

Cub Scout Update 2024



Information and images in this presentation were gathered from Scouting Magazine's Cub Chat Live program and organized by Pam Nelson – Pack 86 – Western Gateway.

Four Areas of Improvements



BOBCAT

- One set of requirements is ineffective
- What to do with returning Cub Scouts
- Rank or not a rank?



ADVENTURES

- Disjointed required adventure topics
- Inconsistent number of adventures for each rank
- Volunteers want more elective adventures



WEBELOS (4TH/5TH GRADE)

- Length of Webeles program
- Does not follow the pattern of other ranks
- Purpose of the program



AWARDS

- Awards are not in the direct line of sight of Den Leaders
- Average attachment rate of 1.5%
- Awards do not drive behavior

AO

Based on feedback from parents and leaders, these are the areas that BSA has updated and improved the Cub Scout Program. Changes will be implemented June 1, 2024.

Reimagine Youth Awards into Adventures

Required Adventures have an attachment rate of about 70% (Between 62% and 72%)

Elective Adventures have an attachment rate between 15% - 25%

Awards have an attachment rate of about 1.5% (Between 0% and 3%)



AB

The Summertime Pack Award, as well as other awards, did not have the completion percentage that BSA wanted to see, they believe because they weren't in the direct line of sight of leaders. They have converted them to electives, beltloops rather than patches, to put them in the line of sight of leaders in the Den Meeting Resources.

PLAN NOW for Summer Time Fun



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Summertime Fun

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One Requirement

1. Anytime during May through August participate in a total of three Cub Scout activities.

Earning Adventure is not dependent on other's participation.

AO

Summertime Pack Award is now an elective called Summertime Fun. It will earn Scouts an elective for their next rank. **For example:** 1st graders that just completed their Tiger Rank will earn the Summertime Fun beltloop as an elective toward their Wolf Rank.

2024-2025
Cub Scout Badges of Rank
Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure.
Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures.
The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

 LION Kindergarten	 TIGER 1 st Grade	 WOLF 2 nd Grade	 BEAR 3 rd Grade	 WEBELOS 4 th Grade	 ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade
 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership	 BOBCAT Character/Leadership
 MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	 TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	 PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	 BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	 WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	 OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
 FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	 TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	 RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	 BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	 STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	 PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
 KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	 TEAM TIGER Citizenship	 COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	 PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	 MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	 CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
 LION ROAR Personal Safety	 TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	 SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	 STANDING TALL Personal Safety	 MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	 FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
 LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	 TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	 FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	 FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	 MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	 DUTY TO GOD Family/Reverence
  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures	  2 Elective Adventures

All ranks now have **6 required** adventures and **2 elective** adventures.
Note: Bobcat is no longer the first Rank achieved and is now a required adventure at each Rank. This should be the **first required** adventure completed, if possible.

As of August 2024 Lion/Tiger/Wolf/Bear Beltloops cost \$1.99

As of August 2024 Webelo/AOL Pins cost \$2.49

Bobcat Required Adventure Requirements

Earned each year, not just once when you first join.

LION – KINDERGARTEN

1. Get to know the members of your den.
2. Have your adult partner or den leader read the Scout Law to you.
Demonstrate your understanding of being friendly.
3. Share with your adult partner, during a den meeting or at home, a time when you have demonstrated the Cub Scout motto "Do Your Best."
4. At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."

BEAR – 3RD GRADE

1. Get to know members of your den.
2. Recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law with your den and den leader.
3. Learn about the Scout Oath. Identify the three points of the Scout Oath.
4. With your den Create a Den Code of Conduct.
5. Learn about the denner position and responsibilities.
6. Demonstrate the Cub Scout sign, Cub Scout salute and Cub Scout handshake. Show how each are used.
7. Share with your den, or family, a time when you demonstrated the Cub Scout motto "Do Your Best." Explain why it is important to do your best.
8. At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."

ARROW OF LIGHT – 5TH GRADE

1. Learn about the patrol method and discuss the benefits.
2. Choose a Patrol name and elect a patrol leader.
3. Make a patrol flag that includes everyone's name.
4. Recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law with your patrol.
5. With your patrol develop a Code of Conduct.
6. Demonstrate the Scouts BSA sign, salute, and handshake. Show how each is used.
7. With your patrol or with your parent/legal guardian visit a Scouts BSA Troop.
8. At home, with your parent or legal guardian do the activities in the booklet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide." AB

Bobcat requirements are age appropriate and build on each other. Bobcat is now a required adventure and will be completed each year.

Common Activities For Required Adventures



Lion Mountain Lion

Requirement 2
Take a walk outside
spending at least 20
minutes exploring the
outdoors with your
Cub Scout Six
Essentials.



Tiger Tigers in the Wild

Requirement 3
Take a walk outside
spending at least 20
minutes exploring the
outdoors with your
Cub Scout Six
Essentials.



Wolf Paws on the Path

Requirement 5
Take a walk outside
for at least 30
minutes to explore
nature in your
surroundings. Describ
e four different
animals that you
could see on your
walk.



Bear Bear Habitat

Requirement 5
Go on a 1 mile
walk. Identify six
signs of any
mammals, birds,
insects, reptiles, or
plants. Discuss the
Leave No Trace
principals.



Webelos Webelos Walkabout

Requirement 5
Using the buddy
system, walk your
planned 2
miles. Discuss what a
helpful buddy does in
an outdoor
environment and
what to do if
separated from the
group.

