

Cubmaster Advancement Newsletter

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It is November and hopefully everyone's program is going strong for the year; all of your new Wolves, Bears and Webelos are completing their Bobcat badge. Remember that BSA expressly prohibits the Bobcat award ceremony of inverting the Cub Scout.

This month's newsletter will touch on

75th Anniversary & Quality Unit

75th Anniversary Awards

It was September of last year that BSA introduced the quadrumvirate of 75th Anniversary awards; one for the Scout, leader, family and pack. These awards were 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.

Time is running out to complete the award requirements and they should be wrapped-up in the next couple of months. You can find the requirements out on

<http://roundtable.northernstarbsa.org/00%2DCouncil/Cub%20Scout%202006%20Quailty%20Form.pdf>

Also, be sure to contact your local Scout Shop for the patches well in advance of your awards ceremony to make sure that they have them (or can get them) in stock.

Quality Unit

The advancement item that is part of the Quality Unit requirements is an easy objective to achieve.

“Advancement. Seventy percent or more of our Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts will advance a rank, or we will have a 10 percent increase over a year ago. Approved rank advancements for this recognition include Tiger Cub badge, Bobcat, Wolf Cub Scout, Bear Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, and Arrow of Light. “

Keep good track of your advancement records to assist your Committee Chair when time comes for February rechartering and the turn-in of the Quality Unit award forms.

Assistant Cubmaster - Advancement

Recruit a parent to fill the role of Assistant Cubmaster with the limited duties of assisting with advancement. Having an assistant to share the duties each month of (a) purchasing and preparing the awards and (b) assisting (behind the scenes) in the presentation ceremonies can make the Cubmaster's job much easier. The limited scope of responsibilities should help make this more attractive to your base of potential parent volunteers. The effort spent in filling this position should be recouped many times over.

Having an Assistant Cubmaster will also count toward one of the six Quality Unit elements.

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

Till next month, yours in Scouting,

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