

Cub Scout Advancement Plans



A Monthly Plan For the Den Leader To Prepare Scouts To Earn Their Rank Badge

How To Use This Booklet

What:

This booklet is designed to give you the core planning for your Cub Scout Den in hand *before* you even begin your den program. It is important to understand that the den program is the key to the Cub Scout program. From this point forward, all that needs to be done is to prep the achievement, game and construction project before the meeting. Then just show up and have fun.

Who:

Every den needs a coordinator, or Den Leader, who ensures that the den program is ready prior to each meeting. You will notice that this plan consists of (2) den meetings per month, a monthly Pack meeting where recognition is handed out for the past month's worth of achievement work, and (1) family meeting where achievements that are designed to be done at home with parents and family are completed.

For this plan to be successful, at least one parent has to have the drive and organizational skills to *coordinate* the efforts of the other families in the den. Scouting is designed to work with parent and/or adult partner involvement and mentoring. It is important each family regularly participates in den meetings with their scout. The boys simply won't benefit much if families aren't actively engaged.

How:

Break down the tasks of each meeting by looking at the corresponding scout handbook for your den. For the plan to flow smoothly, each den needs to have the following minimum positions filled:

- **Den Coordinator.** Assistant Den Coordinators are helpful too. The BSA titles these positions a *Den Leader* and *Assistant Den Leader*, but the function is exactly the same. Use the Den Meeting Outline to prep the meeting and get assignments for the upcoming meeting to the appropriate adults.
- **Game Coordinator...**pick one game per week from the *Program Helps* or the *How To Book*. Also look online and come to Roundtables and Trainings for more general games.
- **Achievement Coordinator...**simply follow the achievement as listed in your Den Advancement Plan that follows in the booklet. Each achievement necessary to complete the rank in 4-5 months follow. They need not be followed in order.
- **Project Coordinator...** pick one project per week from the *Program Helps* or the *How To Book*. Also look online and come to Roundtables and Trainings for more general projects. Generally, one project a month is sufficient.

The Webelos Coordinator should also get the *Webelos Leader Guidebook* for additional program support. **Don't forget to have fun with the boys of the den!** Great memories can be built between parent and son if all become actively involved.



Den Meeting Outline

Monthly Theme

Gathering Activity

Welcome

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Cub Scout Promise
- Law of the Pack
- Cub Scout Motto

Business

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Game

Achievement

Construction Project (craft)

Closing

- Do the Den Cheer or *The Living Circle*

After the Meeting

Den Leader - Confirm assignments w/Parents for next meeting.



1st Meeting- Bobcat Badge Advancement Plans

Every boy, regardless of grade, begins his advancement trail by earning the Bobcat, or joining badge, first. Do these as your advancement piece for the very first meeting.

1. Learn and say the CUB SCOUT PROMISE and complete the Honesty Character Connection.
 - a. **Know:** Discuss these questions with your family. What is a promise? What does it mean to "keep your word?" What does honesty mean? What does it mean to "do your best?"
 - b. **Commit:** Discuss these questions with your family. Why is a promise important? Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word? When might it be difficult to keep your word? List examples.
 - c. **Practice:** Discuss with family members why it is important to be trustworthy and honest and how can you do your best to be honest when you are doing the activities in Cub Scouting.

**"I(name).... promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack. "**

2. Say the LAW OF THE PACK. Tell what it means.

**"The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout Grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill."**

3. Tell what **WEBELOS** means

"WE'll BE LOyal Scouts "

4. Make the CUB SCOUT SIGN. Tell what it means.
5. Show the CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE. Tell what it means.
6. Say the CUB SCOUT MOTTO. A motto is a guiding principle.

"Do Your Best"

7. Give the CUB SCOUT SALUTE. Tell what it means.
8. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet, ***How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse***.
[Tiger Cub: With your adult partner, complete "A Bobcat Requirement" in front of the Contents pages of this handbook.]
[Webelos: With your parent or guardian, complete the Bobcat Requirements section of ***"How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide"***. (The guide is a pull-out section that came in the front of this book.)]



Tiger Den Meeting Advancement Plans

Month 1-Let's Go Outdoors

1st Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 5D – With a crayon or colored pencil & a piece of paper, make a leaf rubbing

2nd Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 5G – Take a hike with your den.

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Do Tiger Achievement 5F at home – Go outside and watch the weather & complete the Character Connection from *Let's Go Outdoors-Faith*

Month 2-Where I Live

1st Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 2D – Practice the Pledge of Allegiance with your den, and participate in a den or pack flag ceremony. Complete the Character Connection from *Where I Live-Citizenship*.

2nd Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 2G – Visit a police or fire station. Ask someone who works there how he or she helps people in your community.

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Do Tiger Achievement 2F at home – Look at a map of your community with your adult partner.

Month 3-Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe

1st Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 3D – Make a Food Guide Pyramid and do the Character Connection on *Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe-Health and Fitness*.

2nd Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 3G – Learn the rules of a game or sport. Then, go watch a amateur or professional game or sporting event.

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Do Tiger Achievement 3Fa & b at home – With your family, plan a fire drill and then practice it in your home. With your adult partner, practice what to do if you become lost or separated from your family in a strange place.

Month 4-How I Tell It1st Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 4D – Play “Tell It Like It Isn’t”

2nd Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 4G – Visit a television or radio station, or a newspaper office. Find out how people there communicate to others.

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Do Tiger Achievement 4F at home – At a family meal, have each member take turns telling the others one thing that happened to him or her that day. Remember to practice being a good listener while you wait for your turn to talk. Also, complete the Character Connection from *How I Tell It-Respect*.

