

# Cubmaster Advancement Newsletter

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It was August last year that my topic for this newsletter was planning. The point that I made is that a good advancement program needs a little bit of planning and I offered some strategies for working with your Den Leaders, Pack Committee and encouraged you to spruce up your ceremonies. If you missed that edition, you can find it and the other past ones out on [http://www.charter.net/chadc/html/cdb\\_cub\\_advancement.html](http://www.charter.net/chadc/html/cdb_cub_advancement.html).

With that said, let us tackle three topics this month.

## Leader Training, New Awards & Webelos Transition

### Leader Training

Now should be the time that your den leaders should be training for their new level.

- Last year's Tiger den leaders need to get introduced to the Wolf and Bear advancement programs. At the Wolf level, the parents take a half-step back and the den leader needs to take a more active roll working with the boys as a den.
- Last year's Bear den leaders need to gear-up for their tenure as Webelos leaders. The Webelos program starts the preparation for Boy Scouting and there are a number of significant changes in advancement philosophy that den leader should be trained on.

In order for your den leaders to continue to wear their Trained strips, they must keep current on their Position Specific training. Get them trained because every boy deserves a trained leader!

### Outdoor Activity Award

To recognize those boys that are actively involved in all of the outdoor aspects of the Cub Scout program, BSA has created the Outdoor Activity Award. There are fifteen requirements for this award, including attending a Cub day camp or resident camp. The full requirements can be found out on the internet at <http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/Outdoor-Activity.html> or <http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/13-228.pdf> (note: the PDF is a large file).

It will take good teamwork between you and your Den Leaders to put on a Cub program that offers all of these activities. Get copies of the requirements and work this program into your Pack and Den plans! Keep the OUTING in Scouting!

This program also offers a new first for Cub Scouting; the award patch is worn on the right-hand side shirt pocket flap. This is the first patch that the boys can legally wear in this location.

### Cub Scout 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards

The requirements for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards, which were mentioned in this year's Program Helps, have finally been published. There are 4 different awards that BSA has created to celebrate this great anniversary; one for Cub Scouts, one for Scout Leaders, one for the family, and one for the pack. All four awards are based upon

- a) Participating in events that celebrate the 75 years, and
- b) Activities that encourage learning about life during 1930s, at the time Cub Scouts was founded.

These have been published with plenty of time for you to work them into your 2005 plan.

The requirements for these awards can be found out on

<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/75thAnniversaryAwards.html>  
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/75thAnniversaryAward-Scout.html>  
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/75thAnniversaryAward-Leader.html>  
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/75thAnniversaryAward-Family.html>  
<http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/75thAnniversaryAward-Pack.html>

or

<http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/13-356.pdf> (note: this PDF is a larger file)