AO

Several required adventures have common activities so they can be completed as a Pack and all ranks will receive credit toward an adventure. (Pack Hike)

CUB SCOUT ELECTIVE ADVENTURES

 Kindergarten 16 Electives	 1st Grade 20 Electives	 2nd Grade 20 Electives	 3rd Grade 20 Electives	 4th Grade 20 Electives	 5th Grade 16 Electives
Build It Up, Knock It Down	Curiosity, etc.	Adventures in Coins	A Bear Goes Fishing	Aquanaut	Engineer
Gizmos and Gadgets	Floats and Boats	Air of the Wolf	Baloo the Builder	Art Explosion	Into the Wild
I'll Do It Myself	Good Knights	Code of the Wolf	Critter Care	Aware and Care	Into the Woods
On Your Mark	Rolling Tigers	Cubs Who Care	Forensics	Build It	Cycling
Pick My Path	Safe and Smart	Digging in the Past	Marble Madness	Earth Rocks!	Estimations
Ready, Set, Grow	Sky Is the Limit	Finding Your Way	Roaring Laughter	Catch the Big One	Fishing
Count On Me	Stories in Shapes	Germes Alive!	Salmon Run	Let's Camp	High Tech Outdoors
Everyday Tech	Tiger Tag	Paws of Skill	Super Science	Math on the Trail	Knife Safety
Go Fish	Tiger-iffic!	Spirit of the Water	Bears Afloat	Modular Design	Paddle Craft
Let's Camp	Designed by Tiger	A Wolf Goes Fishing	Bears on Bikes	Paddle Onward	Race Time
On a Roll	Fish On	Computing Wolves	Balancing Bears	Pedal Away	Summertime Fun
Race Time	Let's Camp	Let's Camp	Let's Camp	Race Time	Swimming
Time to Swim	Race Time	Paws for Water	Race Time	Chef's Knife	Champions for Nature
Champions for Nature	Summertime Fun	Pedal with the Pack	Summertime Fun	Summertime Fun	Archery
Archery	Tech All Around	Race Time	Top Chef Tech	Tech on the Trail	BB
Slingshot	Tigers in the Water	Summertime Fun	Whittling	Champions for Nature	Slingshot
	Champions for Nature	Champions for Nature	Champions for Nature	Yoyo	
	Archery	Archery	Archery	Archery	
	BB	BB	BB	BB	
	Slingshot	Slingshot	Slingshot	Slingshot	

Top Electives (lightly shaded): remain the same, Middle Electives (slightly darker shaded): new additions, Bottom Electives (darker shaded): can only be completed at District or Council run facilities.

Adventures Available for All Ranks

BOLD indicates new adventure
Italics indicate existing adventure



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade

Activity	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Pinewood Derby	Race Time - Lion	Race Time - Tiger	Race Time - Wolf	Race Time - Bear	Race Time - Webelos	Race Time – Arrow of Light
Fishing	Go Fish	Fish On	A Wolf Goes Fishing	<i>A Bear Goes Fishing</i>	Catch the Big One	Fishing
Cycling	On a Roll	<i>Rolling Tigers</i>	Pedal with the Pack	Bears on Bikes	Pedal Away	Cycling
Swimming	Time to Swim	Tigers in the Water	<i>Spirit of the Water</i>	<i>Salmon Run</i>	<i>Aquanaut</i>	Swimming
Camping	Let's Camp - Lion	Let's Camp – Tiger	Let's Camp – Wolf	Let's Camp – Bear	Let's Camp – Webelos	Outdoor Adventurer*
Conservation	Champions for Nature – Lion	Champions for Nature – Tiger	Champions for Nature – Wolf	Champions for Nature – Bear	Champions for Nature - Webelos	Champions for Nature - AOL

AO

Several Elective Adventures are available at each rank, with age-appropriate requirements.

Badges of Rank and Adventures

Current Cub Scouts do not need to change their uniform.

Lion – Bear badges of rank position on the uniform is based on the order earned.



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This is the suggested wearing of earned ranks, without Bobcat Rank Badge. Scouts who have already earned the Bobcat Rank Badge can continue to wear it.

Webelos and Arrow of Light

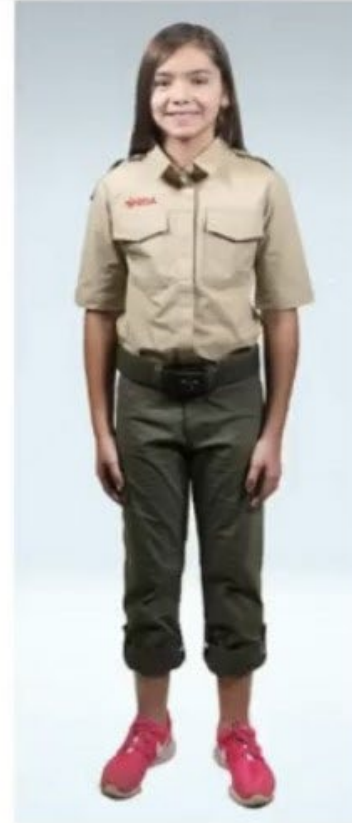


4th Grade Webelos

Blue Cub Scout
Uniform

Webelos Hat

Webelos
Neckerchief



5th Grade Arrow of Light

Scouts BSA Uniform
Tan Shirt
Green Bottoms

There will not be an
Arrow of Light Hat or
Neckerchief.

Changes to Webelo and AOL Uniforms: Webelo (4th Grade) will remain in blue shirts and wear their recently earned Bear rank. AOL (5th Grade) will transition to Scouts BSA Tan shirts and wear their Webelo Rank on their left shirt pocket. AOL Dens may choose to do what Troops in Scouts BSA do and choose a color and make their own Neckerchief.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Uniform



Switching to a Scouts BSA Tan uniform is ultimately a decision made by the family.

- 4th-grade Webelos after earning the Webelos Badge of Rank
- OR
- After completing the 4th grade
- OR
- When the family has decided that they will cross over into Scouts BSA and the blue Cub Scout uniform no longer fits.



Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA



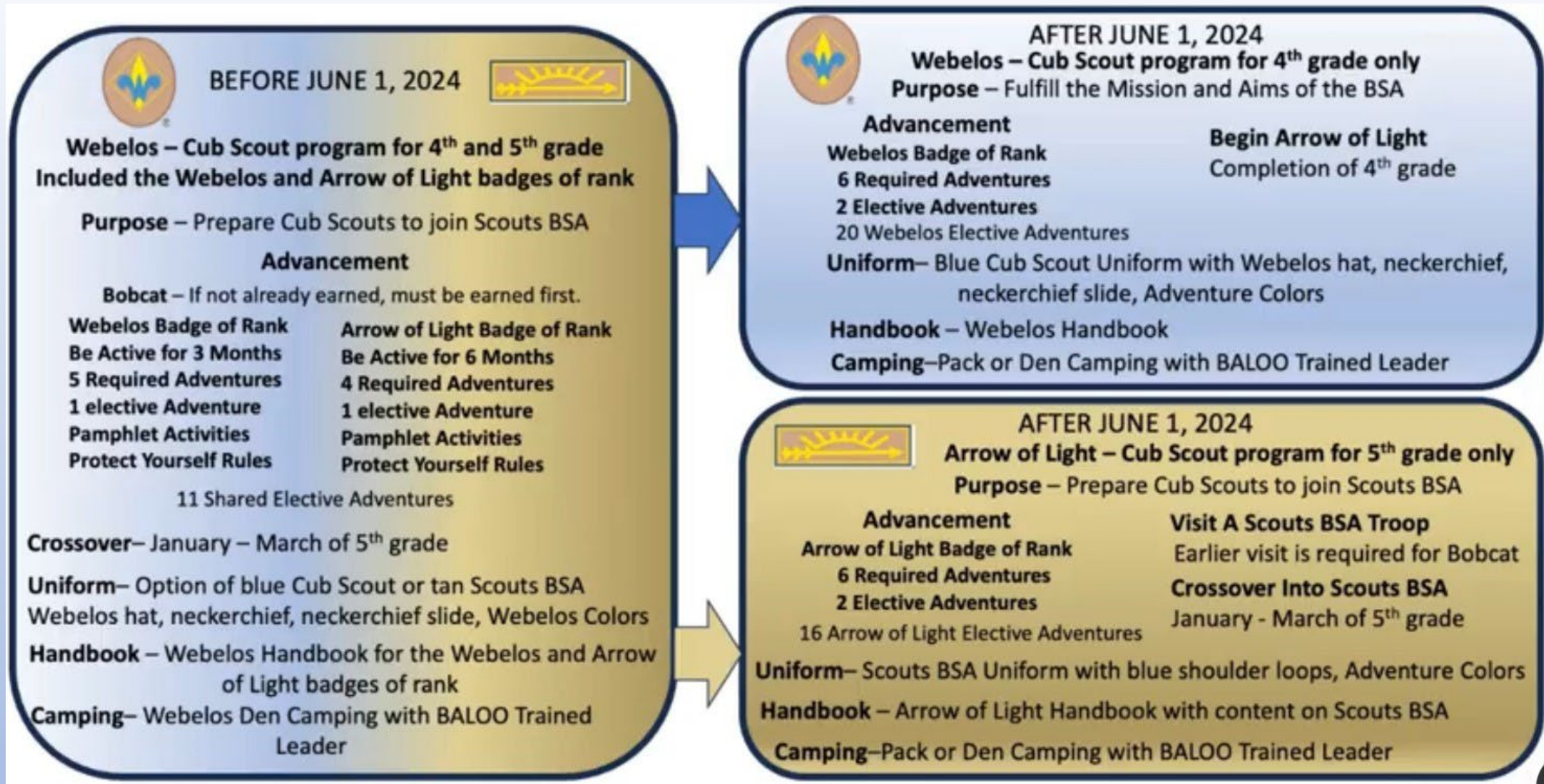
Collaboration with National Scouts BSA Committee

The complete Arrow of Light badge or rank is designed to prepare for Scouts BSA not just one Adventure.

Designed to have Arrow of Light Cub Scouts joining a Scouts BSA Troop by January/February.

No duplication of requirements between Arrow of Light and Scout Rank.

The goal of the Arrow of Light Program is to prepare the Scouts for the transition to Scouts BSA. They will operate in a way that is similar to the way a Patrol operates at the Troop level.



After June 1, 2024, the Webelo and AOL Programs will be separate with separate Handbooks. The AOL Handbook will have content on Scout Rank for Scouts BSA, however they are not able to complete any requirements until they have Bridged to a Scouts BSA Unit.

