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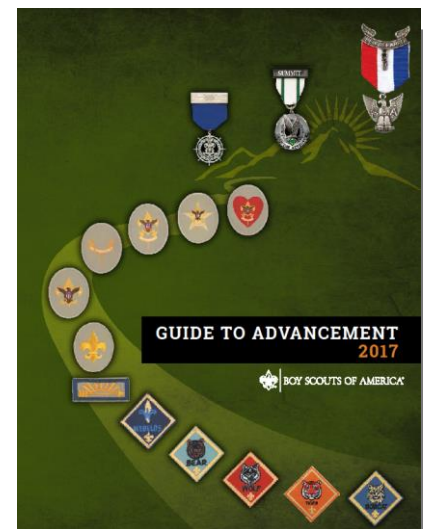
# Cub Scout Advancement: Delivering Adventure

National Advancement Team

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# ***Guide to Advancement***

- ❖ Official source for advancement policies and procedures
- ❖ Supplemented by *Advancement News* and Twitter account: @AdvBSA
- ❖ No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements



**The mission** of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## **Objectives of Scouting**

- ♣ Character development
- ♣ Participatory citizenship
- ♣ Leadership
- ♣ Mental and physical fitness



**But to a Cub Scout, the primary aim is FUN.**



# Advancement is...

## ♣ **A method**

- Not an end in itself

## ♣ **Based on experiential learning**

- Designed to educate or expand horizons
- “Do Your Best”

## ♣ **A means for personal growth**

- Cub Scouts learn and gain confidence

*Guide to Advancement, 2.0.0.1-3, 4.1.0.4*



# Three Steps in Cub Scout Advancement

- ♣ Preparation
- ♣ Qualification
- ♣ Recognition



*Guide to Advancement, 4.1.0.1*





# Who Delivers the Cub Scout Program?

- ♣ Den leaders
- ♣ Cubmaster
- ♣ Pack committee
- ♣ Parents and adult partners



# Role of the Den Leader

- ♣ Program planning
- ♣ Den meetings
- ♣ Recognition
- ♣ Reporting
- ♣ Communication with parents or guardians



# Role of the Cubmaster

- ♣ Program planning
- ♣ Pack meeting activities
- ♣ Meaningful ceremonies
- ♣ Support and guidance to den program





# Role of the Pack Committee

- ♣ Program planning
- ♣ Parent education and communication
- ♣ Administration of advancement, primarily through the pack advancement coordinator



*Guide to Advancement, 4.1.0.2*



# Role of the Pack Advancement Coordinator

- ♣ Parent education
- ♣ Promotion of advancement tools
- ♣ Recordkeeping and reporting
- ♣ Recognition



# Role of Parents

- ♣ Help with home assignments
- ♣ Support den and pack activities
- ♣ Encourage advancement
- ♣ Note advancement progress in handbook



# Unit Advancement Responsibilities: Reporting

- ❖ Use BSA's Internet portal to report advancement at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org)

- ❖ All advancement for a calendar year must be recorded during that year to count for Journey to Excellence.

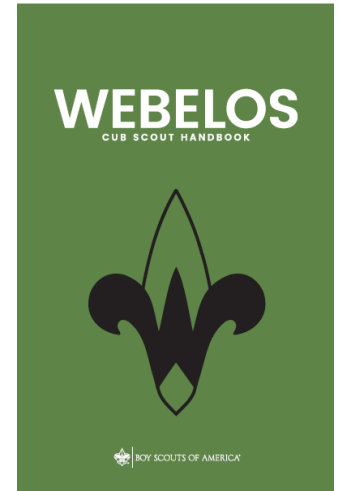
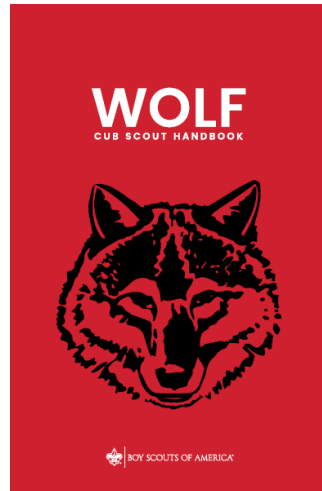
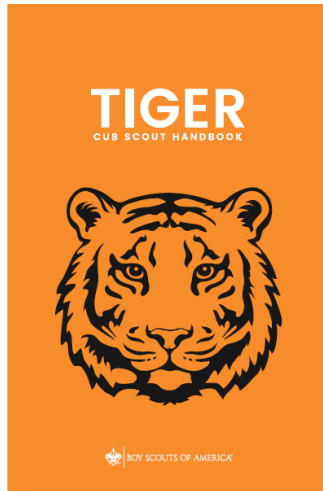


