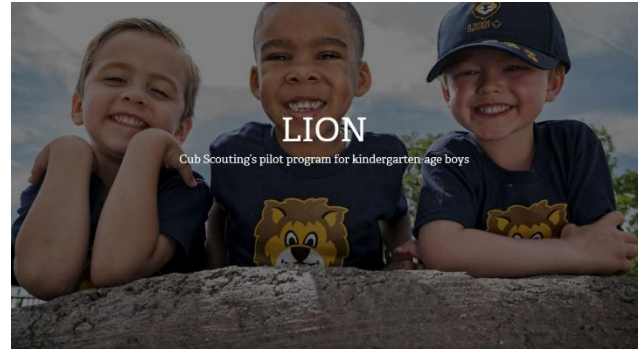
## ORGANIZING FOR LIONS

*From – New Birth of Freedom Council*

For those packs that are thinking ahead about participating in the Lion Scouts program, having the right volunteers involved in delivering the Lion Scouts program will be important. Research shows that the most important person for a successful Scouting experience is a good leader. There are two new adult leader positions within the pack that are directly engaged in the delivery of the Lion Scouts program – a Lion Coordinator and a Lion Guide. Where do these positions fit into the current pack structure? **What is the Lion Coordinator's job description?**

- Is an experienced and successful den leader
- Understands den and pack operations within the overall structure of Cub Scouting
- Demonstrates excellent communication and organization skills (and will remain in at least monthly contact with the Lion dens)
- Participates as needed in the unit's School Night with all new Lions and their parents
- Assists the Lion guide in hosting the first orientation meeting for all the individual Lion dens in their pack
- Serves as a coach and mentor for Lion Guide

## NEW LION HUB



### *Big Smiles Build Bigger Futures*

BSA has launched a new Lion Hub at:

<http://scoutingwire.org/lion/>

Available Lion Resources include:

[PARTICIPATING COUNCILS](#)

[PROGRAM OVERVIEW](#)

[FAQS](#)

*The FAQ PDF is 13 pages long!!*

*Lots of great information!!*

[LION GUIDE AND PARENT ORIENTATION VIDEO](#)

[LION GUIDE AND PARENT ORIENTATION POWERPOINT](#)

[CONTACT US](#)

[LION PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS](#)

*(HELP SPREAD THE WORD!)*

[LION PROMOTIONAL VIDEO](#)





## THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE ON LIONS

**What We Know** According to a 2014 U.S. Census Bureau report, 57 percent of kids ages 6–17 participate in at least one after-school extracurricular activity. This means that by the time they are eligible for Tigers, more than half of them already are engaged in some type of athletic, artistic or other program.

Often, children become attached to lifelong activities at an early age — that is certainly a goal we would have, as we know the long-term benefits of Scouting involvement include strong asset development in the areas of character and leadership. However, we also know that when youth participate in numerous activities at an early age, and miss joining Scouting, they are unlikely to do so at adolescence.

What will be important to learn in the next few years, if the initial entry point works at the kindergarten-age level, is will this cause losses at a different age, or will the program keep the same retention all the way through to Boy Scouting?

What we learn from the pilot Lion format could also help us assess and create a smoother transition from Webelos into Boy Scouting. Too many parents now see a barrier or obstacle, rather than a smoother transition. You will often hear parents say, “We did Cub Scouting, now we’re not sure if we are going to do Boy Scouts.” We do not have a seamless transition into Boy Scouts for a number of reasons. This pilot test will help us think through some of these issues.

We want to be sure that our Lion program delivers the right mix of character and leadership values and that we set the bar high. The program must be sustainable, we must have the right infrastructure to support it, and it needs to address in a meaningful way the needs of parents who want their kids to join Scouting at an earlier age.

You can rest assured that we will carefully evaluate our progress and keep you apprised of the results. Stay tuned for more.

