

Pack 55

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Handbook

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Scouting is a game with a purpose.

Lord Baden-Powell

There is no teaching to compare with example.

Lord Baden-Powell

“I often think, when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size: some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they go to heaven. Try to make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good.

Lord Baden-Powell

The Founder of Scouting

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, more affectionately known as “B-P”, was born in London, England, on February 22, 1857.

At the age of 12 he received a scholarship from Charterhouse School, one of England’s famous public schools. The school was then located in London, but it soon moved to Godalming in Surrey. There were some woods just outside the school, these were “out-of-bounds” for the pupils. It was here that B-P practiced stalking wildlife. He is said to have snared rabbits and cooked them over a small fire so that smoke didn’t give him away to the school masters. (This was to be valuable training for later in his career.)

Choosing a military career, B-P served in campaigns in India, Afghanistan and South Africa. He became world famous during the Boer War for the defense of Mafeking, a small town in South Africa. With 800 men he was besieged by a force of 9,000 Boer soldiers. His small force held out against these immense odds for 217 days – until a relief column of British soldiers arrived.

At Mafeking B-P organized his “Messenger Cadets”. Trained in efficiency, obedience and smartness, they performed many tasks – relieving soldiers for active defense of the town. After the Boer War, B-P organized the South African Constabulary and designed a uniform for them that later became the basic Boy Scout uniform.

While still in Africa, B-P wrote “Aids to Scouting” – a manual designed to train soldiers to become army scouts. Many youth and organizations in Britain used ideas from this manual as the basis of adventurous programs. He discussed this matter with Sir William Smith, the founder of the Boy’s Brigade, and other leading youth workers. He planned a camp to test his program ideas. The camp was held from July 25 to August 9 in 1907 on Brownsea Island. The “Scoutmaster” was Lt. General Robert Baden-Powell. His assistants were B.W. Green, H. Robson and P.W. Everett. The camp was a tremendous success. Based on this experiment B-P wrote his book “Scouting for Boys” which was published in 6 parts starting in January 1908. It has been printed in many editions – the current edition is the last one edited by B-P. By the end of 1908 this book was translated into five other languages. The sketches in the book were all done by B-P – most of them based on his own exciting career.

In 1909, King Edward VII, who had taken a great deal of interest in this new movement, made the founder a Knight in recognition of his work for boys. At this time B-P was Inspector General of Cavalry. King Edward noted the Boys Scout Movement was so important that B-P would do his country a great service if he would resign from the army and devote his full time to Scouting. B-P did so and the movement grew by leaps and bounds. It was King Edward VII who inaugurated the King’s Scout badge, later changed by Queen Elizabeth to Queen’s Scout badge.

Scouting spread throughout England, the Commonwealth and other countries. Scouting came to Canada in May 1908. It started in many communities at the same time and there

is no way to know which community had Scouting first. Chile was the first non-Commonwealth country to adopt the Scouting program.

In 1912, B-P met and later married Miss Olave Soames, who later became the Chief Guide. In 1920, the International Conference of Scouting was formed, and, at the World Jamboree in 1920, B-P was acclaimed as Chief Scout of the World – the only person to ever hold that title.

B-P devoted the remainder of his life to Scouting and the promotion of world brotherhood. He believed that no better way could be found than by enrolling youth in Scouting – a movement that had no national boundaries.

In 1929, at the “Coming of Age” jamboree, King George V made the founder a Baron. Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell took his title from Gilwell Park, the International Training Center for Scouters. It is located in Epping Forest – just outside London, England.

In failing health, B-P took up residence in Africa in 1937. On January 8, 1941, rich in both years and service, B-P died. His grave is in Nyeri, in the shadow of Mount Kenya. His tombstone bears the simple inscription: “Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World, born February 22, 1857, died January 8, 1941”. Carved into the stone are the Scout and Guide badges and the familiar circle with the dot in the center signifying “Gone Home”.

Purpose and Principles of the Boy Scouts of America

Scouting is an educational movement for young people, the purpose of which is to contribute to their personal and social development. It is a voluntary nonpolitical movement open to youth and adults who subscribe to its principles.

The principles of Scouting are embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They include:

Duty to God and respect for the beliefs of others,
Loyalty to one's country,
Friendship and fair play,
Respect for the dignity of others and for the integrity of the natural world,
Responsibility for self,
Progressive self-education based on age-appropriate programs,
Learning by doing as a member of both large and small groups.

The Values of Scouting

In thinking about Scouting today, we can say that Scouting is about three things: It's about fun, it's about values, and it's about learning. Fun is the game, values are the purpose, and learning is the process.

The values of Scouting are expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. As leaders in Scouting, we want to ensure that the values of Scouting come through. This is clearly expressed in the Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement.

The Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Sam Houston Area Council Mission Statement

Leading Youth to lifelong values, service and achievement.

The Purposes of Cub Scouting

For over 75 years, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 7, 8, 9 and 10 years of age). Parents, leaders and organizations work together to achieve the following:

- Influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth.
- Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- Improve understanding within the family.
- Strengthen the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interest and skills.
- Show how to be helpful and do one's best.
- Provide fun and exciting things to do.
- Prepare them to be Boy Scouts.

These are the purposes of Cub Scouting. Activities planned by leaders and enjoyed by boys relate to one or more of these purposes. These purposes help us achieve the overall aims of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Aims of Scouting

Character development,
Citizenship training,
Mental and physical fitness.

Core Values of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting's Character Connections program helps your son *know, commit, and practice* Cub Scouting's 12 core values while enjoying fun and adventure in his Den.

Cub Scouting's 12 Core Values:

1. **Citizenship:** Contributing service and showing responsibility to local, state, and national communities.
2. **Compassion:** Being kind and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others.
3. **Cooperation:** Being helpful and working together with others toward a common goal.
4. **Courage:** Being brave and doing what is right regardless of our fears, the difficulties, or the consequences.
5. **Faith:** Having inner strength and confidence based on our trust in God.
6. **Health and Fitness:** Being personally committed to keeping our minds and bodies clean and fit.
7. **Honesty:** Telling the truth and being worthy of trust.
8. **Perseverance:** Sticking with something and not giving up, even if it is difficult.
9. **Positive Attitude:** Being cheerful and setting our minds to look for and find the best in all situations.
10. **Resourcefulness:** Using human and other resources to their fullest.
11. **Respect:** Showing regard for the worth of something or someone.
12. **Responsibility:** Fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people, and ourselves.

