

**APRIL 2015**

Dear Roundtable Commissioner and Staff:

This **NEW Pack Meeting Plans** session is intended to replace the current **April Cub Scout Interest Topic** in the *Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide (2014–2015)*.

With the launch of the new Cub Scouts program in June 2015, this supplemental content was developed to ensure all leaders are prepared to deliver the new program.

In addition to being emailed to roundtable commissioners, these materials, along with prior months' materials, will be made available at [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates) during the final week of each month.

What's Next:

May Aquatic Adventures  
June Campfire Programs  
July Resources for Packs and Den Leaders

**TOPIC: New Pack Meeting Plans**

Participants will learn the following:

- The structure of the pack meeting plans
- Awarding adventure loops at pack meetings
- How to use the pack meeting plans to plan pack meetings
- Adventures and pack meetings

**Presentation Method**

The topic is ideally presented as an onboarding session on the upcoming changes in the Cub Scouting program. In planning the presentation, you should review the latest materials posted at [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates), which include PowerPoint presentations and handouts published by the national office. Below is a discussion outline that should also be of help in your planning. For this supplemental training on program planning, you should review and refer the leaders to the tools available to them at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Leaders/ProgramPlanning](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Leaders/ProgramPlanning).

**Overview**

On June 1, 2015, the new Cub Scouting program will be in effect. This will be the most significant change in Cub Scouts since the introduction of the current Webelos program in 1967. Over the next few months, roundtable sessions will be presented to help all Cub Scout leaders prepare for the launch of the new program materials.

**STRUCTURE**

The structure of a pack meeting remains the same in the new program.

**The Seven Pack Meeting Steps:**

1. Before the Meeting
2. Gathering
3. Opening
4. Program
5. Recognition
6. Closing
7. After the Meeting

**RECOGNITION  
AT PACK  
MEETINGS**

Awards and recognitions presented in pack meetings are important. Each one represents a great amount of time and effort on the part of the boys, family, and leaders and should be presented in a special ceremony.

What is new to the pack meeting plan under the section of **Recognition**, is the opportunity to provide time in the meeting for presentation and recognition of the adventure belt loops and the adventure pins. Current and previous Cubmasters may already be familiar with recognition such as this. It occurs within the current program model. Awarding boys Webelos activity badges, arrow points, and sports and academic loops has long been part of recognizing boys at pack meetings.

Upon completion of an adventure, a boy should be immediately recognized for his work. The adventure belt loops or adventure pins may be awarded at either a den meeting or a pack meeting.

Adventure pocket certificates are available and can be awarded in the den if the belt loop or pin is being awarded at the pack meeting. Conversely, the certificates may be used at a pack meeting if the belt loop or pin is awarded in the den.

**Awarding Adventure Loops and Pins at Pack Meetings** - By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month's adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys while receiving a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief to speak about the adventure work done for that month. Have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized for the adventure loop to be awarded. (This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the belt loop or pin.)
- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month's theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.

**PLANNING  
 PACK  
 MEETINGS**

One of the Cubmaster’s responsibilities is to plan and help carry out the Cub Scout program in the pack according to the policies of the BSA by leading the monthly pack meeting, with the help of other leaders.

Pack meeting plans will be posted April 1 in support of the new program and the 12 points of the Scout Law. The themes/points of the Law provided suggest appropriate months to carry out those plans; however, you may choose which theme/point of the Law works best for your pack’s annual plan. The plans are suggested guides. If you want to enhance them or choose another theme, you are welcome to do so.

While the points of the Scout Law are not in the order as members of the BSA recite them, it is important to cover each of them over a 12-month period in the pack meetings.

Solicit additional adult help for activities and tasks. Shared leadership of the pack benefits everyone by getting other parents involved and creating opportunities for adults to share their skills and interests with boys.

Planning for den involvement in pack meetings is most important. Each den should have their participation scheduled in advance. The order of their contribution is important to share as well; for instance, if a den has props for their activity/event, knowing when they are up next will give them time to get ready. Coordinate all skits and contributions at the pack leaders’ meeting so that events have the final approval in advance and are not duplicated.