Reprinted from "The Chief's Corner" on [Scoutingwire.org](http://Scoutingwire.org)

## MORE LION INFORMATION

**Bryan's Blog has written about Lions –** Go to <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/> and you can look them up. Here are a few -

[Lion pilot program brings Scouting to kindergartners in nearly 200 councils](#)

September 27, 2016



Answering the call of families who want a Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys, the BSA has expanded its Lion pilot program to nearly 200 councils. \_

[In full gear: Here's your first look at Lion Scouts T-shirts and hats](#)

April 28, 2016



This week we get our first look at new T-shirts and caps to be worn by Lions — members of the pilot program for kindergarten boys set to roll out this fall.

[Will Lions be part of the pack? \(And answers to your other Lion questions\)](#)

April 15, 2016



Will Lions be part of the Cub Scout pack? By adding another year to the program, is the BSA concerned about "burnout"? And why was the Lions name chosen?

[New details released about Lions, the pilot program for kindergarten boys](#)

March 10, 2016



In Lions, the new pilot program for kindergartners, boys wear T-shirts instead of uniforms and earn adventure stickers instead of adventure loops.





There are slideshows on the web put up by local councils. Some examples are: WD Boyce Council has "Lion Cub Pilot Program" at: <http://www.wdboyce.org/document/lion-cub-pilot-program/161325>

Northern Star Council has a training slide show for District Coordinators and others at: <https://www.signup4.net/UPLOAD/NORT26A/LION12E/District%20Lion%20Cub%20Coordinator%20Training.pdf>

Councils have put up webpages about what their packs need to know to begin a Lions Program. Examples are:

New Birth of Freedom:  
<http://seb.newbirthoffreedom.org/2016/03/22/were-approved-for-the-lion-scouts-pilot/>

WD Boyce: <http://www.wdboyce.org/cub-scouts/lion-cub-pilot-program/63360>

Garden State (My Council):  
<http://www.gardenstatescouting.org/lion-program-0>

Garden State, also, has an FAQ PDF -  
<http://www.gardenstatescouting.org/sites/default/files/Lion%20Program%20FAQ.pdf>

And we have created a Facebook page for our units with Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/GSCLion/>

### Selected FAQ's

National has posted a PDF file of FAQs about the LION program at [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Lion\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Lion_FAQs.pdf)



### Cub Hub Blog Lion Posts

The items listed below are from the [Cub Scout Learning Library](#). Check it out frequently for new lion and other new Cub Scout items. You can go to [www.cubscouts.org](http://www.cubscouts.org) and click on the Cub Hub Blog.



[A Look at the Lion Uniform and Gear](#) Lion uniform, shirts and hats! In case you've missed the Lion uniform images floating around the Digital Pack...



[Will Lions Join Tigers and Bears? Oh My!](#) — A Lions FAQ Lions: Answers to your top questions. We have seen a lot of great feedback, comments and questions from...



[5 Questions \(and Answers\) for the New Lion Program](#) More Information on the New Lion Program As we mentioned earlier on the Cub Hub, Select councils will...



[Lion Program will bring Scouting to Kindergarten Boys](#) Something Roaring in the Jungle There is an exciting new Scouting program called "Lion" for Kindergarten-aged boys...

## CUB SCOUT LEARNING LIBRARY

Per my contacts at National Council, further development of the Cub Scout Learning Library (aka <https://cubscouts.org>) is currently on hold as BSA assesses its digital strategy. Once that assessment is done and plan for moving forward is developed, additional on-line support for CS leaders will be available, either at cubscouts.org or a new site depending on the results.

**The November 30, 2016, Adventure Plan changes will not be incorporated into this site.**

The NEW <https://cubscouts.org/> !!!



**This is the Cub Scout Learning Library –** Everything you could want to know for Cub Scouts is or will be here. And all within a click or 3 of the home page. National heard the message that although things were at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) they were often buried too deep to be found. This site has admin stuff and practical stuff. The new Den Leader Resource Books are here. You can download some of the pages for **FREE** This website is a great resource. There are still parts under construction but what is there is **GREAT!!**



**Yes,**  
<https://cubscouts.org>  
**runs on a phone, too!!!**

There are 3 tabs on top of the home page –



- ☺ Learning Library
- ☺ Cub Hub Blog
- ☺ Join Scouting

**Plus – a magnifying Glass to start a search and Icons for various Social Media –**



1. **Learning Library** takes you where you can learn about your position and pick up hints. Besides specifics for dens of each rank, other clickable links include –

### Den Leader

#### Den Meeting Basics

- ☞ [Your First Den Meeting](#)
- ☞ [Planning Den Outings](#)
- ☞ [The Parts of a Den Meeting](#)

#### ☞ Getting Started

Three of the Core Adventures for the selected rank are listed here.