These Core Values have not changed since the creation of Cub Scouting in 1930.

The Methods of Cub Scouting

The Ideals

The Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack help remind a boy to do his best. They teach good citizenship and strengthen feelings about reverence and respect for God. The Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto and salute contribute to a boy's sense of belonging to a special organization.

Den

Boys like to belong to a group. In the den they can –
Have fun at den meetings, in outdoor activities, and on den field trips.
Learn sportsmanship and good citizenship.
Learn how to get along with others.
Learn how to do their best for themselves and the den.
Learn new skills; do new things.

Advancement

Recognition is important to boys. The advancement plan –
Provides fun for the boys.
Gives them a sense of achievement as they earn badges.
Strengthens family understanding as adult members work with the boys on their advancement.
Advancement is primarily a parental responsibility.

Family Involvement

Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting. When we talk of parents or families, we are not referring to any particular structure. Some boys live with two parents, others with one, some with another relative. Whomever the boy calls his family, we are speaking of them.

Activities

Den and pack activities include a wide range of games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, trips, and other events where the boys have fun and learn new skills.

Home – and Neighborhood – Centered

Cub Scouting happens in large apartment complexes, in urban areas, in rural communities, in large cities, in small towns – wherever boys live.

Uniform

The uniform helps build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. It encourages good behavior and a neat appearance.

Scouting at St. John the Divine

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of character; to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. Mighty serious business, all done in the spirit of fun.

CUB SCOUT PACK 55

Scouting begins with the Cub Scouts, a year-round family program designed for boys in the 1st through 5th grades. In Pack 55, parents and leaders work together to influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth, help boys develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship, foster a sense of personal achievement by helping boys develop new interests and skills, and encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.

Pack 55 consistently ranks among the best Cub Scout programs in the nation, due largely to the “depth on the bench” of volunteer parents who step up to become uniformed leaders, and to the fun program of activities they create. Pack 55 conducts three family campouts each year, in the fall, winter and spring, typically within easy driving distance from Houston. The Pack presents the largest and most technologically advanced pinewood derby in the district, with hundreds of cars in the competition, and timing down to thousandths of seconds. In the derby, boys compete against other boys of their own age group. A new feature, the destruction derby, has proved immensely popular. Summer events include a swimming party, twilight camp, July 4th parade and laser tag.

Boys typically start as Tigers in the first grade, but may enter the program at any grade level. The program is tailored to be age appropriate, and boys participate in smaller Den groups with boys in their same grade, who are typically at the same school, which improves the ease of scheduling weekly or monthly den meetings. The den organization provides boys with the ability to learn to work in groups.

All of the dens come together at the monthly Pack meetings, typically held the third Thursday of each month. Our recruiting meeting, Scout Rally Day, is held each May and August at St. John The Divine. Our first Pack meeting of the school year is the third Thursday of September at 7 P.M. in the Scout Room.

If you have questions regarding the Pack, please contact Claude Cody at [\(713\) 355-6014](tel:7133556014), or Zig Werlla at [\(713\) 682-2172](tel:7136822172), or Doug Boyer at [\(713\) 665-3363](tel:7136653363).

Leadership Position Descriptions

Tiger Cub Den Leader

Work directly with other den and pack leaders to ensure that their den is an active and successful part of the pack.

Coordinate shared leadership among the Tiger Cub adult partners, ensuring that den meetings and outings are planned, prepared for, and conducted by all adult partners on a rotating basis, and that the den activities provide advancement opportunities for the boys in the den.

Attend pack leader's meetings.

Lead the den at the monthly meeting and pack activities.

Ensure the transition of boys in the Tiger Cub den into a Wolf den at the end of the year.

Cub Scout Den Leader

Work directly with other den and pack leaders to ensure their den is an active and successful part of the pack.

Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the assistant den leader and den chief.

Attend the pack leader's meetings.

Lead the den at the monthly pack meeting and pack activities.

Webelos Den Leader

Work directly with other den and pack leaders to ensure the den is an active and successful part of the pack.

Plan, prepare for, and conduct den meetings with the assistant and den chief.

Attend the pack leader's meetings.

Lead the den at the monthly pack meeting and pack activities.

Plan and conduct Webelos den parent/son overnight campouts.

Co-Cubmaster

Work directly with the pack trainer, Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, Webelos den leaders, den chiefs, and pack committee chair and members to make sure all dens are functioning well.

Plan the den and pack programs with the help of other leaders.

Lead the monthly pack meeting with the help of other leaders. Involve all dens in some way.

Lead pack activities, with the support of other leaders.

Coordinate the total Cub Scout program in the pack.

Pack Committee

Make recommendations to the chartered organization for final approval of pack leadership.

Recruit the Co-Cubmasters, with the chartered organization's approval.

Provide adequate and safe facilities for pack meetings.

Coordinate the pack program with the program of the chartered organization through the chartered organization representative.

Assist with pack charter renewal.

Help to stimulate the interest of adult family members through proper programming.

Supervise finances and equipment.

Work closely with the Co-Cubmasters.

Ensure that all Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts receive a year-round, quality program.

Complete Pack Committee Fast Start Training and Cub Scout Leader Basic Training for the position.

Conduct, with the help of the Co-Cubmaster, periodic training for parents and guardians.

Cooperate with other Scouting units.

A strong pack committee will have individual members assigned to such areas as record keeping and correspondence, finances, advancement, training, public relations, and membership and registration. The pack committee chairman decides how the responsibilities should be divided and gives committee members assignments.

