



Changes to the Cub Scout Program



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Why Make a Change?

- Just when you started to learn about beads, badges, belt loops, and pins!
- Goal is to make a “Dynamic and Relevant” Program
- Changes are part of a thorough program review at the national level. Want to make a program that is appealing, exciting, and culturally relevant for today’s youth and families





Organizing Principle

- Want all ranks to have similar goals
- Rank advancement through Adventures
- For each rank, complete seven den-based adventures
- Immediate recognition after each adventure
- Elective adventures exist for every rank



Tiger-Bear

- Adventure Loops (belt)

Webelos/AOL

- Adventure Pins
 - Same 'colors' for pins
 - Diamonds, triangles, ovals
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High Level Change Summary

NOT Changing

- Family focus
- Ranks or approach
- Den/pack meeting structure
- Outdoor program
- Delivery model
- Fun as the basis of learning

IS Changing

- Oath & Law
- Tiger Cub becomes Tiger with
- Arrow of Light will no longer require earning Webelos
- Activities – more active, more aligned with Aims/Mission
- Advancement – simplified
- Academics & Sports program discontinued
- Current immediate/elective recognition devices replaced
- One Den Leader guide per rank



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Let's look at the Requirement changes in more detail

- This link is a medium-level document showing the new requirements
- Bobcat – subtle changes, mostly Oath and Law
- Tiger/Wolf/Bear
- http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/Appended%20Requirements.pdf





Character Connections

- **Character Connection with its alignment to the Cub Scout Core Values will be phased out.**
- **The Core Values will be replaced with the 12 points of the Scout Law**
 - Each handbook will have reflections on the 12 points
 - The Den Leader guides will have call-outs for the 12 points. Use during pack meetings, Scoutmaster minute, activities and reflections



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Handbook Changes

- **New handbooks will be available May 2015.**
- **BSA has released some samplers**
- **The sampler looks good, more modern to today's boys**
- **Let's take a look**
- **http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/220-851_LO.pdf**





Transitions

- **Tiger rank earned by Jun 1, 2015**
 - Begin using the new Wolf handbook and new Den leader Guide
- **Wolf rank earned by Jun 1, 2015**
 - Begin using the new Bear handbook and new Den leader Guide
- **Bear rank earned by Jun 1, 2015**
 - Begin using the new Webelos handbook and new Webelos Den leader Guide
- **Webelos rank earned by Jun 1, 2015, going to AOL**
 - Option 1: continue in current Handbook and complete AOL requirements
 - Option 2: use new Webelos handbook and
 - complete 4 defined requirements,
 - the three electives may be from the new adventure electives or activity badges from the current program which were not used to fulfill the Webelos rank
- **STEM/Nova will have some TBD changes to accommodate the academic belt loop discontinuation**



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Leader Support

- New Den Leader Meeting guide for each rank
 - Revised Fast Start
 - Revised Position-specific training
 - New “What Changed?” class
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- To be ready early 2015





Resources

- High level Program changes:
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdate.s.aspx>
- Program change overview:
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/2015_Program_Change_Overview_Cub_Scouts_Boy_Scouts.pdf



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