

## Cub Scout Program Update 2015-2016 (as of 5/4/15)

### Organizing Principles for All Ranks

Character Development  
 Leadership and Life Skills  
 Participatory Citizenship  
 Outdoor Skills and Awareness  
 Personal Fitness

### What Remains

All must earn the Bobcat  
 Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Motto and Salute  
 The term "Akela"  
 Uniforms and rank patches stay the same, except for the new Tigers.  
 Webelos & Arrow of Light will continue to earn pins.  
 Method of program delivery & means for advancement -  
 predominantly from den/pack meetings and activities.

## Program Changes (effective 6/1/15)

- **One Oath, One Law** -- all BSA organizations will use the Boy Scout Oath and Law.
- All new scouts, beginning June 1, 2015 must earn their **Bobcat Badge** using the Scout Oath & Law.
- The Academics and Sports program to be retired - activities are now incorporated within each Adventure.
- Terms "Achievements and Activity Badges" are now replaced by **Adventures, implies being more active.**
- **"Ethan"** - Ethan is a Cub Scout who will guide Scouts through each rank in the new Cub Scout program. He'll appear in each adventure in their new handbooks, and he will always be a year older and one rank ahead of the Scouts
- Instead of Character Connections, they have a **"Character Compass"** used to illustrate how one of the Boy Scout character traits applies to a particular adventure.
- "Homework" is now called **"Home Assignment"** - samples included and can be photocopied.
- Each rank has a required **Duty to God Adventure** - activity is age appropriate and family-based.
- Immediate Recognition - **"Adventure Loops,"** no beads or arrow points, for Tigers, Wolves & Bears.
- Advancement reports are not needed to purchase adventure loops, however, you must still provide advancement report for rank badges.
- Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks earn - **"Adventure Pins"** instead of activity pins or badges.
- It is no longer necessary to earn the Webelos rank before earning the Arrow Of Light rank.
- Transition guidelines for scouts who have earned the Webelos rank by 6/1/15, see the reverse side of page.
- In addition to the **7 Adventures, each rank must complete Child Abuse exercises & earn the Cyber Chip Award.**

<b>Tigers (no longer Tiger Cubs):</b>	6 req'd adventures + choice of 1 elective (from 13 ), orange-edged adventure loops
<b>Wolf:</b>	6 req'd adventures + choice of 1 elective (from 13 ), red-edged loops
<b>Bear:</b>	6 req'd adventures + choice of 1 elective (from 13 ), blue-edged loops
<b>Webelos:</b>	5 req'd adventures and 2 electives from 18 options shared with AOL, adventure pins diamond-shaped with green borders
<b>Arrow of Light:</b>	4 req'd adventures and 3 electives from the same 18 shared with Webelos, pins are arrow-shaped with brown borders.

\*All elective adventure loops or pins are monochromatic- coinciding with rank colors, except for Webelos & AOL. All of their elective pins are oval-shaped and brown, see images online.

## CUB SCOUT LEADERS

- Leader Guides are more "user friendly," providing you with an outline, resources and sample activities.
- Each Adventure is designed to take approximately 3 meetings to complete. Remember Duty to God is family-based. Most of this Adventure is completed with the scout's family.
- **"Seven"** is the magic number- seven Adventures for all ranks, less confusion going to subsequent ranks.
- **Webelos rank earned as of June 1, 2015, two options:**

### OPTION 1

May continue to work out of the current handbook and complete the Arrow of Light requirements as stated.

→ Either activity pins or adventure pins may be used to satisfy elective requirements.

### OPTION 2

Begin using the new Webelos Handbook and the Webelos Den Leader Guide for the Webelos adventures.

Must complete the four defined required adventures.

To satisfy the requirement for three electives, they may utilize **EITHER** the new adventure electives **OR** activity badges earned under the current program but NOT USED TO FULFILL WEBELOS RANK REQUIREMENTS.

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### Specific Updates to NOTE Currently Available at [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates)

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- **Training:** Position-Specific In-Person (PDF's) Training Guides are available now. Online training is anticipated to launch 6/30/15.
- **Orientation videos/webcasts:** for Cubmasters, Den Leaders & LDS Leaders
- **New Pack Meeting Plans** for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017
- **Updated Cub Scout Award Requirements:** National Den Award, National Summertime Pack Award, Cub Scout World Conservation Award, and the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
- **Cub Scout Program FAQ's, updated 3/6/15: GREAT** resource, includes website links, samples of planning forms and specific LDS questions answered
- **New Transition Guidelines (3/6/15)** for Webelos to Arrow of Light including guidelines for LDS Units
- **New images and artwork** to use on promotional materials

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**\*Also Updated- STEM/NOVA** program requirements <http://www.scouting.org/stem/Awards/CubScout.aspx>

### **\*\*UPDATED MATERIALS CURRENTLY IN THE SCOUT SHOP\*\***

- Den Leader Guides & Cub Scout handbooks for all ranks, Cub Scout Leader Book, Cub Scout Leader How-To Book, Ceremonies for Dens & Packs, Advancement tracking posters for Tigers, Wolves and Webelos and more on the way....

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