Cub Scout Den Activities Requiring Leadership

Organizer of each Den meeting should be rotated among Den families:

- With Den Leader, select in advance achievements or electives on which to work
- Send out meeting announcement in advance, and follow-up reminder
- Make reminder calls to all Den families several days before Den meeting
- Suggestion: prepare pinewood derby cars as a Den activity

Camp-master for each camping trip:

- Reminder: Only Webelos Dens can go on "solo" den campouts. Younger Cub Scout Dens may camp as a Den **only**:
 - as part of a Pack overnight with BALOO-trained leaders
 - at a district event
 - at McNair Cub Adventure Camp
 - at Bovay Scout Ranch
 - For more information, see SHAC Cub Scout Camping Guidelines in the Scouter.
- Determine headcount in advance
- Organize meals, drinks and snacks (split among other parents if possible)
- Organize skit and song preparation and practice (delegate to other parents if possible)
- With Den Leader, plan and organize work on achievements, electives, special awards, etc.

Den Treasurer

Den Secretary

- Compile and maintain Den calendar
- Compile and maintain Den contact/address list

Den Safety Officer

Den Popcorn Kernel (annual)

Den Blue and Gold Banquet Coordinator (Wolf)

Den coordinator of Scout Fair ticket sales (Bear)

Den Arrow of Light planning coordinator (second year Webelos)

Note: Den Leader is responsible for tracking and reporting progress on advancements, electives, belt loops, etc.

Organizing Your Den

1: We're here to have fun

- Basics of Cub Scouting
Boys complete a series of achievements to earn each rank

Grade	Rank	Difficulty
1 st	Tiger – to Bobcat	Easiest – least expected of the boys – parents have more involvement – parents sign off on all achievements – emphasis is on families working with their son on achievements
2 nd	Wolf	Gradually moving them to self sufficiency
3 rd	Bear	
4 th	Webelos 1	Most difficult of cub scouts – Den Leader has to sign off on all achievements – all achievements are done with the Den
5 th	Webelos 2	

- Aims of Scouting

There are three broad objectives of the Boy Scouts of America, which are contained in their charter issued by the U. S. Congress in June 1916.

- To build desirable qualities of character
- To train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship
- To develop personal fitness

These “Aims” are progressively applied, woven into all Scouting programs with the goal of teaching boys important human values that will help and guide them the rest of their lives.

- Purpose of Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting is for boys who are in first through fifth grade. Families, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the following:

- Character development
- Spiritual growth
- Good citizenship
- Sportsmanship
- Family understanding
- Respectful relationships
- Personal achievement
- Friendly service
- Fun and adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

- Core Values of Cub Scouting

- a. Citizenship
- b. Compassion
- c. Cooperation
- d. Courage
- e. Faith
- f. Health and Fitness
- g. Honesty
- h. Perseverance
- i. Positive Attitude
- j. Resourcefulness
- k. Respect
- l. Responsibility

- Den Leader

- Must be trained – Youth Protection Training required at a minimum
- Get additional parents trained and serving as assistant den leaders – see handouts for training requirements
- Delegate everything you can – see list of suggested roles for volunteer leaders
- You can delegate authority, but not responsibility.

2: Every adult in the Den is a leader

3: Delegate, delegate, delegate

- Suggested roles for volunteer leaders – camp master, den treasurer, awards, Scout Fair tickets etc.

4: When you have a volunteer, have a job for them

- Assign a family to lead each Den meeting – rotate it and share the load
- Assign a camp master to each camp out – to organize them. Who’s coming, how the meals will be handled, etc. More to follow and more on handout.

5: When you have a willing parent, be sure to have a job for them

Role of parents

- Participate in all cub scout activities with your sons
Cub Scouting is not a “drop-off” or baby sitting service
- Take the lead in organizing den meetings, camp outs, or other Cub Scout activities – don’t leave it all up to the den leader.

6: Follow your calendar

Den Calendar and Planning

- Hold an organizational meeting with parents in August or September
 - If the boys are there too, have someone assigned to coordinate an activity for them. This insures your meeting will be successful.
- Plan out the calendar for the year.
 - Look at achievements needed to advance, and when your Pack plans advancement for your rank.
 - If your Den elects to work on achievements as a Den (which is not required) do so at Den meetings and campouts. Spread the work on required achievements among den meetings and campouts.
 - Produce a calendar for the Den for the year
 - Once calendar is set, stick with it – there will always be conflicts. You will rarely get everyone for Den meetings. When a scout misses something, they can make it up on their own.

Den Expenses

- Options:
 - Pay as you go = more work, less money up front
 - Den collection to cover the expenses for the year = more money up front

7: Den Meetings

- Communicate to all families of the Den
- Meet as a Den at least once a month
- Meeting should be short – 45 minutes to an hour
- Plan them around the following basic schedule: more detail in handouts
 - Gathering activity—to keep boys occupied until everyone arrives.
 - Opening ceremony—such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance or Cub Scout Promise—to officially kick off the meeting.
 - Activities—Learning a skill, playing a game, practicing a skit, and/or doing craftwork. Some of these activities can contribute to the way your den will participate in the monthly pack meeting.
 - Closing ceremony—to calm and inspire the boys before they leave.
- Can organize them around the theme of the month – see Cub Scout Program Helps
- Hand out awards at Den meetings – so the boys get them in front of their friends
- Other awards to work on as a Den: Texas Badge, World Conservation Badge, Leave No Trace Badge, Good Turn for America.
- Send out reminder e-mail before Den and Pack activities.

- Let a different boy carry the flag at each Pack and Den meeting
- Publicly thank your volunteers, telling them how much you appreciate their efforts
- Keep meetings on time –
- Establish rules for the Den
 - Be on time
 - Scout sign goes up, mouths close, and eyes focused on the Leader – applies to both boys and adults
 - Separate trouble makers,
 - Tell your parents discipline will be maintained, and expect them to help with that.

8: Camping is part of scouting

- **Dress for the weather, pack for the season.**

9: Make safety a part of every camp out and Scout activity

- Make safety a part of camping out by being sure to bring the following:
 - First aide kit – large enough for the numbers in your Den
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Safety notebook (with signed Class I Medical Forms)

10: Your scouts of today will be our leaders of tomorrow

Religious Awards

From the BSA national website:

"To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the religious emblem programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs."

Pack 55 has boys that belong to various Christian denominations as well as many other faiths. Most major religious groups sponsor religious awards, and Pack 55 encourages each family to participate in the program of that family's religious faith.