Month 5-Making My Family Special1st Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 1D – Make a family scrapbook

2nd Meeting

- Tiger Achievement 1G – Go to a library, historical society, museum, old farm, or historical building or visit an older person in your community. Discover how family life was the same and how it was different many years ago.

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Do Tiger Achievement 1F at home – Think of one chore you can do with your adult partner. Complete it together. Then do the Character Connection from *Making My Family Special-Responsibility*.



Wolf Den Meeting Advancement Plans

Month 1

1st Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 1 (a,b,c,d,e,g) – Feats of Skill

2nd Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 5 (a,b,c,d,e) – Tools for Fixing and Building

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Wolf Achievement 9 (a,b,c,d,e) – Be Safe at Home and On the Street

Month 2

1st Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 2 (a,b,f) – Your Flag

2nd Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 2 (c,d,e,g) – Your Flag

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Wolf Achievement 8 (a,b,c,d,e) – Cooking and Eating

Month 3

1st Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 7 (b,c,e,f) – Your Living World

2nd Meeting

- 7(a,d) – Your Living World

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Wolf Achievement 10 (a + 2 of the following: b,c,d,e,f) – Family Fun

Month 4

1st Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 6 (a,b,c) – Start A Collection

2nd Meeting

- Wolf Achievement 11 (a,b,c,d,e) – Duty to God & 12 (a,b,e,I,j) – Making Choices

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Wolf Achievement 3 (a,b,c) – Keep Healthy & 4 (a,b,c,d,e,f) - Know Your Home & Community



Bear Den Meeting Advancement Plans

Month 1

1st Meeting

- Bear Achievement 16 (a,b,c) – Building Muscles

2nd Meeting

- Bear Achievement 5 (a,b,c,e) – Sharing Your World with Wildlife

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Bear Achievement 11 (a,b,c,d,e,g)– Be Ready

Month 2

1st Meeting

- Bear Achievement 19 (a,b,c,d) – Shavings and Chips

2nd Meeting

- Bear Achievement 3 (a,j,h,i) – What Makes America Special?

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Bear Achievement 9 (a,b,c,d,e,f,g) – What's Cooking?

Month 3

1st Meeting

- Bear Achievement 22 (a,b,c,d,e) – Tying It All Up

2nd Meeting

- Bear Achievement 24 (f,e,d) – Be A Leader

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Bear Achievement 10 (a,b) – Family Fun

Month 4

1st Meeting

- Bear Achievement 4 (a,b,c,d,e,f) – Law Enforcement Is a Big Job

2nd Meeting

- Bear Achievement 1 (a,b) – Ways We Worship

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting – Do at home with your parents & family

- Bear Achievement 8 (g,d,e) – The Past is Exciting and Important



Webelos Den Meeting Advancement Plans

Month 1 –Fitness

1st Meeting

- Fitness Requirement 1, 5

2nd Meeting

- Fitness Requirements 3,4

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Fitness requirements 2,6,7

Month 2 - Citizen

1st Meeting

- Citizenship Requirements 1, 3-6

2nd Meeting

- Citizenship Requirement 2, 7-8
- Complete the Citizenship belt loop

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Citizenship Requirement 9,14
- Continue with Citizenship Belt Loop Requirement 1

Month 3 – Readyman

1st Meeting

- Readyman Requirement 1-2, 4,10

2nd Meeting

- Readyman Requirement 5,6,7,8

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Readyman Requirement 3,13

Month 4 – Finish Webelos Badge

1st Meeting

- Webelos Badge Requirements 2,3,4,6

2nd Meeting

- Webelos Badge Requirement 7

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Webelos Badge Requirements 1,8 (a,b,c & d OR e)
- Finish any Webelos Badge Requirements that have not yet been done.



Webelos II Den Meeting Advancement Plans

Arrow of Light

1. Be active in your Webelos Den for at least six months since completing fourth grade (or at least six months since becoming 10 years old) and earn the Webelos badge.
2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
 - Repeat from memory the and explain in your own words the **Scout Oath or Promise** and the 12 points of the **Scout Law**. Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.
 - Give and explain the **Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute and handshake**.
 - Understand the significance of the First Class badge. Describe its parts and tell what it stands for.
 - Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
 - Tie the joining knot (square knot)
3. Earn five more activity badges in addition to the three you already earned for the Webelos badge. These must include:
 - Fitness, Citizen, Readyman (all needed for Webelos badge) Outdoorsman, at least one from the Mental Skills group, at least one from the Technology group, and one more of your choice.
4. With your Webelos den, visit at least:
 - one Boy Scout troop meeting
 - one Boy Scout –oriented outdoor
(you cannot use the Outdoorsman activity to count for either of these requirements)
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike.
(again, you cannot use the Outdoorsman activity to count for either of these requirements)
6. After you have completed all five of the above requirements, and after a talk with your Webelos Den Leader, arrange to visit, with your parent/guardian, a meeting of a Boy Scout troop you think you might like to join. Have a conference with the Scoutmaster.
7. Complete the Honesty Character Connection as listed in the Webelos Handbook.

Month 1 –Outdoorsman

1st Meeting

- Fitness Requirement 10,11

2nd Meeting

- Fitness Requirements 5,7

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Outdoorsman requirements 1,3,12

Month 2 - Handyman

1st Meeting

- Handyman Requirements 3,5,17

2nd Meeting

- Handyman Requirement 7,8

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Handyman Requirement 1,2

Month 3 – Artist

1st Meeting

- Artist Requirements 1,4

2nd Meeting

- Artist Requirements 6,9

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Artist Requirements 2,3,5

Month 4 – Naturalist

1st Meeting

- Naturalist Requirements 2,6,7

2nd Meeting

- Naturalist Requirement 4

3rd Meeting

- Pack meeting

Family Meeting

- Naturalist Requirements 1,3