



Advancement Newsletter

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If you don't aim for perfection, there is no chance of achieving excellence.

This newsletter is published by the Lakeshore District Advancement and Recognition Committee and is distributed by e-mail. We are always gathering and trying to keep current with our e-mail addresses, so please contact Dick Jump, District Advancement and Recognition Chair, at rjump001@wi.rr.com if your e-mail address changes or if there is someone you would like added to the mailing. If there is a topic you would like discussed please contact Dick. We would hope that each Cubmaster would forward the Newsletter to their Den and other leaders.

For Advancement Information go the Advancement page on the Lakeshore District Website:

<http://lakeshoredistrict.org/>

What is Your Pack Doing to Celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary?

ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/

Earn a Patch

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference

Alumni, volunteers, leaders, and Scouts can earn this patch by showing dedication to Scouting values



Learn More

Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Through that commitment, participants can earn each of five award ribbons to display from our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch.

The patch requirements and tracking sheets are available on the "100 Years of Scouting" website:

ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/ayeartofcelebration.aspx

Anniversary Cub Scout Program Helps

Get Cub Scouts excited about the history and the future of the BSA with 100th Anniversary Cub Scout Program Helps. Scouting will have new activity ideas for your Den and Pack meetings for every month through September 2010.

ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/CubScouts.aspx

Additional Planning Information

Review the "Guide for Scouts, Leaders and Families" and download as a PDF for more programs, events and ideas.

ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/guide.aspx



InterNet Advancement Training

Are you reporting the advancement of your Cub Scouts? Use InterNet Advancement. Lets break away from the paper report and get in the computer world. It will save you time. Come find out how. Don't use a computer, recruit a kid, they are light-years ahead of most of us.

Internet Advancement training will precede the April 8th Roundtable from 6 - 7:00 p.m., mark your calendar. This training is for unit leaders and those who work with the advancement record keeping in your unit and is for Cub Scout Packs, Troops and Venturing Crews, and, so pass the word.

Some units have registered for InterNet Advancement but are not using the program. Come find out how to use it.

The unit ID for each unit will be available at the training, so when you complete the training you can get started right away.

Scout Net is compatible with PackMaster and the information can be transferred electronically between programs.

Chris Brandt, District Commissioner, will demonstrate how it works using a Pack or Troop ScoutNet site.

Advancement

By this time of the year most of the boys in your Pack should have earned or be close to earning their respective ranks of Wolf, Bear and Webelos. Are they? They should be working on arrowheads by now.

Are they being recognized at the next Pack meeting? Boys need to be recognized as soon as possible after earning a rank.

Cub Scout Dens Size

I recently had a parent tell me that one of the reasons his son didn't advance to Boy Scouts was that he didn't have a good experience in Cub Scouts because the Den had 12 boys and the Den leader struggled with that number of boys.

The recommended number of boys in a Den is 6 to 8 for a number of reasons, boys learn better in a smaller group, and also a boy who might be shy does not get lost in the numbers. When roundups are held it is important that enough leaders be recruited to maintain that den size. It is easy to say that we can't recruit enough leaders so we will just have a large den. I realize that it is hard to recruit parents to be Den Leaders, but for the sake of the program and the boys, it needs to be done or maybe some of the boys can't join the pack. A hard position to take!

Usually for first thing a parent will say when asked to be a den leader is, "but I don't know what I'm supposed to do." The BSA has numerous publications available that layout each meeting for the leader, all they have to do is follow them. Have these publications available at the Roundup to show the parents. Leader training is available and they should be encouraged to attend, contact the District Training staff, they will bring the training to the unit if need be. They should also be made aware of the Roundtables and be invited by other leaders to attend with them.

Cub Scout Roundtable Themes

Come join other leaders in learning more about the Cub Scouting program. Roundtables are held each month on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Conference Center Lakeshore, Technical College in Cleveland. Roundtables start in the Conference Center cafeteria.

April 8th - Rockets, different types of paper rockets to use for Den and Pack meetings, or that campout.

May 13th - Program Kickoff, come learn what's planned for the coming year.

Roundtables are the place to find out what is going on in the District, to meet the volunteer and professional staff, and other unit leaders to share ideas that work and those that don't. The goal of the Roundtable is to provide unit leaders with information and ideas to help you with the activities and programs of your Den and Pack.