Handbooks

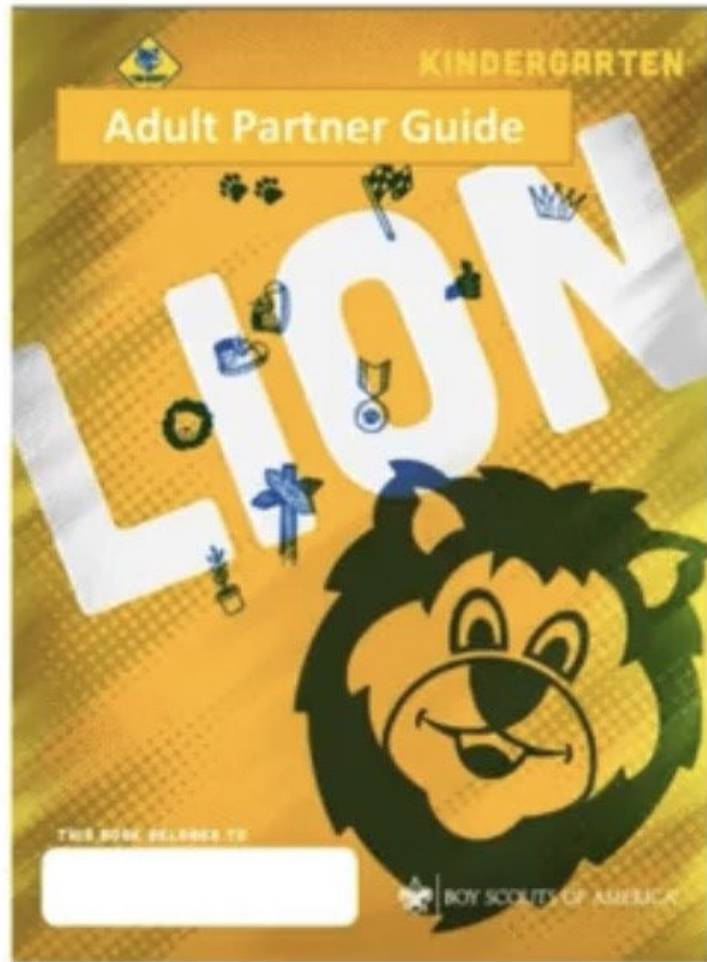


As of August 2024 Lion/Tiger Handbooks cost \$12.99



As of August 2024 Wolf/Bear/Webelos/AOL Handbooks cost \$23.99

All ranks will have new Youth Handbooks with grade, rank, and a spot for their name on the cover. Leader resources will all be digital and available to all – not just the registered leader. This will allow other adults in the den to access materials and help with meetings and requirements that may align with a certain skill or interest they may have.



Adult
Partner
Guides

Onboarding
parents

Resources to
deliver the
program

Lion and Tiger Handbooks will come packaged with an Adult Partner Book to give them the resources to lead and help at home.

Lion and Tiger Trail – Characters from Scout Life Magazine are used in the trails. It shows the path to earning their rank and suggested progression of requirements. Bobcat should be the first required advancement earned, and the others can be earned in any order.

Lion Trail

Tiger Trail



PEDAL WITH THE PACK

ELECTIVE ADVENTURE



SNAPSHOT OF ADVENTURE



Get together with your den, pack, or family to go on a bike ride. You will learn about what to take and how to make sure your bike is ready, and then you will go for a ride! Grab your helmet, check your tires, and a buddy to head out on another Cub Scout Adventure.

REQUIREMENTS

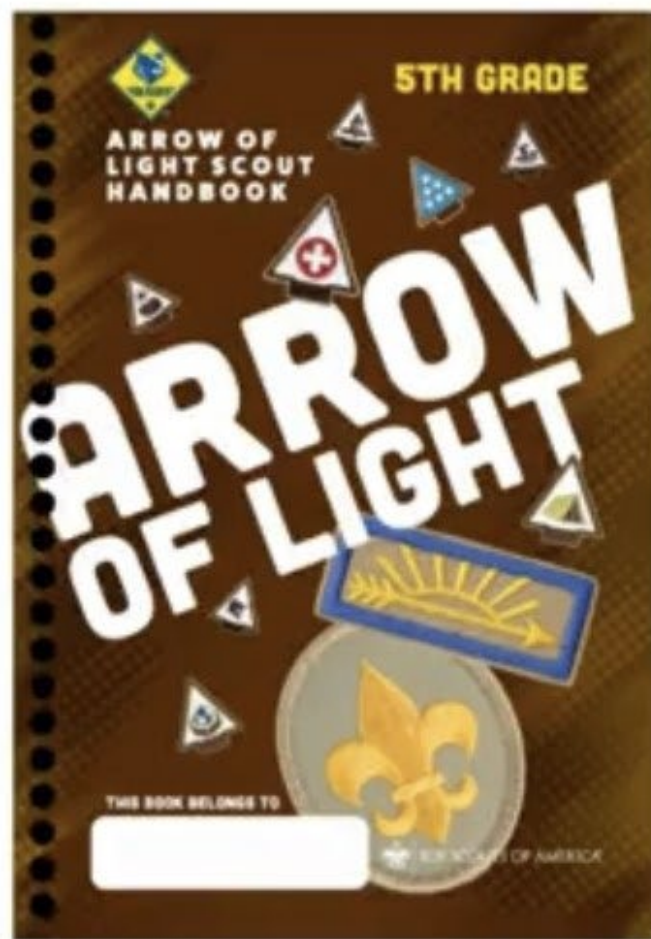
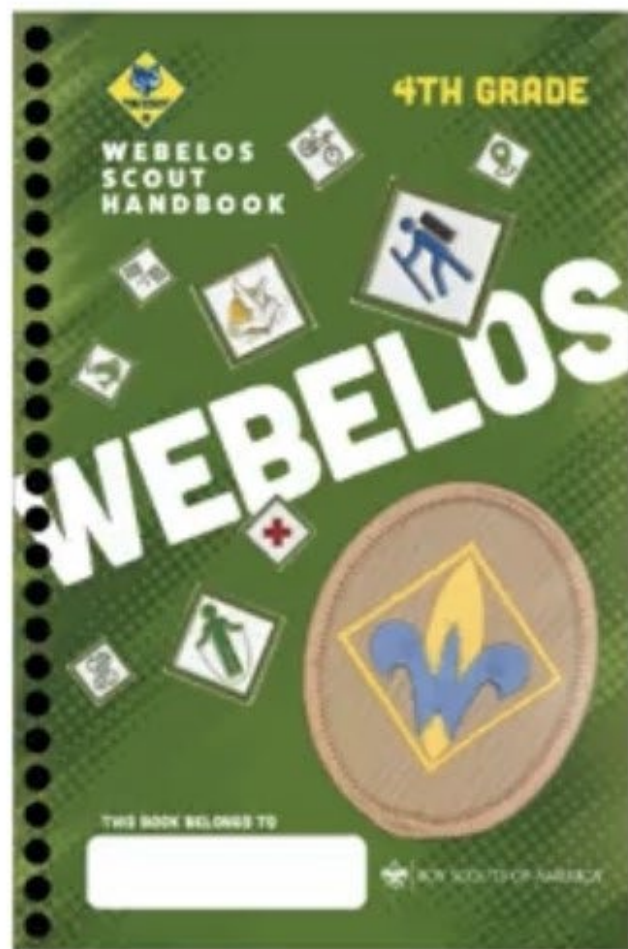
1. Show how to properly wear a bicycle helmet. Show you can take it off and put it on without help.
2. Decide what you should wear when riding a bike.
3. Learn about different types of bikes and when/where you might ride these different bikes.
4. Demonstrate you can start and stop your bicycle without help.
5. Demonstrate proper hand signals.
6. With your den, pack, or family, following the buddy system, take a bike ride.



