



The Dulaney District Cub Advancement Committee News

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Most of the following items are excerpted from the May-June 2016 National Advancement News:

A. The Cub Scout Adventure Program at Day Camp

The great Cub Scout Adventure program is coming up on its one-year birthday. Hard to believe it's been a year already! Now that there's been a whole year to see it work in dens and packs, what are you going to do with your day camp?

The principle duty of a district is to support the units – and what better way to support them than by providing program opportunities that the units might find hard or impossible to produce on a unit level. Den leaders in the district will really appreciate offerings focused on aquatics, fishing, Cub Scout cooking, or any of the other outdoor-oriented adventures that the boys love, but may be difficult for its den leaders to present.

Some parents and day camp program directors believe that the most important part of a camp experience is how many awards their Cub Scouts earn. But remember—Cub Scouts go to camp to have fun, and to try out some new, exciting things to do. Give it to them! Advancement is absolutely a part of camp, but it should not be the main focus. Don't neglect fun outdoor activities just because they are non-advancement related. Advancement activities, when included, should come naturally, as a part of a great program.

If your day camp will include elements of adventure loops and pins, it's important to keep the big picture of the adventure program in mind. Because not every Cub Scout is able to attend camp, required adventures are best used in the den meeting setting, where all boys are working together on requirements. There are plenty of elective adventures for each rank that are well-suited for day camp or resident camp settings—things that boys may otherwise not be able to experience.

Make the most of your outdoor time by focusing on outdoor activities. Plan an exciting program, present it well, and the Cub Scouts will be lining up to put on one of the camp T-shirts and get started! Cub Scouts who participate in these great adventures and earn different adventures than their den mates help promote camp next year every time they wear the recognition.

B. Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Awards:

The new Cub Scout shooting sports awards offer a unique opportunity for exciting programming options at camp. The awards feature a deeper involvement with the three disciplines of BB-guns, archery, and sling-shots. Several councils are already planning camps focused on earning these awards. The new awards will require more range time, so a more shooting-specific camp will provide greater options for interested Cub Scouts.

SHOOTING SPORTS AWARDS



TIGER



WOLF



BEAR



WEBELOS

SHOOTING SPORTS AWARD PINS



C. Internet Advancement:

The Advancement Committee of Baltimore Area voted to adopt MANDATORY Internet Advancement commencing next year (2017). There will be announcements from BAC starting in September. There will be training at Roundtables in the winter. I highly suggest that each unit bring their Advancement Chair to the specific training session.

The reason that this is being implemented is to insure that a Scout's advancement is recorded properly. It should be noted that as of June 1, 2016, there are 12 out of the 36 Cub Packs in the district that have recorded no advancement with BAC at all.

With the implementation of Internet Advancement, you will not be allowed to purchase advancement materials at the various Scout Shops without copies of the advancement records in hand or in the computerized system. There will be desktop computers located in each Scout Shop for a unit's use while there. There will be restrictions though, which will be thoroughly explained in the training sessions.

Yours in Scouting;

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