The Episcopal Church sponsors the God & Country religious program, which has the following four components:

God & Me	Grades 1 - 3
God & Family	Grades 4 - 5
God & Church	Grades 6 - 8
God & Life	Grades 9 - 12

For those Cubs who belong to St. John the Divine Episcopal Church or who wish to participate in the God & Country Protestant religious program sponsored by St. John's, there will be a series of meetings in November, December and January of each year. For the Cubs who complete this program, the religious award is presented on Scout Sunday in February.

The religious awards program at St. John's is conducted by Rev. Doug Richnow. The meetings are held at SJD. Additional details are posted on the Pack 55 website.

Pack 55 Pinewood Derby Race Rules - General

Note: Pack 55 rules are based on SHAC division rules used in SHAC's 2004 Mega-Derby Event, with slight modifications to accommodate Pack 55 requirements.

I. REGISTRATION AND ELIBIGILITY

- a. Races are open to all Pack 55 Cubs, siblings and parents.
- b. Entrants will be expected to complete a registration form including a Photography Release (covering pictures taken of cars and general event pictures) to be signed by a parent or guardian for each car entered. Descriptive information sufficient to identify the car must be completed on the form. Entrants are encouraged to complete registration information in advance using forms circulated in advance or downloaded from the "Pack55.org" website.
- c. Each car entered must have been built by the individual entrant or parent/child team entering the car. Entry of a car that has been purchased from an unrelated third-party or made-to-order by an unrelated third party is prohibited and, upon discovery, subject to immediate disqualification.
- d. An Entrant may enter as many cars as he or she wishes in his or her Division. Cars entered to place in timed events must, however, be newly made and not recycled from prior year's races.
- e. Each car entered will be assigned a unique registration number based on pre-assigned numbers provided by the Pack Registrar.
- f. After passing inspection, each car will be quarantined in a pre-race Paddock area and may not be removed until after its timing run has been completed.
- g. All cars competing for awards must satisfy the Construction Rules as set out in Section II herein.

II. CONSTRUCTION RULES

- a. **General Specifications**
 1. LENGTH overall, including any attachments to the car body, shall not exceed 7".
 2. WIDTH overall, including wheels and axles, shall not exceed 2 ¾".
 3. HEIGHT overall, including any attachments to the car body, shall not exceed 4" so that car will pass under overhead portion of timing apparatus.
 4. Width between wheels shall not be less than 1 ¾".
 5. Throughout the 1 ¾" wide center area of the car positioned above the center guide strip or rails, the minimum distance between the bottom of the car and the plane of wheel contact with the track surface shall be 3/8". This clearance distance also applies to any protrusions or weights extending from the bottom of the car in this area.
 6. Wheelbase may be modified provided that the car's overall length, including wheels and any accessories or extensions from the body, does not exceed 7".
 7. The car must be free-wheeling with no starting device or other propulsion.

8. No hazardous materials may be used. Propellant, incendiary or explosive materials are prohibited.
 9. Note: Races may be optically timed. A sharply pointed car may be subject to a slight timing disadvantage because, at the moment it crosses or trips the sensor, its point may not exactly align with the central location of the sensor used to record the finish time in that car's lane. Similarly, a pointed-car design may not align well with the release gate or pin, which may be rounded.
- b. Weight and Appearance** (*applies to all Divisions with exceptions as noted*)
1. Weight shall not exceed 5.0 ounces. The readings of the Official Race Scale(s) will be considered final. Cars may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of other materials or objects provided that such are securely built into the body or attached securely enough to prevent falling off or becoming separated from the car during normal race activity. (*Normal Race Activity refers to traditional timed or match-race downhill events. This does not include collision or impact-type events.*)
 2. Only B.S.A. Official Pinewood Derby Kits nos. 1622, 17006, 17003, 17007, 7610 or the "Stock Car Kit Special Edition" may be used. (*Pinecar and other partially-finished or pre-shaped construction kits may be used for Tiger Rank and Unlimited Division entries only.*)
 3. Mercury shall not be used. It is a health hazard.
 4. Details such as steering wheel, driver, spoiler, exhaust pipes, roll bars, decals, painting, and other interior and exterior detail are permitted as long as they cannot become separated from the car during normal race activity and as long as the car, together with any detail attachments, still satisfies length, width, clearance, and weight specifications.
 5. Cars with wet paint or wet glue will not be accepted.
 6. After a car passes inspection, its registration number will be attached using a small adhesive-backed label or sticker that shall be located on the rear portion of the car for easy visibility in identifying the car and indicating its proper direction of travel.
- c. Wheels and Axles** (*applies to all Divisions with exceptions as follows: Unlimited Division entries are exempt from all requirements under this section. Modified Division entries must comply with c.1, c.2, and c.3 only and are exempt from all other requirements under this section.*)
1. The only wheels and axles allowed are from the B.S.A. Official Pinewood Derby Kits nos. 1622, 1622A, 7610, 17003, 17006, or 17007 or from the "Stock Car Kit Special Edition".
 2. Wheel bearings, spacers or bushings are prohibited.
 3. The car shall not ride on any type of springs.
 4. Only the tread surface and width of a wheel may be altered. The tread surface may not be modified to produce any configuration other than flat and parallel with respect to the axis of the axle bore. The tread width may be altered only from the side facing the body of car and may not be less than

.275". The wheel diameter may not be less than 1.150" nor greater than 1.200". Lightly sanding and/or polishing the tread of the wheel to remove imperfections and/or mold marks will not normally reduce the diameter below this minimum. Should it prove impossible to remove imperfections or true a wheel without reducing its diameter to less than the specified minimum dimension, another approved wheel should be substituted.

5. Materials, other than permanent paint decoration or lettering highlights, may not be removed or added to the wheels except as stated above or as in II.c.7. below.
6. The backside (wheel side) of the axle heads may be ground or filed to remove burs. Axle shaft diameter may not be less than .085" at any point that contacts or could contact the interior of the wheel's axle bore. Simple polishing of the axle should not reduce its diameter below the allowable level.
7. No wheel covers (i.e. hubcaps) are permitted unless their function is for decoration only and not to measurably alter the weight or performance of the wheel. Decorative wheel covers that hide the ends of the nail-axles must be removable for inspection purposes. In particular, no covers designed to provide a reservoir for lubrication materials may be employed

d. Lubrication

- Only dry powdered lubricants, such as graphite, may be used. Excessive lubrication is prohibited as it may damage equipment or floors.
- All lubrication residue must be wiped clean from any external body or wheel part(s) prior to inspection.