#### ☞ Additional Required Adventures

The remaining Core Adventures for the selected rank are listed here. When you click them you get an intro to the Adventure but do not get the Meeting Plans and Resources. You see this note:

**MEETING PLANS**

To get you started in delivering fun and engaging meetings, complete Den Meeting Plans are available here on the Learning Library for the Backyard Jungle and Games Tigers Play adventures. To obtain Den Meeting Plans for all other adventures, Den Leader Guides are available at your local Scout Shop, online at [scoutstuff.org](http://scoutstuff.org), or as an eBook through [Amazon](http://Amazon).

#### ☞ Elective Adventures

All the Elective Adventures for the selected rank are listed here. When you click them you get an intro to the Adventure but do not get the Meeting Plans and Resources. You see the same note (above).

## Building Strong Dens

### The Basics of Cub Scouts

- ▮ [Advancement](#)
- ▮ [BSA Mission and Vision Statements](#)
- ▮ [Cub Scout Ages and Ranks](#)
- ▮ [Cub Scout Uniforming](#)
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- ▮ [Den Yells](#)
- ▮ [Leader Survival Kit](#)
- ▮ [Methods of Cub Scouting](#)
- ▮ [Purpose of Cub Scouting](#)
- ▮ [Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- ▮ [Scout Oath and Law](#)
- ▮ [What Is Cub Scouting?](#)

## Training

- ▮ [Youth Protection](#)

## Den Planning And Administration

- ▮ [Advancement Basics](#)
- ▮ [Advancement Requirements](#)
- ▮ [Annual Planning For Your Den](#)
- ▮ [Coordinating Your Den Plan with Pack](#)
- ▮ [Tracking and Recognizing Advancement](#)
- ▮ [Youth Protection Training](#)

## Positive Youth Development and Working with Boys

- ▮ [Developmental Differences Boys 7-11](#)
- ▮ [Behavior and Discipline](#)
- ▮ [Positive Youth Development](#)

## Working With Special Needs Cub

**Scouts** *(Advice is specific to each Special Need.*

*Lots of research was done to prep these pages.)*

- ▮ [Parents' Prejoining Conference](#)
- ▮ [Leadership Techniques](#)
- ▮ [Working With Specific Disabilities and Needs](#)

**2. Cub Hub Blog** takes you to a Cub Scout specific Blog similar to Bryan's Blog. The most recent topics discussed are listed here. There are more at [www.cubscouts.org](http://www.cubscouts.org):

*Sorry, There were no new posts in January 2017.*

December Posts still available –

December 19, 2016



[Star Wars Stuff Your Cub Scout Will Love](#) There's no denying the popularity of all things Star Wars among Cub Scouts That may be why...

December 19, 2016



[Cold Weather Fun: Winter Camping!](#) Have fun and stay safe in cold weather Feeling stuck inside is a surefire way to let...

**3. Join Scouting** takes you to

[www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org)

SOME BOYS AVOID OBSTACLES. SCOUTS OVERCOME THEM.

The life lessons learned in Scouting form a foundation to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles in life.

- ✓ A fun and safe environment to learn and grow while developing interests and skills
- ✓ Character building and development centered around good morals and values
- ✓ The chance to learn life skills that help Scouts be successful adults and contributing members of society
- ✓ Exciting outdoor experiences boys love like hiking, camping, mountain biking, and more

This picture on <https://beascout.scouting.org/> home page. Check it out!!

**Also, on the home page –**



Click for a YouTube Video on Cub Scouting.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=dqKFgk8SJIE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dqKFgk8SJIE)

And 6 picture links -



These Six Links take you to:

[www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) –The Supply Division site where you can locate your nearest National Scout Shop or other local seller of Scout Stuff or buy your Scouting supplies on-line.

<http://scoutingwire.org/> - Where you can get the latest Scouting News from around the country. You can sign up to get notifications when things are posted here...

