

Glossary of Cub Scouting

Webelos activity badges are part of the Webelos advancement program. Each of the 20 activity badges has a set of requirements that each Webelos Scout must meet, usually in den meetings. Certain badges are required for the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light.

Every Tiger Cub has an adult partner. This is usually a parent or guardian but can be another relative or other adult approved by the boy's parent/guardian. The partners share the leadership of the Tiger Cub den, usually taking responsibility for one month's big idea.

Advancements in Cub Scouts are presented at pack meetings and include Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light badges.

Achievements are requirements for advancement listed in the Wolf Cub Scout Book and Bear Cub Scout Book. The badges are awarded at pack meetings, but you can recognize your Cub Scouts' progress with the Immediate Recognition Kit, giving each boy a bead for each three requirements he completes.

Akela is the Cub Scout term for a leader - any leader - including den leaders, Cubmasters, teachers, parents, and any other adult the Cub Scout looks up to.

The Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, is awarded to a Webelos Scout who completes additional requirements, including additional activity badges and interaction with a Boy Scout troop (such as a joint hike).

Arrow points are earned by Cub Scouts after they earn their Wolf or Bear badges. The first arrow point is gold; the rest are silver. Cub Scouts can earn an unlimited number of arrow points.

Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, a British war hero, founded Boy Scouting in England in 1906. He devoted his life to the program. Boy Scouts around the world fondly call him B-P.

The Bear badge is awarded when a Cub Scout completes 12 of 24 achievements in the Bear Cub Scout Book. The Bear Cub Scout Book contains the advancement program for all third-grade (or 9-year-old) Cub Scouts.

Most packs have a blue and gold banquet in February (the anniversary of Boy Scouting) for members of the pack and their families.

The Bobcat badge is earned by all Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts when they join the pack. Tiger Cubs will earn the Bobcat badge when they become Cub Scouts.

Boy Scouting is the program for 11- to 18-year-old boys that furthers the development of the boy through camping, outdoor activities, skills development, and advancement. Boy Scouts belong to a troop.

A chartered organization is a community group - often a religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other organization - that sponsors a Scouting unit, such as a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venturing crew. The Boy Scouts of America issues a charter to each chartered organization, allowing them to use Scouting as part of their youth program.

Charter renewal is the annual process during which the charter issued by BSA to your chartered organization is renewed. The pack committee must help by verifying the list of boys and adults registered in the pack.

The Code of Conduct helps your meetings run smoothly without disruption by getting the Cub or Webelos Scouts' agreement on what behavior is acceptable. Many den leaders use a "good conduct candle," which is lit at the start of every meeting and blown out when any boy breaks the code. When it burns down, the den gets a treat, such as pizza or ice cream.

Your local Boy Scouts of America council supports Scouting units throughout its geographical area. Ours is Simon Kenton Council.

The Cubmaster is responsible for monthly pack meetings, the program of the pack, and the operation of the dens.

A Cub Scout den consists of six to eight Cub Scouts with a den leader and one or more assistants, as well as a den chief. It meets every week at a time and place chosen by the den leader and parents.

A Cub Scout den leader is an adult volunteer who leads a Cub Scout den, with the help of assistant den leaders and parents.

The Cub Scout Leader Book is the key reference for all Cub Scout leaders. It contains all of the details on running and administering a den and pack, including organization, membership, advancement, policies, and much more.

The Cub Scout Leader How-To Book contains many ideas for games, crafts, skits, stunts, projects, and activities for dens and packs.

The Cub Scout sign is used when Cub Scouts say the Cub Scout Promise and Law. The sign is also used to get the attention of any Cub Scout group. To make the sign, hold up your right hand with the arm straight and first and middle fingers extended. The other fingers and thumb are folded over into the palm.

The *Den and Pack Meeting Resource Guide* contains pack and den meeting plans and activities. Everything you need to plan a meeting. <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide.aspx>

A *denner* is one of your Cub or Webelos Scouts who is elected to help the den leadership for one month. An assistant denner is also elected and will become denner the following month.

A *district* is a part of a council, covering a smaller area. Districts provide training, activities, roundtables, and other support to units. Ours is Buckeye District.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is a fund-raiser for your local council. You may be asked to host an FOS presentation at a pack meeting.

An *induction ceremony* is usually held to welcome new Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, or Webelos Scouts into the pack. Ceremony ideas can be found in Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs.

In a *Living Circle*, Cub Scouts and leaders stand in a circle, left hands extended to the center, palm down. Each person grasps the thumb of the person to their left, forming a complete circle of hands. The right hand is raised in the Cub Scout sign. Pumping the left hands up and down, everyone says "Ah-KAY-la, we'll do our best."

Outdoor activities are an important part of Cub Scouting. They can include hikes, picnics, games, and similar day events. Cub Scouts can also participate in pack camping, in which each Cub Scout has family members present. Cub Scout day camp and resident camp, as well as family camping opportunities, are also an important part of the program.

The *pack committee* is responsible for the operation of the pack, including planning, finances, records, activities, advancement, etc.

A *pack leaders' meeting* is held monthly to finalize details for the pack program and pack meeting for the current month, and, also, plan upcoming months.

The *pack meeting* is a monthly gathering of all the Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout dens in the pack, along with their families, for recognition, fun, and program.

Pinewood derby is an activity for all Tiger, Cub and Webelos Scouts. Boys build wooden race cars with adult assistance and race them on pinewood tracks for prizes and trophies. Other similar activities are raingutter regatta (boats) and space derby (spaceships).

Popcorn sale is a fund raising activity in the fall for both the Council and the Pack. The Council does the organizing and boys sell the popcorn. One third of the proceeds go directly to the unit and one third help fund the Council.

Recognitions include Wolf and Bear arrow points, Webelos activity badges, and non-advancement recognitions, such as Cub Scout Academics and Sports belt loops, service stars, etc.

Service projects are part of Cub Scouting's citizenship training. They can include service in the neighborhood, to the community, or to the chartered organization.

The *Tiger Cub Badge* is awarded when a Tiger Cub has earned 15 totem beads. It is placed onto the Tiger Cub Totem and later transferred to the Cub Scout shirt.

The *Tiger Cub Den Leader* is a pack leader who guides and assists each team to plan and conduct monthly meeting.

A *Tiger Cub den* consists of six to eight Tiger Cubs and their adult partners. It meets 2-4 times month. Every Tiger Cub gets a copy of the Tiger Cub Handbook. The Tiger Cub motto is "Search, Discover, Share."

The *Tiger Cub Belt Totem* is a recognition item on which the Tiger Cub displays the various beads awarded in Tiger Cubs.

The *Webelos badge* is awarded to a Webelos Scout who completes the requirements, which include activity badges and learning about Boy Scouting.

A *Webelos den leader* is an adult volunteer who leads a Webelos Scout den, with the help of assistants and parents.

A *Webelos Scout den* consists of six to eight Webelos Scouts with a Webelos den leader and assistants, as well as a Webelos den chief. It meets every week at a time and place chosen by the Webelos den leader and parents.

The *Wolf badge* is awarded when a Cub Scout completes all 12 achievements in the Wolf Cub Scout Book. The Wolf Cub Scout Book contains the advancement program for all second-grade (or 8-year-old) Cub Scouts.