III. DIVISIONS, EVENTS, & AWARDS

- a. *(intentionally left blank)*
- b. All entries are expected to meet the entry requirements for participation in the "Classic Downhill" event. Participation in individual events, however, is optional.
- c. For purposes of award presentations and ranking, separate Divisions are maintained for entrants as follows: Cub Rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos), Friends & Family (reserved for entries by siblings, friends, and visitors under 16 years old, and for additional cars entered by an individual Cub Scout in excess of his Rank entry allowance), Modified (reserved for entries by family members, guests, and visitors age 16 and older, and Unlimited (reserved for cars designed to exploit the more liberal compliance requirements of this Division, for cars that do not fit in any other Division, or for cars that are being run for experimental or testing purposes). Additional Divisions may be created at the discretion of the Race Committee. Cars in the Unlimited Division race for time only and do not compete for awards, ranking, or badges.
- d. *(intentionally left blank)*

- e. Awards will generally be given to Cubs by Rank and/or by standing overall among all Cub Rank divisions in each event. Race organizers reserve to right to limit, substitute, or withhold awards in categories, ranks, or divisions on the basis of too few entries. Generally there must be at least 3 more cars entered than awards granted in each award category.
- f. Awards in certain selected events and/or Divisions may be based on subjective criteria (beauty, creativity, originality, etc.) As such, they are not subject to review or challenge. The decision of the judges in such events is final.
- g. Awards based on objective criteria (elapsed time, proximity to target, etc.) may be challenged during the event only on the basis of measurement error or competing car or spectator interference.
- h. No more than one place award per event shall be awarded to the same entrant for cars entered in any one Division. This does not preclude, however, an Entrant's receiving a Division place award and an overall place award(s) for the same car, or receiving multiple awards for the same car in different Events.

IV. INSPECTION AND DISPUTES

- a. Immediately after registration, each car will be weighed and inspected for rules compliance at one or more Inspection Stations.
- b. Each car must pass inspection before it can compete. Inspectors may disqualify any car that fails to comply with these rules. Entrants will be informed of the specific issues of non-compliance and given an opportunity to modify their car(s) to bring them into compliance. Entrants will be allowed to return to the end of the line for re-inspection purposes as long as registration remains open. If an Entrant's car cannot be brought into compliance for its intended Division, Inspectors may re-classify the car for entry in the Modified or Unlimited Divisions as long as it satisfies the entry requirements for those Divisions.
- c. The owner of a car suffering mechanical problems which prevent it from completing an official timing run will be given the opportunity to repair the car and submit it for a new timing run. Repaired cars must be re-inspected prior to being re-run.
 - o Any car observed to be leaving visible marks on track or guide-strip surfaces or otherwise considered likely by Inspectors or Race organizers to cause damage to track or timing apparatus may be suspended from further race activity.
- d. Ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct by any participant or member of the audience will be grounds for expulsion from the competition and/or the race area.
- e. *(intentionally left blank)*
- f. All rules will be interpreted in consideration of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- g. *(intentionally left blank)*
- h. *(intentionally left blank)*

V. GENERAL RACE CONDITIONS

- a. Only designated Race Handlers are allowed to handle cars during timing runs used to determine time rankings.
- b. Proper positioning of any cars will be limited to correct direction and reasonable alignment of car to track.
- c. Cars may be timed on an “as-registered” basis in the order in which they clear inspection and imaging stations, irrespective of Divisional classification. To the extent possible, race results will be posted and updated continuously, or displayed electronically, as logged or recorded by race management software.

VI. DEATH DERBY

- o General
 - Death Derby entries must satisfy the construction rules as specified in section II for Cub rank divisions.
 - Death Derby entries are run against each other without regard to divisional classification.
 - Death Derby entries are not required to participate in other events.
 - Cars built for previous Pack 55 Pinewood Derby events may be entered in the Death Derby.
 - Death Derby entries will be run two-at-a time for purposes of determining the winners of each of the challenge pairs.
 - During and after each run, cars may not be touched or removed from the track until they have finished moving completely and have come fully to rest. The Death Derby Track is designed so that in some cases cars can narrowly pass by each other and then collide in reverse as they come back down off the slope pairs.
 - An entry must survive a challenge run in rolling condition sufficient to make it to the impact zone on a subsequent run in order to be considered in race worthy rolling condition and to participate in further challenges.
- o Judging
 - If one car is disabled (i.e. no longer in race-worthy rolling condition) and unable to run again, it loses that challenge run and is eliminated from further competition.
 - If both cars in a given challenge run are disabled, both are eliminated from further competition.
 - If both entries survive a challenge run in race-worthy rolling condition, the car that comes to rest with at least one wheel in contact with the track (not counting wheels that have become completely separated from the car) shall be declared the winner and will advance to the next challenge round.
 - If both cars survive a challenge run in race-worthy rolling condition and BOTH cars come to rest with at least one wheel in contact with the

track, the race shall be run again to determine a winner. Re-runs continue until a winner can be clearly determined.

- If both cars survive a challenge in race-worthy rolling condition and BOTH cars are completely knocked off the track.(i.e. neither car comes to rest with at least one wheel touching the track), the race shall be run again to determine a winner. Re-runs continue until a winner can be clearly determined.
- Winners of challenge pairs will be set aside until enough winners are available to run against each other in second, third, and further pairwise challenge runs in tournament-style elimination. The object at all times shall be to match up cars with similar collision “experience” so that cars that have been weakened in prior successful challenge runs are not put up against fresh cars.
- Entries that have survived the greatest number of completed challenge runs (not counting re-runs required to determine winners of equal-outcome or inconclusive runs) will be ranked as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners..
- Special Awards, at the discretion of the judges and in addition to survivor rankings, may be given for “most fearsome looking”, “most-destroyed”, and “most spectacular collision”

Pack 55 Camping Health & Safety Guidelines

Class 1 Medical Forms: A Class 1 Medical Form is required for each participant, regardless of age* (i.e., Cubs, Den Chiefs, siblings, parents, guardians). Class 1 Medical Forms are available on the Pack 55 website, www.pack55.org. under the topic, "Forms", and do not require a medical examination.