Hand out the following (located at end of this document):

**TWO PROGRAM YEARS OF PACK MEETINGS**

| PACK MEETING PLANS PROGRAM YEAR 2015-2016 |      |                      |                        |
|---|------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Month                                     | Year | Name of Theme        | Point of the Scout Law |
| September                                 | 2015 | Cubervation          | Clean                  |
| October                                   | 2015 | Super Cub!           | Brave                  |
| November                                  | 2015 | Cubs in Action       | Helpful                |
| December                                  | 2015 | Winter Wonderland    | Reverent               |
| January                                   | 2016 | The Great Race       | Trustworthy            |
| February                                  | 2016 | Friends Near and Far | Friendly               |
| March                                     | 2016 | Cubstruction         | Thrifty                |
| April                                     | 2016 | Strike Up the Band   | Cheerful               |
| May                                       | 2016 | My Animal Friends    | Kind                   |
| June                                      | 2016 | It’s a Hit!          | Obedient               |
| July                                      | 2016 | Scout Salute         | Loyal                  |
| August                                    | 2016 | S'More Cub Scout Fun | Courteous              |

| PACK MEETING PLANS PROGRAM YEAR 2016-2017 |      |                         |                        |
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| October                                   | 2016 | Creepy Crawlers         | Kind                   |
| November                                  | 2016 | Cubs in Shining Armor   | Courteous              |
| December                                  | 2016 | Celebrate               | Cheerful               |
| January                                   | 2017 | Cub Scout City Council  | Obedient               |
| February                                  | 2017 | Passport to Other Lands | Reverent               |
| March                                     | 2017 | Our National Treasures  | Loyal                  |
| April                                     | 2017 | Power Up                | Thrifty                |
| May                                       | 2017 | A Picnic With Pizzazz   | Clean                  |
| June                                      | 2017 | Roaming Reptile Alert   | Brave                  |
| July                                      | 2017 | Let the Games Begin     | Trustworthy            |
| August                                    | 2017 | #Cub Scouts             | Friendly               |

**ADVENTURE  
 REQUIREMENTS  
 SUPPORTED AT  
 PACK  
 MEETINGS**

**Review the Den Meeting Plans:** The order for delivery of the adventures at den meetings is not specified to the den leader. Leaders will plan the adventures required for rank advancement first and then elective adventures according to their climate, location, and the needs and interests of the boys and their families for their annual den meeting plan.

**Requirements:** Take into consideration each den leader’s plan by reviewing it with them and the adventure requirements the boys will be earning. Some requirements will benefit from pack meeting coordination. For example, the “Grin and Bear It” adventure is designed to have Bear Scouts teach a game to younger boys, which could easily be supported by letting them teach games in your pack meeting. You can liven this up by hosting a pack carnival so that everyone can join in on the fun. You may find that this becomes a highlight event of your program year, just as many have found this to be true of the pinewood derby race!

**OTHER PACK  
 OUTINGS**

**Pack campouts:** Requirements can be supported by pack planning of pack campouts, all day events and campfires.<sup>1</sup>

As with advancement activities at pack meetings, plan the required adventures first and then elective adventures according to the climate, location, and the needs of the boys and their families for the annual den meeting plan.

Next month, be sure to come back for an overview of the aquatic elective adventures for each rank.

<sup>1</sup> If your chartered organization does not permit Cub Scout camping, you may substitute a family campout or a daylong outdoor activity with your den or pack.

**UPCOMING**

Other materials coming out soon include:

- What's New training module on E-Learning.
- Updated position-specific training on E- Learning.
- New youth handbooks and den leader guides in Scout shops by May 1<sup>st</sup> and available as e-pubs on Amazon.com.

**CLOSING**

Visit [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates) for regular program updates and links to

**REMINDER**

program materials and training opportunities.

**Next Month**

The aquatic elective adventures

**Roundtable Cub Scout Topic Updates May – July 2015**

**May** Aquatic Adventures

**June** Campfire Programs

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