



## *The Dulaney District Cub Advancement Committee News*

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Most of the following items are excerpted from the Jan-Feb 2017 National Advancement News:

### **A. Internet Advancement:**

1. At this time only 50% of the Scout Troops and Cub packs in Dulaney District are using Internet Advancement, and many of those who are listed as having used it have only used it once or twice.
2. After April 2, 2017, your unit ***will not*** be able to purchase advancement supplies (badges, patches, etc.) from the Scout Shops without presenting a copy of your unit's submitted internet advancement report. The three-carbon-page Form 34403 will no longer be accepted by Baltimore Area Council.
3. Training for Internet Advancement will be provided to Cub Packs and Scout Troops at the March Roundtable, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Timonium United Methodist Church, at the corner of Pot Springs Road and Chantry Road in Timonium, MD 21093. No need to pre-register. This is the make-up training session for Troops and Packs and the primary training for Venture Units. Please insure that your unit's Advancement Chair and/or other responsible person is present at this training events. The initial training event was conducted at the February Roundtable. The only other opportunity to receive this training will be at the Scouting University in March 11, 2107.
4. There will be computers located in each Scout Shop to allow your unit to print out a copy of the submitted Internet Advancement Report, but only if the person trying to do so has the proper unit ID number and password with them. Otherwise, they will need a copy of the submitted Internet Advancement Report.
5. I should also note that last year 8 of the 36 Cub Packs in this District did not report any advancement at all (23%). If the leaders of these units are doing the program correctly, then you need to turn in reports of your Cub's advancement.

### **B. Summertime Activities: Never too Early to Put the Outing in Scouting:**

#### **Program Modifications Increase Advancement Flexibility:**

In June 2015, the Cub Scout program saw new and exciting changes that naturally had a correspondingly great effect of Cub Scout Advancement. The Cub Scout Adventures were in-tended to provide a new generation of Cub Scouts with the opportunity to experience the aims and values of Scouting.

A year after the new program was implemented, recommendations from the field have been implemented to make the program more flexible for Cub Scouts and their leaders. These modifications are designed to keep those Cub Scouts in the program and have them be successful in advancement. It is hoped that as

leaders and parents embrace these changes the Cub Scout program will continue to provide quality experiences for Cub Scouts for many years to come.

The new program modifications may be found at

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx?=17> The modified adventures and their respective requirements may be used with the current handbooks; relevant changes to handbook content will take place in subsequent editions.

The updates explanation includes the overview that “Most modifications involve the number of requirements to be completed, reducing the mandate to a number achievable within the limited time available to many dens, while retaining rich program options that allow leaders to build strong programs adapted to local needs and situations. Some rewording fosters participation by boys who could not otherwise complete an adventure.”

Leaders will find these changes provide more flexibility as they provide a program that supports advancement for all Cub Scouts. With the modifications, dens should be able to complete one adventure in approximately two den meetings. Similarly, adventures that previously required den or pack camping (unless the chartered unit does not allow camping) have been made more accommodating by giving options for either camping, day camp, resident camp, or an outdoor activity. Fewer required activities per adventure allow dens the opportunity to use the optional requirements to customize their program.

One change that both Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders should be aware of is found in the Arrow of Light required adventure: Scouting Adventure. This adventure had previously aligned with the Scout rank, the initial Boy Scout rank. The Scout rank states that if the Scout completed the requirements as part of the Webelos Scouting Adventure, he must simply demonstrate his knowledge or skills to the Scoutmaster or other designated leader after joining the troop. Aside from some minor word changes, the newly adopted modifications have removed a requirement that is found in the Scout rank, and have also made a few of the requirements optional for completion of the Adventure, which are not optional in the Scout rank. Webelos leaders may want to make the extra effort to complete the optional requirements, and have the boys repeat from memory the Outdoor Code and explain what it means, to better prepare them when they cross over to Boy Scouts. New Boy Scouts can use this as an opportunity to make sure they fully complete those requirements that they did not do as Cub Scouts

The following table shows comparison of Requirement 1 between the Boy Scout rank of Scout and the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Required “Scouting Adventure”:

### **Requirement 1 - Scout Rank**

All requirements for Scout rank must be completed as a member of a troop. If you already completed these requirements as part of the Webelos Scouting Adventure, simply demonstrate your knowledge or skills to your Scoutmaster or other designated leader after joining the troop.

- a. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meaning.
- b. Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe some ways you have shown Scout spirit by practicing the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
- c. Demonstrate the Boy Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when they should be used.
- d. Describe the First Class Scout badge and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.

- e. Repeat from memory the Outdoor Code. In your own words, explain what the Outdoor Code means to you.
- f. Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning

### **Requirement 1 - Scouting Adventure**

Prepare yourself to become a Boy Scout by completing at least a-c below:

- a. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meanings to your den leader, parent, or guardian.
- b. Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe for your den leader, parent, or guardian some ways you have shown Scout spirit by conducting yourself according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
- c. Give the Boy Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when to use each.
- d. Describe the First Class Scout badge, and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.
- e. Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning.

Note that Scout Rank requires the Outdoor Code. Although it is not a requirement for Scouting Adventure for Webelos, it remains a requirement for “Outdoorsman” (formerly known as “Camper”). Thus, Webelos will have done all the requirements for the Scout Rank.

Yours in Scouting;

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