Propane Safety: Never, ever use or store a propane cylinder, lantern or heater in your tent.

No Liquid Fuels: The use or storage of any liquid fuel (e.g., charcoal starter) and the use of liquid fueled devices (e.g., lanterns, stoves) are prohibited.

No Fires in Tents: Never use matches, lighters, candles, propane heaters, catalytic heaters, propane or gas lanterns, or other devices which produce a flame inside of a tent.

Campsite Fire Protection: Buckets of water and sand, together with a shovel should be kept near the campfire. The boys must be reminded these items are not for play.

Never Leave a Campfire Unattended: All campfires should be attended by at least one adult at all times. Campfires should be extinguished before bedding down for the night. Upon leaving the campsite, make sure the campfire is dead out.

Knives: Only Cubs in the Bear program (3rd) grade and above who have successfully earned their "Whittling Chip" card may carry or use a pocketknife. Sheath knives are prohibited.* All activities involving the use or carrying of a pocketknife are to be supervised by an adult and preferably within the campsite or similar defined area.

Buddy System: No Cub should ever leave the campsite area, even to go to the latrine, without at least one "buddy" or his parent.

No Running within the Campsite. During daylight hours, find an open space to play soccer, Frisbee, etc. No running anywhere in the dark.

Footwear: No open toed shoes, sandals or bare feet in camp.

No Sticks and No Rock Throwing: At ages 6-10, many boys cannot resist the urge to pick up a long stick and swing, hit, poke jab or spar at or with each other. It is also hard for many boys to resist using rocks or stones as projectiles. The risk of injury to others is far outweighed by any utility of such conduct and the boy should be warned once, and asked to leave camp upon the second incident.

No Marshmallows on Sticks or Skewers.

No Sticks in the Fire: If a stick goes in the campfire, it should stay there.

No Trash or Man-made Materials in the Fire.

Two-Deep Leadership: Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, are required by BSA for all trips and outings.*

Safety Rule of Four: No fewer than four individuals (always with the minimum requirement of two adults), go on any hikes or campout.*

Youth in Tents: When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or adult legal guardian.* Sleepovers with other boys can be accomplished by pitching a tent just for the boys.

Vehicles: The beds of trucks or trailers must never be used for carrying passengers.*

Prohibited Items: Fireworks, firearms, BB guns, slingshots, axes, bow saws, hand axes, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and non-prescription controlled substances.*

Other Items to Leave at Home: Pets, toy guns, televisions, electronic games, radios, stereos, CD music players and DVD players.

Campsite Sanitation: Avoid washing dishes at spigots, food items or wrappers left in the campsite at night, and food items or wrappers stored in tents at night. Use of latrines, restrooms and portable toilets is to be encouraged.

*Denotes Guide to Safe Scouting and Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities, 2003 printing as source of information.

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Cub Scout Camping: Packing Suggestions and Other Tips

Packing Suggestions:

Each Family:

Tent
Ground sheet – moisture barrier
Camp Chairs
Bug Spray
Sun Screen
Toilet Paper

Each Den

Chuck wagon supplies (see handout)
First Aide Kit

Fire Extinguisher
Safety Notebook
(with completed Med. Class 1 forms)
Shovel (for fire)
Firewood

Each Person:

Sleeping bag
Sleeping pad (for comfort – foam, cot, etc.)
Fork, spoon, knife, plate, cup
Flashlight
Clothes
Extra socks
Hat
Scout book
Uniform
Warm weather clothes (long johns, jacket, etc.)
Rain gear

Remember:

“Dress for the weather, pack for the season”

Camping Tips for the Den:

- Keep the boys hydrated – adults too
- Keep the boys busy at all times
 - Don't allow them to run wild
 - Always have an adult assigned to being in charge
- No pocket knives on campouts before they earn Whittling Chip – 3rd grade or older
 - And then only for supervised activities
- Prohibited items for a Sam Houston Area Council campout:
 - No liquid fuel stoves or liquid fire starter
 - No alcohol use
 - No roasting marshmallows (burning sugar is 350°)
 - No burning stuff in the fire, nor playing with fire:
“If it goes in the fire, it stays in the fire”
 - No glass

Suggested Activities for Cub Scouts on Campouts (all supervised):

- Achievements and electives
- Hiking and nature walks
- Knot tying
- Biking

- Carving and whittling (3rd grade and older – boys who have earned Whittling Chip)
- Prepare and practice campfire skirts and songs
- Helping around the Den campsite:
 - Setting up and taking down tents, chuck wagon, etc.
 - Cooking
 - Clean-up
- Participating in park or campground organized activities and programs

**Cub Scout Camping:
Generic Den Chuck Wagon Supplies**

Suggestion: Store and transport Den supplies in stackable plastic bins with snap-on lids (Rubbermaid)

Den Supplies to be Stored Together and Replenished by Den Quartermaster as Needed:

Cooking Utensils:

Can opener
Bottle opener
Tongs

Potato peeler
Cutting board
Coffee pot – 20 cup size, from scout shop
3 large bowls or tubs – for clean-up*
(same size, for easy stacking)

Cleaning supplies:

Dish soap
Bleach
Plastic scrubber
Sponge

Other Miscellaneous Items:

Matches
Fire starter sticks
Camp stove (\$40)
Propane lantern (\$25)
Propane cans

Paper / Plastic:

Aluminum foil
Plastic wrap
Freezer bags – large storage and sandwich size
Tall kitchen bags with draw strings
(for trash – easy to hang)
Paper napkins
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Plastic silverware, plates and cups
Note: Dens move to self-sufficiency as they get older
No more disposable tableware

Basic Cooking Supplies:

No stick canola oil spray
Salt and pepper – disposable containers
Coffee
Sugar and artificial sweetener packets
Powdered creamer
Hot chocolate packets
Worcestershire sauce
Tabasco sauce

Den Items to be Brought Each Time:

- Pots and pans (each cook should bring to ensure they have what they need)
- First aide kit – large enough for the numbers in your Den
- Fire extinguisher
- Safety notebook (with signed Class I Medical Forms)
- Long handled shovel (for fire)
- Firewood

Wash Station

To make a hand wash station you will need bar soap in a stocking, an empty gallon milk jug (with lid), 2 lengths of string and a sharp stick. Tie the stocking with soap to jug handle, fill jug with water, put lid on, hang with one length of string at proper height, tie sharp stick to jug handle with other length of string, and poke stick into jug near the bottom, leaving the stick in as a plug. To wash hands, remove stick, wet hands, rub on bar soap in stocking to lather, and rinse with stream of water from jug. Replace stick to plug hole when rinsed. Good for 20 or so washes before refill needed.

