The New Cub Scout Adventure Program
Cub Scout Program Design Objectives

- Desire To Reduce Complexity
- Opportunity To Enhance Fun w/ Adventure Model/ Less Sedentary
- Den-based Advancement Model
- More Purposeful Alignment with Mission & Aims of Boy Scouts
Organizing Principles

Character Development
- Scout Law and Oath
- Duty To God

Participatory Citizenship
- Civic Awareness and Patriotism
- Service
- Stewardship

Personal Fitness
- Physical Fitness
- Healthy Eating
- Wellness & Healthy Habits

Outdoor Skills & Awareness
- Comfort, Safety, and Adventure in the Outdoors
- Nature & Outdoor Ethics
- Emergency Skills

Leadership
- Supporting Leaders
- Leadership Thinking
- Leading Others
## How does rank structure differ?

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Cub Scout Change Summary

**NOT Changing**

- Family focus
- Ranks or approach
- Bobcat still first rank earned (updated)
- Ages (or genders)
- Den/pack meeting structures
- Outdoor program
- Delivery model
- Fun – even more than before

December 2013
Cub Scout Change Summary

- Activities are better aligned to the Boy Scouts
- Simplified Advancement
- One Den Leader Guide per rank (handbooks 5/1)
- Scout Oath and Law to replace Cub Scout Oath and Law of the Pack
- Tiger Cub becomes Tiger with new image
- Arrow of Light award can be earned without earning the Webelos badge
- Academics & Sports Program discontinued
Cub Scout Change Summary

• Cyberchip required for rank advancement each year
• Instant Recognition devices, beads, and arrow points to be replaced by adventure loops & pins
• Adventure Loops are now age/rank specific. Pins can be earned in both Webelos and AOL years.
• Specialty awards are in the process of being re-worked to align to new program.
• A Shooting Sports Award will replace BB and Archery Belt Loops and Pins.
Cub Scout - Transition

**Today**

**May 2015**

**ALL UNITS CURRENT REQUIREMENTS**

**Den-based Decision**
1. If filling out with prior rank’s electives = Current Requirements
2. If moving on to new rank’s advancement = New Requirements

**Beginning of 2015/2016 Scouting Year (Aug-Sept for most units)**

**ALL UNITS NEW REQUIREMENTS**

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Special Transition Situations

- Boys Earning Their Webelos Badge Prior to June 1, 2015
- Boys joining Cub Scouts after May 31, 2015 and meeting the qualifications to join an AOL den
- Boys transitioning between ranks and members of units sponsored by the LDS church.
  - Discussed in the 2015 Cub Scout Transition Guidelines on www.scouting.org/programupdates
Webelos to Arrow of Light

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:
  – Must complete the four defined required adventures
  – To satisfy the requirement for three electives may utilize EITHER the new adventure electives OR electives earned under the current program but NOT USED TO FULFILL WEBELOS RANK REQUIREMENTS
Joining Cub Scouts At 5th Grade

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
• They MAY substitute any of the new program WEBELOS required adventures for the three required electives of Arrow of Light
Impacts

- Events such as Belt Loop Midway and Belt Loop Bonanza need to be modified:
  - Option 1: offer Elective Adventures for each rank level so that boys continue to have the opportunity to earn loops and pins. (Some of the current belt loops have been incorporated into the new program: i.e., Marbles, Pet Care, Disabilities Awareness)
  - Option 2: some of the Elective Adventures share common themes that will allow you to create cross-age events.
Impacts

Summer Camp Offerings

• Camps can offer either the old or new program in 2015

• The new program starts for everyone in Summer/Fall 2015 other than 2nd year Webelos (who have a choice).

• Webelos who opt to stay in the current program can earn pins in new program.
Tiger Elective Adventure

• Stories in Shapes
  – Look at abstract art and decide what you like about it
  – Create an art piece
  – Draw or create an art piece using shapes
  – Use tangrams to create shapes

Webelos/AOL Elective

• Art Explosion
  – Visit an exhibit and discuss what you liked with an adult
  – Create two self-portraits using two different techniques
  – Display your work
  – Do two of the following:
    • (2 different art pieces in different media)
Opportunities for New Programs

Grin & Bear It

- Play a challenge/initiative game & reflect
- Organize a carnival
- Help younger scouts take part in carnival
- After event, reflect on brags & snags
- Present an award to adult helpers

Examples of Events:

- District Level - Bear dens from multiple units come together and hold carnival as a spring recruitment event
- Municipal level – Bear dens from units in town organize a town event
- Chartered Org/School Level
• **Training for Leaders**
  – Den Leader Specific will be new in January 2015; FastStart TBD
  – The new Webelos and Arrow of Light programs require more scouting and outdoors skills than in the old program. BALOO, OWLS, and IOLS will need to be modified to reflect the updated skills leaders will need to lead the boys. (i.e., Patrol Method is now required in AOL year)

• **Relationships between Packs and Troops**
  – The Arrow of Light pin, *Scouting Adventure*, requires boys to evaluate a troop and its leadership style (i.e., is it Boy Led?)
Training & Information

- Roundtables– Fall 2014
- University of Scouting– December 6, 2014
- Membership Summit– January 17, 2015
- PPC Training Sessions- Spring 2015
- Tradeshow of Scouting– June 1, 2015

TBD:
- Meeting with Training Committee
- Meeting with Camping Leadership
- Meeting with Advancement & other Committees
For More Information

• The latest information, updates, and handouts can be found at www.scouting.org/programupdates

• Committees or other groups interested in receiving training can contact:

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