• Elective Adventure
• Scan for this Elective Adventure

The Wolf Handbook has more age-appropriate images with real people rather than characters. All Handbooks are more clear, concise, and inclusive. All requirements, even the ones that have not changed names, have been updated. Each Adventure has a QR Code that will take you to the free online Den Meeting Resources.

Webelos and Arrow of Light



Arrow of Light Handbook

Arrow of Light Required and
Elective Adventures

Content from Scouts BSA
Handbook on the Scout Badge
of Rank requirements.

Requirements for Scout Badge
of Rank May Not Be Worked
On Until the Cub Scout Is In A
Scouts BSA Troop.

AB

REQUIREMENT 5

Demonstrate the Cub Scout sign,
Cub Scout salute, and Cub Scout handshake.
Show how each is used.

The Cub Scout Sign

Make the sign with your right hand. Hold your arm straight up. The two raised fingers stand for the Scout



The back cover will have colored tabs that help navigate to each adventure in the handbook.

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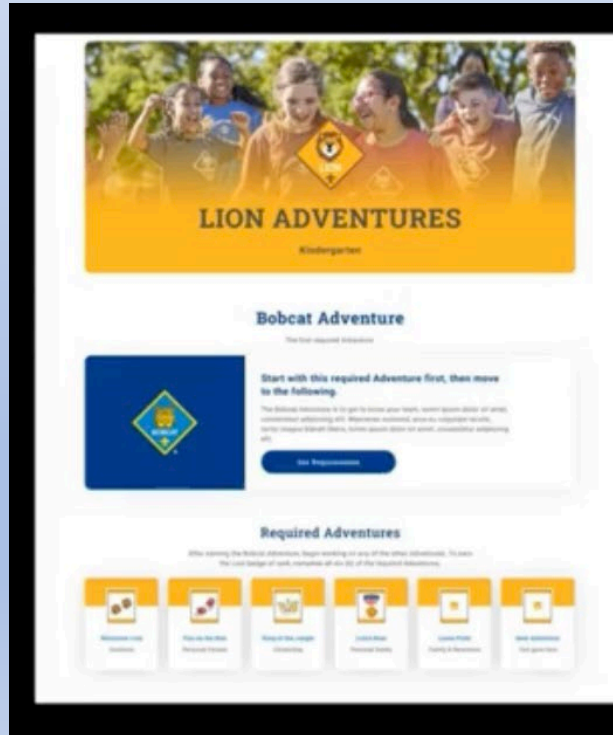
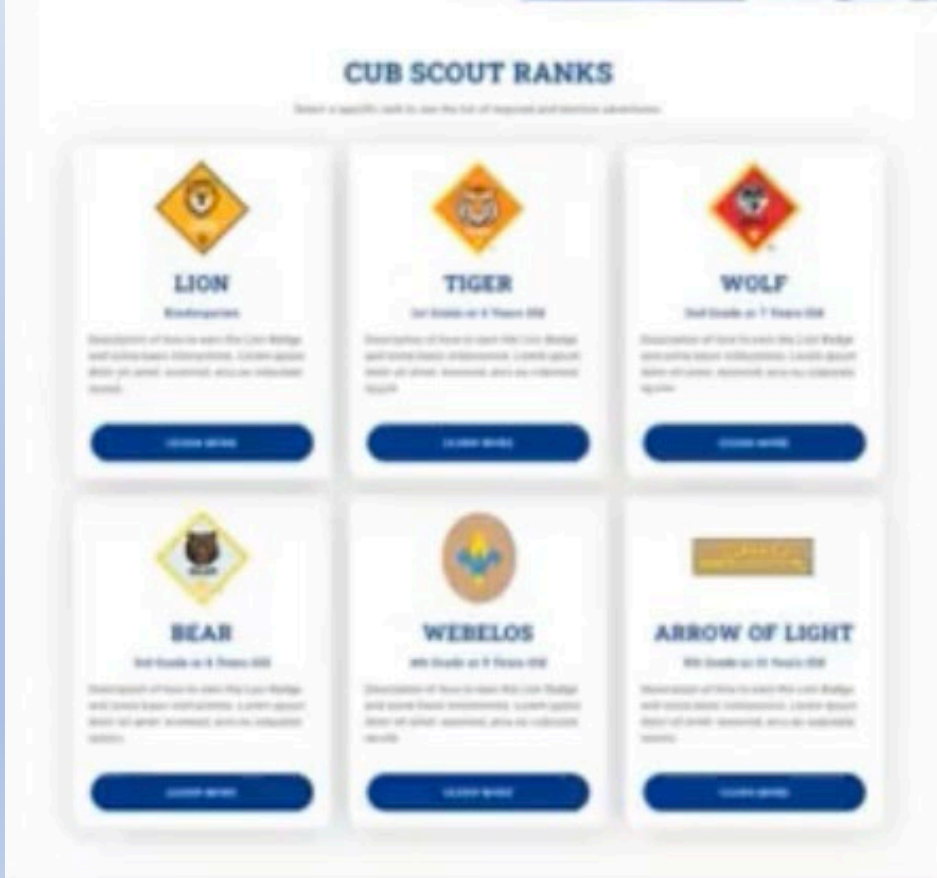