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# Cub Scouting Program Handbooks







# Structure of Advancement

- ♣ Bobcat badge is not required for the Lion rank but is the first rank before the following:
- ♣ For Tiger, Wolf and Bear: six required “adventures”
- ♣ For Webelos five required
- ♣ Arrow of Light four required
- ♣ All ranks require one elective



*Guide to Advancement, 4.1.1.0-4.1.1.3*



# Cub Scout Required Adventures

## REQUIRED ADVENTURES FOR CUB SCOUT BADGES OF RANK



Kindergarten

Lion's Honor

Animal Kingdom

Mountain Lion

King of the  
Jungle

Fun on the Run



1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Games Tigers  
Play

My Tiger Jungle

Team Tiger

Tiger Bites

Tiger Circles:  
Duty to God

Tigers in the  
Wild

Elective



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Call of the Wild

Council Fire

Duty to God  
Footsteps

Howling at the  
Moon

Paws on the Path

Running with the  
Pack

Elective



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Baloo The  
Builder

Bear Claws

Bear Necessities

Fellowship and  
Duty to God

Fur, Feathers,  
and Ferns

Paws for Action

Elective



Webelos 4<sup>th</sup> grade and continues until the  
Scout joins a Troop

Cast Iron Chef

Duty to God and  
You

First Responder

Stronger, Faster,  
Higher

Webelos  
Walkabout

Elective



Building a Better  
World

Duty to God in  
Action

Outdoor  
Adventurer

Scouting  
Adventure

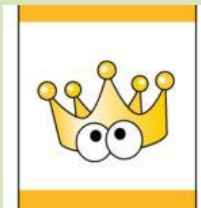
Elective



# Examples of Required Adventures

Each has a theme for the activities involved and a rationale describing what we're looking for in the way of results.

## Lion: King of the Jungle







A Cub Scout will be encouraged to know what it means to be a good citizen and leader.

*Guide to Advancement, 4.1.1.2 & 4.1.1.4*



# Examples of Required Adventures

<b>Tiger: My Tiger Jungle</b>	<b>Wolf: Call of the Wild</b>
 <p>All creatures, big or small, have a place in our environment. Tigers should be careful of their habitats.</p>	 <p>While enjoying outings or campouts, boys learn about knot tying, weather, emergency preparedness, and animal identification.</p>
<b>Bear: Paws for Action</b>	<b>Webelos: Cast Iron Chef</b>
 <p>While becoming more independent, Scouts learn to take care of themselves and help their family, community, and the environment.</p>	 <p>Scouts learn better nutrition and ways to take care of their bodies while being mindful of menu planning and finances.</p>



# Recognition: Adventure Loops & Pins

- ❖ Adventure belt loops – Lion, Tiger, Wolf & Bear



- ❖ Adventure pins – Webelos & Arrow of Light



*Guide to Advancement, 4.1.1.2 & 4.1.1.4*







# Duty to God

- ♣ A “duty to God” adventure is required for each rank
- ♣ Family-based
- ♣ Could be completed at den meetings with parental permission



# Examples of “Duty to God” Adventures

Tiger Adventure	Webelos Adventure
Tiger Circles: Duty to God	Duty to God and You
 <p>A boy or girl investigates what “Duty to God” means to them and their family, and discovers how helping others is part of our duty to God.</p>	 <p>In this adventure, a Cub Scout has the opportunity to explore duty to God in their own way. They can call on the past (their ancestors) and the present, to understand how to make duty to God an important part of the their life.</p>



# Sample Elective Adventures

RANK	ADVENTURE	DESCRIPTION
 <p>Tiger</p>	Floats and Boats	Learn about boats and water rescues
 <p>Wolf</p>	Collections and Hobbies	Learn a new skill from a hobby
 <p>Bear</p>	Bear Picnic Basket	Learn how to cook at home and in the outdoors
 <p>Webelos &amp; Arrow of Light</p>	Build It	Learn how to use tools and make repairs around the house



# Webelos to Arrow of Light Den Transition



For Cub Scouts who earn Webelos rank - must use current Arrow of Light requirements.