Chuck Wagon Clean Up

Chuck wagon clean-up is done as follows: fill three bowls/tubs in a line with warm water, add dish soap to first and several drops of bleach to the last bowl. Wipe dirty items clean of all food and liquid with toilet paper. Wash in first bowl, rinse in second bowl, and disinfectant in third bowl that contains the mild bleach solution. Lay out on newspaper or towel to air dry.

Cub Scout Leader Training

EVERY BOY DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER, AND EVERY LEADER DESERVES TO BE TRAINED.

Welcome to the wonderful world of Cub Scouting! Eager and energetic boys will be looking to you for fun, adventure, and leadership. Have no fear -- there is plenty of training and resources available to make you a great success!

CUB SCOUTING ORIENTATION – *for new Cub Scout leaders and families*

The Cub Scouting Orientation video provides an overview of the entire Scouting program as well as details on the values-based program of Cub Scouting and the roles of parents and leaders. Every pack should have a copy of this video to orient and motivate new parents and adults.

FAST START TRAINING – *to be completed prior to first meeting with youth*

Fast Start training provides an immediate comfort level for the new leader and enables the leader to say, “I can do this!” Fast Start training is to be taken immediately after a new leader registers and before he or she meets with any youth member.

Cub Scout Leader Fast Start training is a series of position-specific segments available via VHS video, DVD video, or the Internet. Viewing is to be accompanied by a [*Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Viewer Guide*](#), available only online. Each position-specific segment gives information and planning on conducting the first meeting and even demonstrates a meeting you can use.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a link to web-based Cub Scout Leader Fast Start training and for a copy of the *Cub Scout Leader Fast Start Viewer Guide*.

The five segments include:

- Tiger Cub Den Leader
- Cub Scout Den Leader
- Webelos Den Leader
- Cubmaster
- Pack Committee Member

Pack-administered self-study is the primary method of delivery for Fast Start training. The pack loans the new leader the video and provides the *Viewer Guide* for the leader to keep. Every pack should maintain copies of the video, DVD, and viewer guide in the pack library. Typically, a pack trainer supports the new den leader during this training period.



CUB SCOUT LEADER BASIC TRAINING

There are two components of basic training for Cub Scout leaders:

New Leader Essentials - *approximately 90 minutes*


This component of basic training for all program areas is an introductory session that highlights the values, aims, history, funding, and methods of Scouting. It addresses how these aims and methods are reached in an age-appropriate style within Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing. Ideally, all unit-based volunteers— Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders—take this session at the same time, so they understand that they are all striving for the same results with the youth they serve. Each leader completes New Leader Essentials training only once.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a list of New Leader Essentials training opportunities in Sam Houston Area Council.

Leader Specific Training - *approximately 3 hours. Because each course is designed for a specific leadership position, the training time varies.*

Cub Scout Leader Specific training provides the specialized knowledge a leader needs to assume a leadership role within their Cub Scout pack. Specialized instruction is carried out for pack committee members, Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, Webelos den leaders, Cubmasters, and their assistants.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a list of Cub Scout Leader Specific training opportunities in Sam Houston Area Council.

 Upon completion of New Leader Essentials and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training for the position in which he or she is currently registered, a Scout leader is considered “Trained” and may wear a “Trained” patch.

When a Cub Scout leader changes position, he must take leader specific training for that new position in order to be considered "trained."

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Highly recommended for all leaders in direct contact with youth, this comprehensive training course guides you on the do’s and don’ts of working with youth. At all times, the youths’ safety is the number one priority. At the same time, a leader needs to know the rules for keeping him/herself safe, too. **YPT is a required training for certain outings**, including day camp.

Youth Protection Training maybe completed via the Internet or through a video presentation by your district training team.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a link to Internet-based Youth Protection Training, a link to Internet-based Youth Protection Training in Spanish and for a schedule of video-based Youth Protection training opportunities in Sam Houston Area Council.



WOOD BADGE – *Recommended within first two years of registration*

As the adult leadership skills training course for the BSA, Wood Badge focuses on strengthening every volunteer's ability to work with and lead groups of youth and adults. The course teaches participants the basic of listening, communicating, valuing people, team development, situational leadership, problem solving, and managing conflict. Once the skill is learned, each participant is given the opportunity to use the skill as a member of a successful working team. At the conclusion of the course, each participant develops a set of personal goals related to his or her Scouting role. Working these goals allows the participant to practice and demonstrate new skills.

Training time: Two full 3-day weekends (including overnights)

Prerequisite: Basic training. New Leader Essentials plus Leader Specific Training in the position for which you are currently registered.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for more information on Wood Badge in Sam Houston Area Council.

It is the goal of BSA for every leader to attend Wood Badge within the first two years of his or her registration.

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING – *anytime!*

Cub Scout Roundtable

Cub Scout Roundtable, conducted monthly in each district, gives Cub Scout leaders examples for pack and den meetings; information on policy, events, and training opportunities; ideas for crafts, games, and ceremonies; and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship. These meetings will help you deliver a stronger program to your Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts.

Cub Scout roundtables are for **all registered leaders** – the program schedule offers something for everyone!

Roundtable programs are based on the monthly themes as outlined in *Cub Scout Program Helps*. Go to samhoustonbsa.org to see the upcoming Cub Scout themes for 2005 and a schedule of district Cub Scout roundtables in Sam Houston Area Council.



BALOO - approximately 8 hours

If your pack is planning any pack overnighiter campouts, this training is a must in order to conduct a safe, fun, well-planned, and exciting out for your Cub Scout families!

