



The Dulaney District Cub Advancement Committee News

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The following items are excerpted from the March-April 2016 National Advancement News:

A. The Blue and Gold Banquet – A Checkpoint for Advancement:

The 106th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America was on February 8, 2016. Many of our Cub Scout packs celebrated with birthday bashes most commonly known as blue and gold banquets. These special events bring families together for an evening of fellowship and well-deserved leader recognition.

Many packs traditionally award rank advancements to their members at their “blue and golds.” These events are especially appropriate for recognizing those Webelos Scouts who achieved their Arrow of Light Awards and will be crossing over into Boy Scouting. The impressive ceremonies that recognize their achievements should encourage every boy in the pack to follow in their footsteps.

While many packs target their blue and gold banquet for awarding the boys’ new badge of rank, there is no requirement to advance by an arbitrary date such as a blue and gold banquet. In fact, under the new adventures program, it is not always an achievable goal.

A Scout who entered the program as a new Cub Scout at round-up time in September will not have had the same opportunities for completing adventures as a Scout who transitioned to his new den at the end of the last school year. When leaders follow the rank-specific den leader guides, a Cub Scout will accomplish one adventure per month. If he begins in September, that means only five or six of the seven required adventures will be completed by the beginning of February—not quite enough to achieve rank. Likewise, packs that move boys through the program according to their birthdays will find it unrealistic for every boy to achieve rank by February.

The blue and gold banquet provides a good checkpoint for evaluating youth’s advancement progress. Leaders should continue to guide and support any boys (or dens) who are still working on rank requirements after the blue and gold banquet, encouraging them to complete their rank by the end of the school year. However, remember to keep things in balance. Advancement is just one of the methods of Scouting we use to achieve Scouting’ aims and desired outcomes and should not detract from the overall mission of Boy Scouts of America.

B. Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Awards – Take Aim at New Fun!

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Awards are here! To discover the new opportunities, visit the [Program Updates](http://scouting.org/programupdates) web page (scouting.org/programupdates), and see the details for the inclusion of BB guns, archery, and slingshots in Cub Scout programs.

These programs may only be conducted at a district or council level and by qualified range masters and supervisors. Boys will earn the shooting sports awards in a particular order:

1. Rank-level patch. Choose a discipline: BB gun, archery, or slingshot. Complete the Level 1 requirements for that discipline.
2. Discipline device (pin). Complete the Level 2 requirements for the same discipline in which the patch was earned.
3. Additional discipline devices. Earn pins for the remaining disciplines by completing the Level 1 and Level 2 requirements in those disciplines. (Note: Both Level 1 and Level 2 requirements must be completed for each successive discipline.)

Find the Cub Scout Shooting Sports Awards Requirements at
www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/510-320_WEB.pdf

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