The following may be substituted for the elective adventures:

- ✦ Activity badges that were not counted toward Webelos rank
- ✦ New adventures required for the Webelos rank

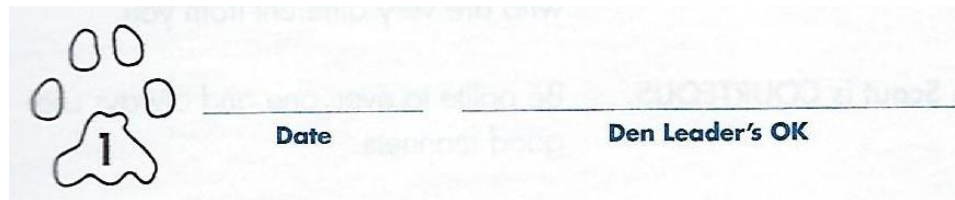
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# Who Approves Cub Scout Advancement?

Tiger, Wolf, and Bear ranks:

- ✦ Den leader signs and dates to approve



A form for Cub Scout advancement approval. On the left is a paw print icon with the number '1' inside. To the right of the paw print is a horizontal line labeled 'Date'. Further to the right is another horizontal line labeled 'Den Leader's OK'.

Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks:

- ✦ Den leader approves unless otherwise delegated

Approved by

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*Guide to Advancement, 4.1.1.5*





# FAQs: Cub Scout Advancement

- ♣ Timely recognition
- ♣ Age-appropriate ranks
- ♣ Working on electives
- ♣ Time extensions
- ♣ Youth held back in school

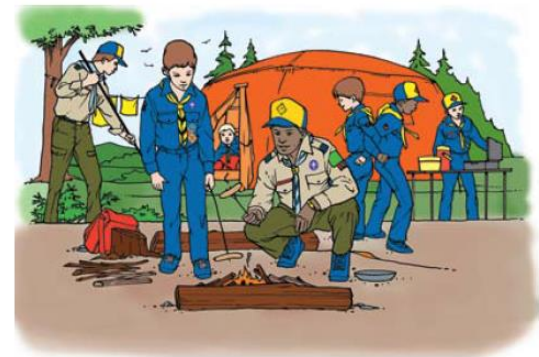


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# Advancement in Day and Resident Camps

- ❖ Camp programs should support advancement, but not *focus* on it.
- ❖ Advancement should occur naturally as a product of the camp experience.



*Guide to Advancement, 5.0.1.2*



# Cub Scouts with Special Needs

- ❖ “Do your best” is still the standard.
- ❖ If activities are beyond the abilities of the youth, the Cubmaster and pack committee may determine appropriate substitutions.
- ❖ Subscribe to *Abilities Digest* by sending a SUBSCRIBE message to [disabilities.awareness@scouting.org](mailto:disabilities.awareness@scouting.org)



*Guide to Advancement, 10.2.1.0*



# Adult Recognition

## ♣ Training Awards

- Den Leader Training Award
- Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting



## ♣ Cubmaster's Key

## ♣ Unit Leader Award of Merit



# In Summary, Advancement...

- ❖ Encourages Cub Scouts to “do their best” while learning new skills and exploring new subject areas
- ❖ Provides a tangible reward for hard work
- ❖ Helps build confidence
- ❖ Facilitates a Cub Scout’s personal growth
- ❖ Provides a method to fulfill the mission and objectives of Scouting





The key is for Cub Scouts to have **FUN**  
and always do their best!



# For More Information

Other advancement presentations are available at:

[www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement)

## Resources

- ♣ *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088
- ♣ *Cub Scout Leader Book*
- ♣ Den leader guide for each rank
- ♣ Pack meeting guide – online only
- ♣ *Advancement News*: [advancement.team@scouting.org](mailto:advancement.team@scouting.org)
- ♣ Twitter: [@AdvBSA](http://www.twitter.com)

