



The Dulaney District Cub Advancement Committee News

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1. The Promise of Scouting:

Let's get the word out, people! Youngsters are coming to Scouting's door every day. We promise them fun and adventure. Great grand fun and wonderful adventure! With them come their parents and families. We promise them that we have programs that will help their children to build character and learn and practice citizenship responsibilities.

We need to recognize that some of these parents and families don't have a Scouting background. They won't fully understand our Scouting methods. It is important that they understand because these methods are our way of keeping our promises.

These parents might think, for example, that advancement is just about pins and badges. The confusing thing is that, of course, advancement is about pins and badges—but it isn't only about them. Below the surface runs a deep current that teaches that pins and patches result from learning things, doing things, going places, and accomplishing things, culminating in the positive reinforcement that comes from adults and peers recognizing individual effort and accomplishment via an appropriate advancement ceremony. That recognition is one of the big things that keep youth in Scouting. And we need to keep them around to fulfill our mission.

So, get the word out, people. Make sure that everyone in your Scouting community understands the advancement method. No matter what their Scouting background, if they understand what we're trying to do and why we're trying to do it, then everyone will be able to work together to help our young people grow into useful citizens with praiseworthy character.

To be a leader in advancement you need to show leadership. Leadership in this case is delivering a clear consistent message at every opportunity. The message is that advancement is a method that we use to help Scouts grow and make them want to stay in Scouting. At every opportunity reinforce the reasons for the advancement method. Make sure that all your constituents, no matter their background, understand what we're trying to do. Make sure they understand why we do what we do. Make the [Guide to Advancement](#) your friend and companion so that you can acquaint others with this valuable resource!

If you do this, we will have an advancement program that everyone supports. This way we will keep our young people in Scouting so that we can influence their character. Now, isn't that what we're all about?

2. Nineteen Elective Adventures Being Retired in 2022:

Every year Cub Scout Adventures are reviewed to identify trends and determine interests of our youth, den leaders, and Cub Scout families. Specifically, elective Adventures are reviewed for both content and popularity to keep the Cub Scouting Adventure program relevant to today's families.

The most recent review has identified 19 elective Adventures that do not meet the standards of youth and den leader engagement, with the lowest rated being earned by less than 3% of eligible youth. Therefore, these 19 Adventures will be retired effective **May 31, 2022**.

We know that some families may want one last chance to earn one or more of these Adventures. Some den leaders may have already made plans for the upcoming program year, so these Adventures will be available until the end of 2021-2022 program year:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Adventure Names</u>
Tiger	Family Stories; Earning Your Stripes; Tiger Tales; Tiger Theater
Wolf	Collections and Hobbies; Grow Something; Hometown Heroes; Motor Away
Bear	Beat of the Drum; World of Sound; Make it Move; Robotics
Webelos/AOL	Looking Back Looking Forward; Maestro; Project Family; Build My Hero; Adventures in Science; Fix It; Movie Making

Your Unit Yearly Plan can benefit from this information. As you are planning the activities for the coming year, explore Cub Scouts and families' interest in some of these Adventures. For example, the Wolf Cub Scout den may want to schedule a trip to a community agency or plan a meeting to construct care packages with thank you notes to send to honor a service man or service woman. Another example might involve the Bear Cub Scout den visiting a place that uses robots and then to construct the robot hand. The possibilities are endless, and the Cub Scouts will have a memory and a token to show their achievement, which after May of 2022 will no longer be available.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why are these 19 elective Adventures being retired?

In our ongoing efforts to keep the Cub Scouting Adventure program relevant to today's families, Cub Scout elective Adventures are reviewed for content and popularity. These 19 Adventures are the least popular among Cub Scouts based on sales and advancement data. The retiring of these Adventures allows Cub Scouting to be more agile as we make continuous improvements to the program.

Why May 31, 2022?

We understand that some families may want one last chance to earn these Adventures and some Den Leaders may have already made plans for the next program year, so we are giving a full program year to allow for this transition. June 1st is when the vast majority of Cub Scouts have transitioned to the next rank.

Can Cub Scouts still earn these Adventures in the 2021-22 program year?

Yes! These elective Adventures can still be earned during the 2021-22 program year. These 19 Adventures will remain part of the program until May 31, 2022.

What happens on May 31, 2022?

Effective May 31, 2022, these Elective Adventures will no longer be considered part of the Cub Scouting program and the Adventure Loops and Pins for these Cub Scout Adventures will no longer be available for purchase.

What happens to Adventures earned before May 31, 2022?

Earned Adventures will be archived in Scoutbook and Internet Advancement and will appear as earned but will no longer be able to be marked as completed after May 31, 2022.

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Can Cub Scouts still wear the Adventure Loops and Pins after they retire?

Absolutely! In Scouting once an Adventure is earned it is never taken away. These Adventures are still considered official program and may continue to be worn after they retire on May 31, 2022.

3. New Adventures—An Opportunity for You:

Have you had an inspiration and feel that the idea would make for a great Cub Scout Adventure? The National Cub Scouting committee is always reviewing elective Adventures. In addition, this group is looking at new Adventures for each rank. Your idea for a potential new elective Adventure is always welcome.

1. FOR ADULT LEADERS:

Adult volunteers in Troop and District leadership and activity roles and outstanding scout leaders are what make our Scouting programs run. One of the best ways to let them know that you appreciate their efforts and thank them for a job well done is to recognize them with a Dulaney District Award. Now is the time to reflect on the efforts of leadership of those in your unit and in the Dulaney District.

Our annual District Awards Dinner on September 26, 2021 is coming up quickly. You can find the Recognition Packet at: [Baltimorebsa.org/ Districts/ Dulaney/ Program/ Advancement & Recognition/ Recognition Packet](https://Baltimorebsa.org/Districts/Dulaney/Program/Advancement%20&%20Recognition/Recognition%20Packet). Click an item in the table of contents to navigate to that page. It contains instructions and application forms for the following Dulaney District awards:

Outstanding Scout
Outstanding Unit Scouter
District Award of Merit
Vernon Bauer Memorial James E. West Award
Den Leader Training Award
Cub Scouter Training Award
Scouter Training Award
Venturing Training Award
Unit Leader Award of Merit
Cubmaster's Key
Scoutmaster's Key
Advisor's Key
District Committee Key

In addition, it contains the application for the Honor Unit Award. Has your troop done what it takes to be recognized as an Honor Unit in the Dulaney District?

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [443-845-6912](tel:443-845-6912) or via email at DulaneyDistrictAwards@gmail.com.

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