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) is designed for Cub Scout leaders and parents who have minimal camping experience but want to plan and carry out entry-level outdoor experiences for the pack. **In order for a pack to conduct a pack campout, the pack must have a least one person in attendance on the campout who has completed BALOO training.**

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a schedule of BALOO training opportunities in Sam Houston Area Council.

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training - approximately 12 hours (may be overnight)

Webelos Leader Outdoor Training is highly recommended for helping Webelos den leaders develop the outdoor skills and program knowledge needed for leading a Webelos den campout and completing specific outdoor activity badges.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a schedule of Webelos Leader Outdoor training opportunities in Sam Houston Area Council.



Unit Leadership Enhancements

Unit Leadership Enhancements are short training discussions held as part of the monthly pack leaders’ meeting and are conducted by the pack’s own leaders. They help the pack and den leaders become better equipped to conduct a quality Cub Scouting program.

Information on these 15 topics may be found in the *Cub Scout Leader Book*, No. 33221.

Advancement	Leadership Training	Pack Meetings
Annual Program Planning	Membership	Planning Special Events
Character Development	National Awards	Policies of the BSA
Cub Scout Camping	Pack Budget Plan	Program Evaluation
Family Involvement	Pack Committee	Youth Protection

Health and Safety Training Courses

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for a schedule of health and safety training opportunities in Sam Houston Area Council.

Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat may also be [completed online](#).

Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership (risk management training) makes leaders aware of the policies and procedures of the Boy Scouts of America as well as heightening the awareness of the risks involved in any outing and how to avoid them.



Before a BSA group may engage in swimming activities of any kind, a minimum of one adult leader in attendance at the activity must complete Safe Swim Defense training, have a commitment card (No. 34243) with them, and agree to use the eight defenses in this plan.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org to complete **Safe Swim Defense training online**. Keep a copy of your certificate of completion on hand for appropriate events.

Before a BSA group may engage in an excursion, expedition, or trip on the water (canoe, raft, sailboat, motorboat, rowboat, tube, or other craft), adult leaders for such activity must complete Safety Afloat training, No. 34159C, have a commitment card, No. 34242A, with them, and be dedicated to full compliance with all nine points of Safety Afloat.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org to complete **Safety Afloat training online**. Keep a copy of your certificate of completion on hand for appropriate events.

Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow

Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow is a Cub Scout leader's learning extravaganza – a big fun-filled experience where Cub Scout leaders increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting. Offered only once per year (a Saturday in early November in Sam Houston Area Council), you get to choose from a wide variety of activity and learning sessions. Walk away with useful resources and tons of ideas!

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for more information on 2005 Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow.



University of Scouting

University of Scouting, traditionally held in on a Saturday in early February in Sam Houston Area Council, offers a wide variety of program activities for all Scouting leaders, including Cub Scout leaders. It's a great time to pick up those extra classes that wouldn't fit on your schedule at Pow Wow!

Trainer Development Conference

Trainer Development Conference is for those leaders who want more training and leadership skills and who want to be a part of the district or council training team. In Sam Houston Area Council, the course is traditionally conducted in August.



Commissioner Conference

This annual training event is for any Scout leader involved in commissioner service, including those who work with Cub Scouts – unit commissioners, assistant district commissioners, district commissioners, as well as Cub Scout roundtable commissioners and staff. Sessions will assist you in improving the quality of service that commissioners

provide to Cub Scout packs. This conference is traditionally held the first Saturday of December.

PACK TRAINER

Under the direction of the pack committee chairman, the pack trainer helps leaders and parents understand the purposes, policies, and procedures of the Cub Scouting program. The pack trainer's primary goal is to have 100% of the pack leadership trained in their position responsibilities.

Go to samhoustonbsa.org for an overview of the pack trainer responsibilities (2004 revision).

TRAINING AWARDS – *Cub Scout Leader Recognition Plan*

The Cub Scout Leader Recognition Plan is a series of awards that recognize Cub Scout leaders for training, tenure, and performance. Completed forms should be submitted through your district training chair.



[Tiger Cub Den Leader Award](#)



[Cub Scout Den Leader Award](#)



[Webelos Den Leader Award](#)



[Cubmaster Award](#)



[Cub Scouter Award](#)

Web Links to Cub Scout Resources

www.samhoustonbsa.org	Sam Houston Area Council Home Page
www.shac.org	SHAC Home Page
www.goldenarrow.org	Golden Arrow District Home Page
www.risingstardistrict.org	Rising Star District Home Page
www.pack55.org	Pack 55 Home Page
www.scouting.org	Boy Scouts of America Home Page
www.usscouts.org	Scout Service Projects, Ceremony & More
www.scout.org	Scouting Resources on Line
www.macscouter.org	Scouting Resources on Line
www.us scouting service.org	General Scout Resource
www.geocities.com	General Scout Resource
www.scoutorama.com	General Scout Resource
www.scoutorama.com/skit/	Over 300 Skits Listed
www.scouting.org.za/songs/	Listing of Scout Songs
www.e-scoutcraft.com	Scout Crafts
www.michaels.com	Craft Ideas from Michaels (Craft Store)
www.google.com	Search Engine for any Scout Topic
www.meritbadge.com	Resource for Merit Badges
www.goodturnforamerica.org	Register your Good Turn Project
www.madsenco.com/scouting.shtml	Scout Advancement Tracking
www.ushistory.org	Resource for Historical Data
www.usflag.org	Resource for the Flag
www.mhms.org	McGovern Museum of Health – Houston
www.hmns.org	Houston Museum of Natural Science
www.hermanpark.org	Herman Park - Houston (Service Projects)
www.trashbash.org	Service Project in month of March
www.geogeranch.org	George Ranch – Richmond, Texas
www.bbspvo.org	Brazos Bend State Park Volunteer Organization
www.naturediscoverycenter.org	Bellaire Nature Discovery Center
www.abnc.org	Armand Bayou Nature Center
www.houstonnaturecenter.org	Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
www.tpwd.state.tx.us	Texas Parks and Wildlife
www.texasstateaquarium.org	Texas State Aquarium – Corpus Christi
www.usslexington.com	USS Lexington – Corpus Christi
www.kwahadi.com	Kwahadi Dancers – Amarillo, Texas
http://maps.google.com/	Maps on Google
http://terraserver.microsoft.com/	USGS topo maps and Orthophotos