



The Dulaney District Advancement Committee News

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After the Blue and Gold Banquet Deliver the Promise--Continue the Journey

After the Blue and Gold banquet, many units face the challenge of keeping Cub Scout families interested and engaged, particularly as spring sports begin. The focus of the Pack and Den program has been on rank advancement up to that point, but once badges are earned and presented, some leaders wonder what to do next. There will always be a few boys who still need to complete requirements but for those who have finished their rank, there are many options that can lead to further recognitions and fun. Keeping these Cubs interested and active is important, not only for them, but for the Pack who will have to rebuild each year if they are allowed to slip away.

Here is a suggestion on how to keep your Pack active using resources provided by the BSA. In the Fall, have your Cub Scouts begin working on some awards at the Pack level that you do not plan to complete until after the Blue and Gold banquet. If your families know about the plans, the award programs can provide the "hook" that will keep Scouts and parents involved through the Spring and Summer. Because these programs will be in addition to rank advancement, scheduling can be more flexible, and conflicts can be avoided with baseball and other spring sports. Furthermore, you will have some meaningful awards to hand out at the end of summer, just in time for Fall recruiting.

Councils and districts may run some events that help Packs deliver awards throughout the Spring; such as Bowl-a-thons, Clean-up days, Belt Loop Midways, religious emblem workshops, and Cub Scout Family Camping adventures. They can also showcase Cub Scout opportunities on the Council website, making sure that unit leaders know this "one stop shopping" site for Cub Scout programming exists and is regularly updated. Talk to your Unit Commissioner about these opportunities.

Here's a list of some of the most prominent Cub Scout award programs that already available for you to use:

- National Summertime Pack Award – see Cub Scout Leader Book (CSLB) p52
- Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award – see inset below and CSLB p 50
- Fun for the Family Awards – see the Family Activity Book
- Electives (Arrow Points and Tiger Track beads) – see CSLB p 45-48 & the Tiger, Wolf, Bear books. First Year Webelos can also work on Activity Pins that focus on the outdoors
- Academic and Sports Program (belt loops and pins) – CSLB p 159
- Religious Emblems – see CSLB p 52 or the website www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx
- STEM/NOVA Awards – see website www.scouting.org/stem.aspx

- World Conservation Award – see below and CLSB p 50
- Conservation Good Turn Award – CSLB p 51
- Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award – see website www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/CubScout.aspx
- CyberChip Award-- www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/CyberChip.aspx
- Emergency Preparedness Award--
- Interpreter Strip-- www.usscouts.org/advance/interpreters.asp
- Recruiter Strip – see BSA Recruiter Strip
- SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge – see website www.scouting.org/ScoutStrongPALA.aspx
- Leave No Trace – CSLB p 49



The Cub Scout World Conservation Award may be earned by any Wolf, Bear or Webelos Scout. It provides an

opportunity for individual Cub Scouts to 'think globally and act locally' to preserve and improve our environment and is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources.

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The Outdoor Activity Award can be earned by all Cub Scouts and may be earned each program year. The award recognizes a boy's participation in camping, outdoor recreation and conservation projects.

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