

Cubmaster Advancement Newsletter

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Beyond your advancement program, BSA offers a number of different enrichment awards that extend the basic rank advancement program. This month lets look at two of them

Leave No Trace & Emergency Preparedness Awards

Leave No Trace Award



As more people use parks and recreation facilities, LEAVE NO TRACE® guidelines become even more important for outdoor visitors.

Leave No Trace is a plan that helps people to be more concerned about their environment and to help them protect it for future generations. Leave No Trace applies in a backyard or local park (frontcountry) as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry).

The Cub Scout requirements for this award are:

1. Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
2. On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
3. Boys in a Tiger Cub den complete the activities for Achievement 5, Let's Go Outdoors; boys in a Wolf den complete Requirement 7, Your Living World; boys in a Bear den complete Requirement 12, Family Outdoor Adventures; boys in a Webelos den earn the Outdoorsman activity badge.
4. Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project.
5. Promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
6. Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.

Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge
I promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines wherever I go:

1. Plan ahead.
2. Stick to trails.
3. Manage your pet.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Respect other visitors.
6. Trash your trash.

These activities are easily worked into a Pack camping program or would make for a good set of activities for a Webelos den campout in conjunction with learning the Outdoor Code. The full guideline for the Leave No Trace award can be found out the BSA website at <http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/13-032/>. The patches for this award can be purchased at the Scout Shop to be worn as a temporary patch on the right pocket. There is also a set of requirements for an adult version of this award.

Emergency Preparedness Award



It is a challenge to be prepared for emergencies in our world of man-made and natural phenomena. The Emergency Preparedness BSA program is planned to inspire the desire and foster the skills to meet this challenge in our youth and adult members so that they can participate effectively in this crucial service to their families, communities, and nation. There are different requirements for each rank level:

Tiger Cub Requirements

1. Complete Tiger Cub Achievement 3—Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe. This achievement covers a family fire plan and drill and what to do if separated from the family.
2. Complete Tiger Cub Elective 27—Emergency! This elective helps a Tiger Cub be ready for emergencies and dangerous situations and has him discuss a family emergency plan with his family.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of these three activities.
 - Take the American Red Cross First Aid for Children Today (FACT) course.
 - Join a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification, Internet Safety, or Safety at Home.

- Show and tell your family household what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.

Wolf Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Wolf Cub Scout Achievement 9*—Be Safe at Home and on the Street. This is a check of your home to keep it safe.
2. Complete Wolf Cub Scout Elective 16*—Family Alert. This elective is about designing a plan for your home and family in case an emergency takes place.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub:
 - Take American Red Cross Basic Aid Training (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more.
 - Make a presentation to your family on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
 - Join a Safe Kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

Bear Cub Scout Requirements

1. Complete Bear Cub Scout Achievement 11*—Be Ready. The focus of this achievement is the best way to handle emergencies.
2. Make a small display or give a presentation for your family or den on what you have learned about preparing for emergencies.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following activities that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf Cub Scout:
 - Take American Red Cross Basic Aid Training (BAT) to learn emergency skills and care for choking, wounds, nose bleeds, falls, and animal bites. This course includes responses for fire safety, poisoning, water accidents, substance abuse, and more..
 - Put together a family emergency kit for use in the home.
 - Organize a safe kids program such as McGruff Child Identification program. Put on a training program for your family or den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

Webelos Scout Requirements

1. Earn the Readyman activity badge from the community badge group.
2. Build a family emergency kit, with an adult family member participating in the project.
3. With your parent or guardian's help, complete one of the following that you have not already completed for this award as a Tiger Cub or Wolf or Bear Cub Scout:
 - Take a first aid course conducted by your local American Red Cross chapter.
 - Give a presentation to your den on preparing for emergencies.
 - Organize a training program for your Webelos den on stranger awareness, Internet safety, or safety at home.

The full program details can be found out on the BSA website at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/emergency/>. At the bottom of the first webpage you will find links to how to create the preparedness plan, preparedness kit and the award requirements. This award requires that upon completion, an application be submitted to the Council service center. The pin that is presented as part of this award is worn on the left pocket flap of the uniform.

Newsletters

If you are interested in getting back-copies of the newsletters or would like electronic versions to share, you can find them at http://www.cooperdom.com/html/cub_scouting.html

Till next month, yours in Scouting,
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