<https://cubscouts.org/pinewood-derby-2016-photo-contest> A dead end with a note that says “Pictures of entries that were received have been removed.”

<https://www.scoutbook.com/> Where you can get the Scoutbook APP to track your son's Scouting Experience from Tiger to Eagle Scout.



[www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org)– Go directly to the on-line edition of Boys 'Life

<http://scoutingwire.org/marketing-membership/> Get resources and materials to strengthen your unit at BSA's marketing and membership site. Learn the best practices and tips employed by the most successful units.

ADVENTURE PLAN TRACKERS

| WEBELOS CORE ADVENTURES: |                   |        |              |   |                              |    |    |    |    |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|---|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|--|
| CORE Adventures          |                   |        | Achv. Rules: |   | Fill in an "X" to show compl |    |    |    |    |  |
| No.                      | Name              | Req'd  | Avail        | 1 | 2                            | 3  | 4  | 5  |    |  |
| 1                        | Cast Iron Chef    | 5      | 5            |   |                              |    |    |    |    |  |
| 2                        | Duty to God & You | 1 or 3 | 5            | 1 | 2a                           | 2b | 2c | 2d |    |  |
|                          |                   |        |              | 1 | 2a                           | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2e |  |

- Tracking Spreadsheets are posted on the USScouts Advancement webpage (<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/intro.asp>). The spreadsheets were tested by a software developer who said they are so good he sees no reason to develop his own!!
- Utah National Parks Council, also, has Excel spreadsheets posted for all the new Adventure Plan requirements on their Akela's Council BlogSpot. <http://akelascouncil.blogspot.com/search/label/Tracking%20Sheet> (The page starts with Arrow of Light scroll down for other ranks)

| WOLF ELECTIVE ADVENTURES - DEN MEETINGS | REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED |
|---|------------------------|
| Air of the Wolf (Elective) - mtg. 1     | 1a,1b, 1c              |
| Air of the Wolf (Elective) - mtg. 2     | 2a, 2b, 2c             |
| Air of the Wolf (Elective) - mtg. 3     | 3a, 3b, 4              |
| Code of the Wolf (Elective) - mtg. 1    | 1a or 1b, 1e           |
| Code of the Wolf (Elective) - mtg. 2    | 3,4                    |

- A spreadsheet that correlates Meetings to Adventure requirements is available on the Utah National Parks' Akela's Council Blogspot at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/yb8fweg7etnhqrt/WOLF%20BEAR%20WEBELOS%20REQUIREMENTS%20-%20MTGS.xlsx?dl=0> . It has all the Wolf, Bear, Webelos and AOL Adventure requirements.

These Advancement Spreadsheet workbooks are **FREE** for Scouters. But be **COURTEOUS** and observe the following -

**PLEASE do not download the files from either site to email or send them digitally to others.** They are for your personal / pack use only. If you would like to share these files with others, please copy / send the link to them and send them to the site so they can print off their own. They would love everyone that wants a copy to get their own copy absolutely free. Both USScouts and Utah National Parks receive Ad money based on the number of people visiting the site. That ad money helps keep their websites open. Please help them (us) by encouraging others to visit to obtain files.

## TRACKING BOYS' PROGRESS IN THE MODIFIED CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE PLAN

Judy and I have found several places on the web where there are aids to use to track boys' progress in the modified Adventure Plan. Judy is placing a more detail in Baloo's Bugle, Part IV – Den Meeting Helps.

☞ **The Bobwhite Bather blog site** (<https://bobwhiteblather.com/mid-year-cub-scout-program-updates/>) has a discussion of changes.

☺ **Cubmaster Tom**, responded providing links to documents he formatted to paste into the boys' books for each modified Adventure. See example below:

### Tiger Required Adventure: My Tiger Jungle

Complete Requirement 1 plus at least two others.

**REQUIREMENT 1.** With your parent/guardian or other caring adult (referred to in the handbook as "your adult partner"), go for a walk outside, and pick out two or more sights or sounds of "nature" around you. Discuss with your partner or den.

**REQUIREMENT 2.** Take a 1-foot hike. Make a list of the living things you find on your 1-foot hike. Discuss these plants or animals with your parent/guardian, other caring adult, or your den.

