



CUB SCOUTS

PRESENTATION

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM CHANGES – 2015

CONTEXT

Change has been a constant in Cub Scouting. One example:

1930s *"I (name) promise to do my best to be square and to obey the Law of the Pack."*

1950s *"I (name), promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to be square and to obey the Law of the Pack."*

1970s *"I (name), promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack."*

2010s *"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, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."*

PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Summary of Findings

- Many advancement requirements support passive rather than active behavior.
- Leader aids are insufficient in guiding leaders on how to fulfill aims - lack tools and resources to implement aims.
- Youth handbooks lack breadth and frequency of activities/learning situations that support the aims.
 - Character:
 - Cub Scout program structure does not facilitate adequate coverage of all 12 Core Values
 - The youth handbook activities do little to facilitate the discussions necessary to leverage the methods and instill values.
 - Citizenship: Current activities focus primarily in the area of civics/government with less emphasis on service and stewardship
 - Personal Fitness:
 - Rank advancement activities do not build foundation for life-long positive fitness habits.
 - Our attention to nutrition within rank advancement is not proportionate to the need to address nutrition instruction and practices



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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



Desired Outcomes

- Aims of Scouting + 2
- Character, Citizenship, Fitness + Leadership and Outdoor Program

PROGRAM

Adventures

- Theme-based
- Rigorous, but fun
- Defined/Required and elective
- Den based, with opportunities for family involvement



Seven Adventures required for Rank Advancement

- Belt loops for Tiger, Wolf, Bear (6 defined/1 elective)
- Pins for Webelos and Arrow of Light (Webelos: 5 defined/2 elective; AOL: 4/3)



TRANSITION

Timeline

- Current program – active until May 31, 2015
- All advancement until that date will use the current materials
- New program – active on June 1, 2015



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TRANSITION

Special Considerations

- LDS transition considerations - see online transition support
- Boys Earning Their Webelos Badge Prior to June 1, 2015
 - May continue to work out of the current handbook and complete the AOL requirements as stated.
 - May convert to the new handbook and requirements
- Boys joining Cub Scouts after May 31, 2015 and meeting the qualifications to join an AOL den
 - Shall utilize the new program requirements and handbook
 - No requirement to earn Webelos first
 - They may substitute any of the new program Webelos required adventures for the three required electives of Arrow of Light

Takeaway: The Big Picture

- Living the Ideals – Movement to Scout Oath and Law
- Belonging to a Den
- Using Advancement – Revisions to Current System
- Involving Family and Home
- Participating in Activities
- Serving Home and Neighborhood
- Wearing the Uniform

Not Changing

- Five methods of seven Cub Scout methods remain the same
- Family focus
- Ages (or genders)
- Bobcat still first rank earned (updated)
- Ranks or approach
- Den/pack meeting structures
- Outdoor program
- Delivery model
- Fun – even more than before

Changing

- Ideals-related
- Oath & Law
- Advancement-related
- Tiger Cub becomes Tiger with new image
- Arrow of Light will no longer require earning Webelos
- Activities – more active, more aligned with Aims/Mission
- Advancement – simplified
- Academics and Sports program retired
- Current immediate/elective recognition devices replaced
- One Den Leader Guide per rank

DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Tier 1: Handbooks, Leader Guides (complete)

Tier 2: Training and Camping Support (complete by Q1 2015)

Tier 3: Ephemera and remaining program materials (complete by Q2 2015)



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PROGRAM MATERIALS

PROGRAM MATERIALS AVAILABLE – MAY 1, 2015 (ENGLISH AND SPANISH) – IN SCOUT SHOPS AND ONLINE (as appropriate)

SUPPORT

National Support

- BSA Program Updates website:
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/programupdates.aspx>
- Roundtable Commissioner Content
- Q1 2015:
 - Unit leader webinars
 - Revised position-specific, fast start and "what's new" training.
- PTC-trained Subject Matter Experts

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The New Cub Scout Adventure: January 4-10, 2015

Discover the adventures Cub Scouts will experience in the BSA's new Cub Scout program beginning in June 2015. You'll learn the whys of the program changes, exactly how the new program works, live some of the adventures as Cub Scouts, and be ready to take your learning back to your unit, district or council (Offered).



Leading The Cub Scout Adventure: June 21 – 27, 2015; July 12 – 18, 2015; July 26 – August 1, 2015; August 2 – 8, 2015

During this fun filled week you will journey through the NEW Cub Scout Program from Tiger thru Arrow of Light. Den Leaders and Cub Masters will see and feel the excitement of being a Cub Scout as they learn about the new Cub Scout adventures and trek through samples from each of the ranks, latest and greatest in Pack Meeting Plans and den and pack planning tools. Attendees in service to units (professionals, commissioners, and others) will share this journey while following their own path discovering how districts and councils can support local units in the delivery of this NEW and EXCITING Adventure Program for Cub Scouts. This is a "hands on" conference giving you perspective on leading the new program from multiple roles. You won't want to miss this one!