



The Dulaney District Cub Advancement Committee News

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The following items are excerpted from the March-April and May-June National Advancement News:

1. Cub Scout Adventure Program—2015-2016 Pack Meeting Plans Available Online Now!

The new Cub Scout program launched on June 1. Cub Scout leaders will find new youth handbooks, den leader guidebooks, and updated versions of the BALOO syllabus and Cub Scout Leader Book ready to guide their efforts.

Here's the big news! Pack meeting plans for September 2015 through August 2017 have already been released and are available online at www.scouting.org/programupdates. In early 2016 three more years of themed pack meeting plans will be released, totaling five years of plans that packs can use.

Experienced pack leaders will find the format familiar, as it uses the seven-step pack meeting plan. Meeting plan outlines will help every leader organize and lead a fun-filled program for Cub Scouts and their families. Each plan provides suggestions to inspire experienced leaders and provide support and guidance for those new in their roles.

Throughout the year, the pack meeting is designed to allow Cub Scouts to share what they have learned and to lead activities and games that are part of their advancement process. The pack meeting plans will help Cub Scout leaders prepare for these activities.

As in the past, each month will feature a theme to add color and pizzazz to the meeting. Cub Scouts appreciate the sense of fun in meetings that are organized around a theme. Planning for den involvement in pack meetings is most important, including chronology. For instance, if a den needs props for the activity or event, knowing when the den will appear in the agenda will give the members time to get ready. At the pack leaders' meeting, coordinate all skits and contributions so events are approved in advance and are not duplicated.

Each pack meeting plan will also highlight a point of the Scout Law. This will ensure that the ideals of Scouting will be present in the opening, the closing, and other ceremonies of every month's meeting.

The pack meeting is one of the best opportunities to interest and involve families. A well-attended pack meeting shows families that they belong to a successful organization and helps build active and enthusiastic family involvement, which is vital to the success of Cub Scouting. Reflecting on the ideals of Scouting embodied in the 12 points of the Scout Law will show Cub Scouts and their family members that Scouting is more than just a game, which is vital to the success of the Scouting movement.

2. New den leader guides were slated for release in May, along with youth handbooks:



3. Cub Scout Adventure Program Transitional Information:

The new Cub Scout program launched on June 1, 2015. Two of the most significant changes are in two of the methods: **ideals and advancement**.

The change in *Living the Ideals* is based on the use of the Scout Oath and Law for all programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Venturing has adopted that change as of January 1, 2015, and Cub Scouting began that change on June 1, 2015. Additional changes are related to the *Using Advancement* method. These are based on how advancement takes place in the Cub Scout program. New handbooks for boys and leaders have been developed and were released in May. The new den leader guides provide a detailed curriculum for den leaders to use in delivering a program that is “more fun for boys...and easier for adults to deliver.”

More transitional information on the Cub Scout program will be shared in *Advancement News* and other venues over the next twelve months. To prepare unit leaders, den leaders, and district and council leaders who support Cub Scouting, the timeline below will help them be aware of some of the new materials that support the launch of the program on June 1.

| PROJECTED DATE | CONTENT | WHERE TO FIND |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| January | Cub Scout Program Update Webinar (archived) | Program Updates |
| January-July | Monthly Cub Scout roundtable training sessions | Program Updates |
| March | STEM/ Nova requirements | Program Updates |
| March | Training Updates | my.Scouting.org |
| April | Pack meeting plans (2015-2016, 2016-2017) | Program Updates |
| May | Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos handbooks Den leader guides for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos <i>Cub Scout Leader Book</i> | Scoutstuff.org Local scout shop |
| PROGRAM ACTIVE: JUNE 1, 2015 | | |
| June | Recognition devices Remaining program support materials | Local scout shop |

The most accurate program information is always available at www.scouting.org/programupdates
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