**REQUIREMENT 3.** Point out two different kinds of birds that live in your area. With your parent/guardian, other caring adult, or den, find out more about one of these birds.

**REQUIREMENT 4.** Be helpful to nature by planting a plant, shrub, or tree. Learn more about the needs and growth of the item you've planted.

**REQUIREMENT 5.** Build and hang a birdhouse.

The complete Tiger document is at:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ka\\_AkwxDkKgNjLrAOUHzbQQqCkruDCC8RyxtMFvrFO8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ka_AkwxDkKgNjLrAOUHzbQQqCkruDCC8RyxtMFvrFO8/edit?usp=sharing). The links for the other ranks are in the comment on Bobwhite Blather.

☺ **Bert Bender, Atlanta Area Council, replied**, Having finished several deep dives through the requirements changes, I've updated the page at <http://www.southfultonscouting.com/node/3557> to not only show exactly what got changed and what didn't change, but now also add comments intended to be a practical guide to whether you need to look at the new 11/30/16 language, and whether when those might be a useful alternative.

Comments after some Adventures encourage (sometimes plead) that dens avoid the "easy button" approach. Doing the June 1, 2015 handbook elements will often result in better outcomes and experience in Cub Scouting.

☞ **Utah National Parks Council's Akelas Council Blogspot** has revised paper tracking sheets (<http://akelascouncil.blogspot.com/>) Thanks to Celeste Hunt for creating these.

Celeste says, "Tracking, planning, and recognition are so important in Cub Scouts. This new tracking sheet helps you to be able to keep track of where each boy is at towards the Bear, Adventures, and Cyber Chip requirements. I print 2 copies of the tracker on cardstock for each boy. One for his book and one for my leader binder. I place it next to the trackers for the religious and other awards we are doing. I have tab for every boy with all his trackers. Complete information on each boy in one place. Not every boy is there every week. By doing this, I always know what each boy has done. If the parents ever have questions, I have a place to check, and I can always copy each tracking sheet to show them where their boy is.

## CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING IN-PERSON TRAINING

Position-Specific In-Person Training Guides Available Now! The training guides for

- ★ [Den Leader](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/515-215.pdf)  
(<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/515-215.pdf>),
- ★ [Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-503_WB.pdf)  
([http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-503\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-503_WB.pdf)), and
- ★ [Pack Committee](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-504_WB.pdf)  
([http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-504\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-504_WB.pdf))


Are available on Scouting University. You can access them at <http://www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx>.



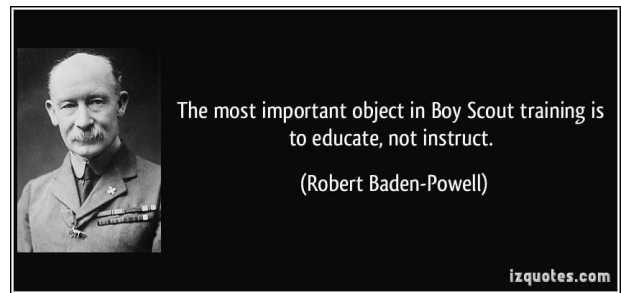
## ON-LINE TRAINING

On-Line Training for all Cub Scout positions has been available since October 25, 2015

The online training for Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs and members, and Chartered Organization Representatives is totally updated with help from volunteers from around the country. The new training is divided into shorter, more targeted modules so leaders can get the training they need, in the order they want, any time they need it. It is organized around the learning needed prior to the first meeting, in the first 30 days, and to be position-specific trained. This training was developed to be implemented in conjunction with the BSA's new learning management system. Keep an eye on my Scouting Tools (log in at <https://My.Scouting.org>) for more information.

Go to the BSA Volunteer Training Team Facebook page (Link above) and  Like. Then you **automatically** receive the latest news!!

**If you are having difficulties with the training or system call BSA Member Care at 972-580-2489**



**A Typical Learning Plan has several parts –**

There is no need to complete more than one section at a time. Do what you have time to do.

Here you can see the three parts of the CM Course -



Each of these three parts is broken down into "bite sized" chunks:



**Go check it out and get your people trained!!!**