



**2015–2016  
Cub Scout Program  
Transition Information**

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**Boys who join the Cub Scout program on June 1, 2015, or later must complete the Bobcat requirements listed below before earning the rank badge for their school or birth year.**

Current Cub Scouts do not need to re-earn the Bobcat rank.

### **Bobcat Requirements**

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.
2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
5. Say the Cub Scout Motto. Tell what it means.
6. Show the Cub Scout Salute. Tell what it means.
7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide—Bobcat Requirements*.

## Cub Scout Adventure Program Transition for Traditional Units

Tiger rank earned as of June 1, 2015, and moving to Wolf rank	⇒	Begin using the new Wolf Handbook and the Wolf Den Leader Guide for the Wolf adventures.
Wolf rank earned as of June 1, 2015, and moving to Bear rank	⇒	Begin using the new Bear Handbook and the Bear Den Leader Guide for the Bear adventures
Bear rank earned as of June 1, 2015, and moving to Webelos rank	⇒	Begin using the new Webelos Handbook and the Webelos Den Leader Guide for the Webelos adventures
Webelos rank earned as of June 1, 2015, and moving to Arrow of Light rank.	⇒	<p><b>OPTION 1.</b> Continue using the current handbook and complete the Arrow of Light requirements as stated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Either activity pins or adventure pins may be used to satisfy elective requirements</li></ul> <p><b>OPTION 2.</b> Begin using the new Webelos Handbook and the Webelos Den Leader Guide for the Arrow of Light adventures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Must complete the four defined required adventures</li><li>▶ To satisfy the requirement for three electives may utilize EITHER the new adventure electives OR activity badges earned under the current program but <b>NOT USED TO FULFILL WEBELOS RANK REQUIREMENTS</b></li></ul>

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*NOTE: Active tenure requirements for Webelos (3 months) and Arrow of Light (6 months) have not changed. See Requirements at [www.scouting.org/programupdates](http://www.scouting.org/programupdates)*

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## The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints New Adventure Program Transition

**Recommended approach:** The following are guidelines approved by the BSA National Council to address the way in which LDS chartered units operate. Please review the following while remembering to Keep It Simple, Make It Fun!

1. Make every effort to have boys close to completing their badge of rank prior to May 31. After this time, they can go on to experience the new program for the balance of their time in the den.
2. Every boy who has not completed his badge of rank by May 31 will complete his badge of rank with some mix of achievements from the current program and adventures from the new program. We should not be troubled by this. The constant is that these boys will have experienced a fun, family-oriented program delivered by adults who care about them.
3. Plan now for the program you want for your den and pack in the future. Using the new program, plan the required and elective adventures you want to be delivering from June forward—this program year and into the future. Take into account school and holiday schedules, local climate and pack considerations, etc.
4. Beginning in June, have fun with the new program! Use the plan created in No. 3 and the soon-to-be-available den leader guides to plan your individual den meetings. All boys may begin using the new program as early as June 1<sup>st</sup> but should be on the new program no later than the beginning of their 2015/2016 Scouting year – typically when school starts.
5. Give your boys credit for the work they have done through May 31 in the current program and credit for what they will do in the new program from June forward. And when they reach their birthday, award them their badge!

**Planning for the New Program:** Considering the guidelines above, planning and annual program using the new adventures is straight forward. Begin by mapping out an annual program using the new program materials. The fundamental planning process is as follows:

- Seven adventures are required to advance for each rank.
- The required duty to God adventure at each rank is completed at home by the boy and his family and should be assigned to the family for completion.
- Calendar the remaining required adventures keeping in mind local community, school, stake and local council events and commitments.
- Plan and calendar electives to fill out a year-round program taking into account the interest of the boys in your den and their families.

- Review your den’s plan with your Cubmaster for their input and to coordinate with pack meetings as needed.
- Have fun!

Here is one example for a Wolf Den leader. A chart like this in the new *Den Leader Guide*:

WOLF DEN ADVENTURE PLAN	
JUNE	
JULY	
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	
DECEMBER	
JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	
MARCH	
APRIL	
MAY	

\*DUTY TO GOD ADVENTURES ARE COMPLETED WITH THE FAMILY\*

WOLF DEN ADVENTURE PLAN	
JUNE	CALL OF THE WILD
JULY	
AUGUST	COUNCIL FIRE
SEPTEMBER	
OCTOBER	HOWLING AT THE MOON
NOVEMBER	
DECEMBER	
JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	
MARCH	PAWS ON THE PATH
APRIL	RUNNING WITH THE PACK
MAY	

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DUTY TO GOD FOOTSTEPS – AT HOME

RED: REQUIRED ADVENTURES

WOLF DEN ADVENTURE PLAN	
JUNE	CALL OF THE WILD
JULY	FINDING YOUR WAY
AUGUST	COUNCIL FIRE
SEPTEMBER	PAWS OF SKILL
OCTOBER	HOWLING AT THE MOON
NOVEMBER	AIR OF THE WOLF
DECEMBER	MOTOR AWAY
JANUARY	CUBS WHO CARE
FEBRUARY	CODE OF THE WOLF
MARCH	PAWS ON THE PATH
APRIL	RUNNING WITH THE PACK
MAY	GROW SOMETHING

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DUTY TO GOD FOOTSTEPS – AT HOME

RED: REQUIRED ADVENTURES  
BLUE: ELECTIVE ADVENTURES (ONE REQUIRED)

When a boy is ready to move to the new rank on his next birthday, you may award his badge of rank. During the transition time, boys will have completed a combination of current program achievements and new program adventures. This is acceptable during the transition year.

Keep it simple. Make it fun. Do what is best for the boy.