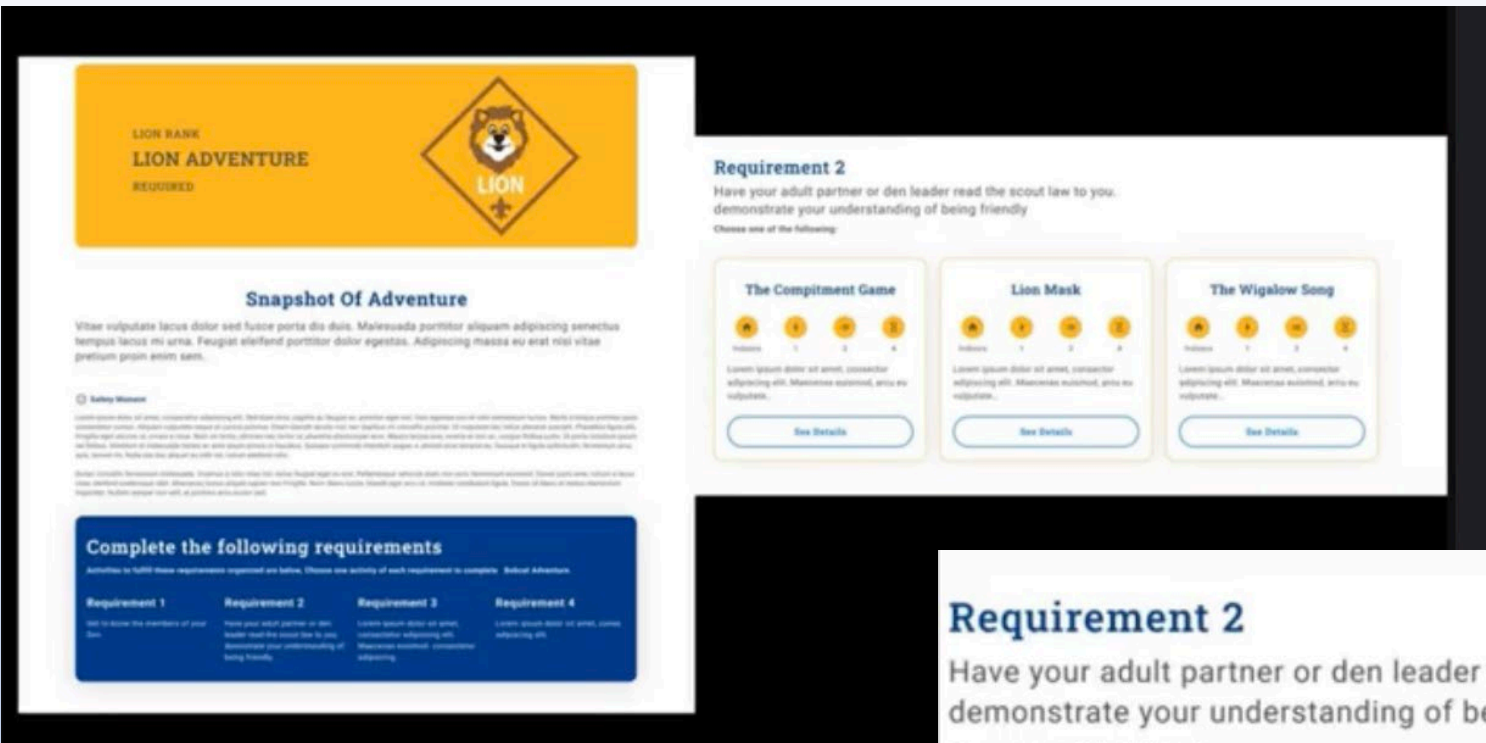


Den Meeting Online Resources – These resources are free to everybody. They can be found at:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/adventures/>

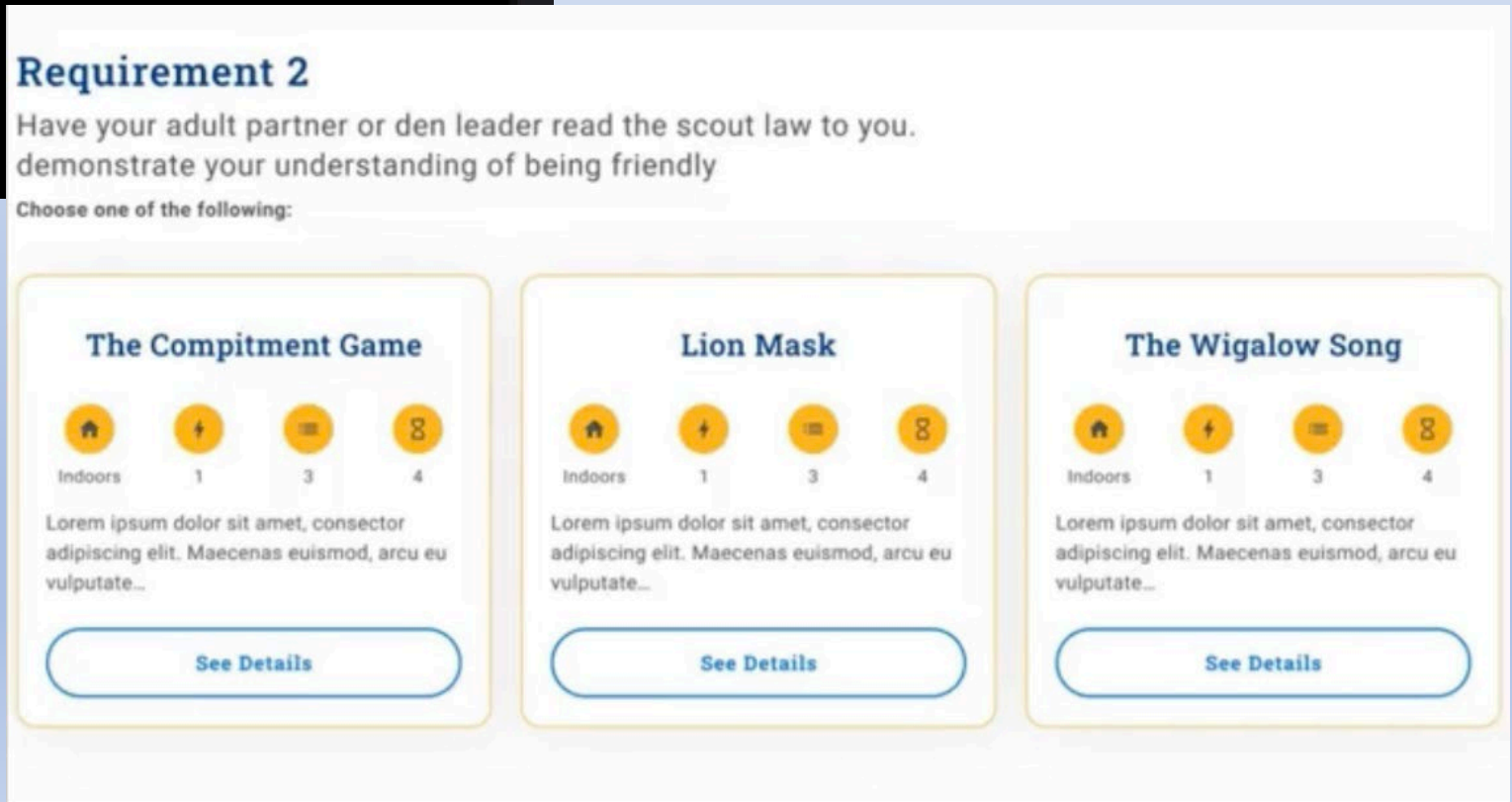
Click on the Rank of your Den. The Den page shows the required and elective adventures for the rank. Click an adventure to explore resources.





Once you have clicked on an adventure, you will see the snapshot of the adventure and the list of requirements. Click on a requirement to see the Activity Card.

Each Activity Card will give several ideas as options to complete the requirement. Each symbol below the suggested activity gives information about supplies, location, prep time, etc. (See next slide)



Activity Cards for Requirements

Location

-  Indoor
-  Outdoor
-  Travel

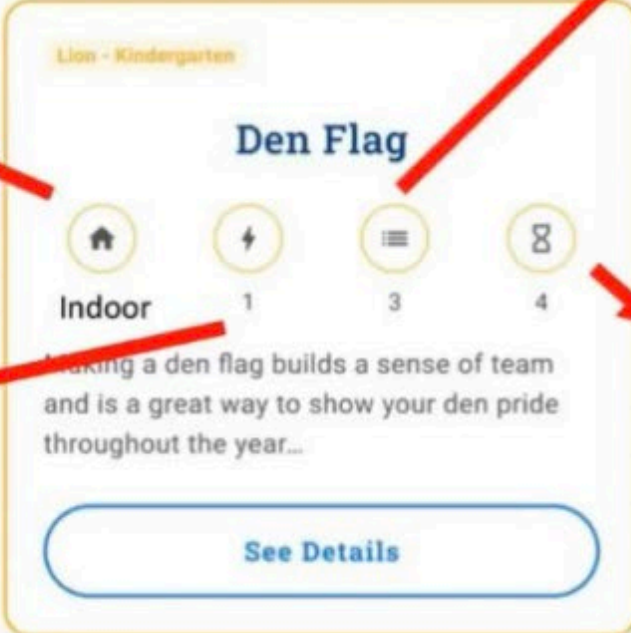
Energy Level

- 1- Very low energy - listening
- 2- Low energy — crafts
- 3- Moderate energy — skilled crafts
- 4- High energy — active movements
- 5- Very high energy — running

Requirement 1

Get to know the members of your den

Choose one of the following:



Lion - Kindergarten

Den Flag

Indoor 1 3 4

Making a den flag builds a sense of team and is a great way to show your den pride throughout the year...

[See Details](#)

Supplies

1. None — no supplies are needed
2. Very little — common household items
- 3- Average - low-cost craft supplies
- 4- Above average — common craft supplies
- 5- Custom — custom or uncommon

Prep Time

1. No prep time needed
2. One to three days ahead of time
3. Three to five days ahead of time
4. A week ahead of time
5. More than a week ahead of time



Cub Scouting Position Specific Training

DEN LEADER AND ASSISTANT DEN LEADER		
BEFORE YOUR FIRST DEN MEETING		
SCO-450	WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING	2:02
SCO-451	AIMS AND METHODS	6:17
SCO-452	BOBCAT	7:08
SCO-453	ADVANCEMENT	10:25
SCO-454	CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS	4:49
SCO-455	CONDUCTING A DEN MEETING	8:15
SCO-456	RESOURCES	5:14
SCO-457	DEN MANAGMENT	5:27
		49 MIN
BEFORE YOUR FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE		
SCO-460	PREPARING FAMILIES FOR OUTDDOR	5:19
SCO-461	KEEPING CUB SCOUTING SAFE	4:35
	HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING	31:00
		41 MIN
EARNING YOUR TRAINED PATCH		
SCO-462	INVOLVING ADULTS IN CUB SCOUTING	8:46
SCO-463	PACK STRUCTURE	8:02
SCO-464	DENNERS AND DEN CHIEFS	7:54
SCO-465	CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	7:28
SCO-466	CONTINUE THE JOURNEY	4:09
		37 MIN
Total Position Specific Training Time Approximately 2 hours		

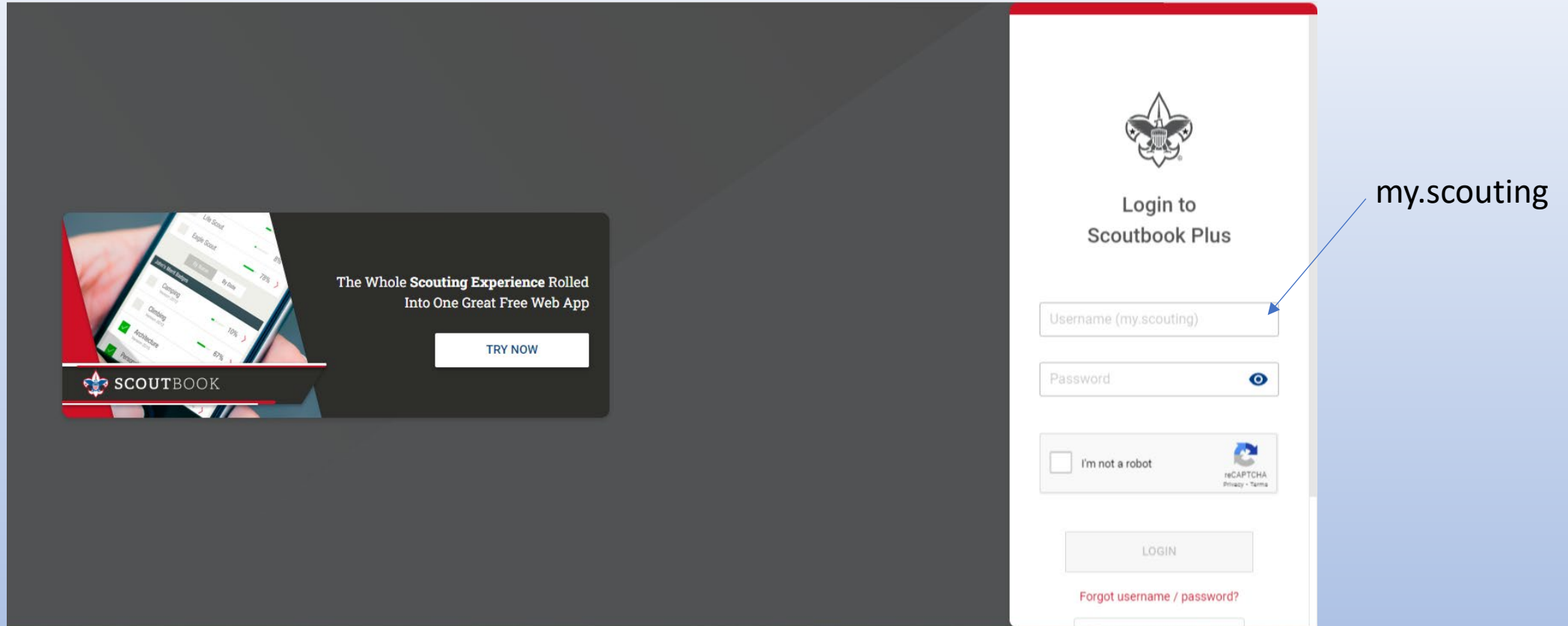
CUBMASTER AND ASSISTANT CUBMASTER		
BEFORE YOUR FIRST PACK MEETING		
SCO-450	WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING	2:02
SCO-451	AIMS AND METHODS	6:17
SCO-453	ADVANCEMENT	10:25
SCO-454	CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS	4:49
SCO-457	DEN MANAGMENT	5:27
SCO-458	CONDUCTING A PACK MEETING	12:05
SCO-462	INVOLVING ADULTS IN CUB SCOUTING	8:46
		49 MIN
BEFORE YOUR FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE		
SCO-460	PREPARING FAMILIES FOR OUTDDOR	5:19
SCO-461	KEEPING CUB SCOUTING SAFE	4:35
	HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING	31:00
		41 MIN
EARNING YOUR TRAINED PATCH		
SCO-463	PACK STRUCTURE	8:02
SCO-464	DENNERS AND DEN CHIEFS	7:54
SCO-465	CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	7:28
SCO-466	CONTINUE THE JOURNEY	4:09
		28 MIN
Total Position Specific Training Time Approximately 2 hours		
If already completed Den Leader modules only SCD0458 is required to be trained as a Cubmaster - 12 minutes.		

PACK COMMITTEE MEMEBER		
BEFORE YOUR FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING		
SCO-450	WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING	2:02
SCO-451	AIMS AND METHODS	6:17
SCO-454	CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS	4:49
SCO-459	CONDUCTING A COMMITTEE MEETING	9:00
SCO-462	INVOLVING ADULTS IN CUB SCOUTING	8:46
SCO-463	PACK STRUCTURE	8:02
		39 MIN
BEFORE YOUR FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE		
SCO-460	PREPARING FAMILIES FOR OUTDDOR	5:19
SCO-461	KEEPING CUB SCOUTING SAFE	4:35
		10 MIN
EARNING YOUR TRAINED PATCH		
SCO-466	CONTINUE THE JOURNEY	4:09
		4 MIN
Total Position Specific Training Time Approximately 1 hour		

PACK COMMITTEE CHAIR		
BEFORE THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING		
SCO-450	WELCOME TO CUB SCOUTING	2:02
SCO-451	AIMS AND METHODS	6:17
SCO-454	CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS	4:49
SCO-459	CONDUCTING A COMMITTEE MEETING	9:00
SCO-462	INVOLVING ADULTS IN CUB SCOUTING	8:46
SCO-463	PACK STRUCTURE	8:02
		39 MIN
BEFORE THE FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE		
SCO-460	PREPARING FAMILIES FOR OUTDDOR	5:19
SCO-461	KEEPING CUB SCOUTING SAFE	4:35
		10 MIN
POSITION TRAINED		
SCO-453	ADVANCEMENT	10:25
SCO-465	CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	7:28
SCO-467	PACK FINANCE	7:46
SCO-468	ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING	17:34
SCO-469	ANNUAL CHARTER RENEWAL	6:36
SCO-530	JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE	12:46
SCO-466	CONTINUE THE JOURNEY	4:09
		1 HOUR
Total Position Specific Training Time Approximately 2 hours.		
If already completed Committee Member Approximately 1 hour		

Leaders trained before the program update will not lose their Trained status. It is recommended that trained leaders revisit position specific training and watch the highlighted components that have been updated for the new program.

ScoutBook has migrated to ScoutBook Plus Internet Advancement



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