

# 2009–2010 Program Planning Insert

This special insert is provided to help your pack with its annual Program Planning conference. These pages are designed to be pulled out so that, as you proceed in your planning, pack leaders can readily compare the planning chart with suggested program ideas for each of the monthly themes.

## **PROGRAM PLANNING**

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The pack committee is responsible for ensuring that the pack operates a top-quality, year-round program. The quality of the program will depend largely on the pack committee supporting the Cubmaster, pack trainer, Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, and Webelos den leaders as needed.

Cub Scout program planning involves two main steps:

- Conducting an annual pack program planning conference.
- Conducting monthly pack leaders' meetings, which include monthly meetings of Cub Scout den leaders and Webelos den leaders with their den chiefs.

## **THE ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE**

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The annual program planning conference is a gathering of pack leaders to establish the year's program based on 12 monthly Cub Scout themes, Webelos activity badges, and pack activities. Numerous special events are available to complement your unit's program. Be sure to consider district, council, and community events in your planning. Use the Pack Program Planning Chart, pages 4–5 INSERT, as a worksheet for planning. A large wall chart version can serve as a display at pack meetings and events (No. 26-004). While planning, keep in mind that Cub Scouting is a year-round program.

The annual program planning conference is conducted by the pack committee chair with assistance from the Cubmaster. All den and pack leaders, den chiefs, and interested parents should be encouraged to attend. The conference is usually held in the summer before the start of a new program year. If you haven't already done your planning, start now.

Most packs establish goals for the year, such as

- Earn the 2009 Centennial Unit Award.
- Have all dens achieve the National Den Award.
- Serve more youth than the previous year.
- Have all leaders complete basic training for their position.

## **THE MONTHLY PACK LEADERS' MEETING**

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The monthly pack leader's meeting provides the opportunity to finalize plans for the current month's pack meeting and plan in detail den and pack meetings for the next month. The *Cub Scout Leader Book* gives details on planning and conducting the monthly pack leaders' meeting.

The pack leaders' meeting is usually held one or two weeks before the current month's pack meeting. The meeting is divided into four parts:

### **Den Plans**

Plans for the current month's den and pack meeting activities are reviewed. The next month's theme, Webelos activity badges, and the participation of all dens in the pack meeting are discussed.

### **Pack Plans**

Den advancement reports and other recognition needs are submitted. Pack dues and money-earning project collections are turned in to the treasurer. The committee chairman reports on action items, referring to activities/events chairmen when necessary. A final check is made on all details for the current month's pack meeting.

### **Unit Leadership Enhancements**

As part of the continuing education of Cub Scout leaders, Unit Leadership Enhancements are short training discussions intended to better equip pack leaders to conduct a quality program. The *Cub Scout Leader Book* provides a series of outlines on possible topics, from advancement to youth protection. You should choose monthly Unit Leadership Enhancement topics based on your pack's needs.

### **Social**

Besides providing a time for fellowship and refreshments, this social component of the meeting builds teamwork and should not be overlooked. The business portion of the meeting should end in sufficient time for everyone to be able to participate in the social element.

## **PACK MEETINGS**

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The Cubmaster is responsible for leading the pack meeting, which is planned at the pack leaders' meeting and conducted with the support of other leaders. Den leadership is responsible for the den during the pack meeting. Each den should share in the responsibility for some aspect of the pack meeting, such as making physical arrangements, providing greeters, or taking part in the pack program. The den leadership acts as hosts for den families.

The success of a pack meeting depends on careful planning, the involvement of many individuals, meaningful advancement and recognition ceremonies, fun, and a lively pace. Pack meeting outlines for each theme are provided in *Cub Scout Program Helps*. Use the Pack Program Planning Chart (pages 4–5 INSERT) in developing your pack meeting agenda. *Scouting* magazine, *Boys' Life*, and Cub Scout leader roundtables are valuable tools for planning quality pack meetings.

## **ADVANCEMENT**

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Each Cub Scout should have ample opportunity for advancement. Parents approve work for Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts, whereas the Webelos den leader approves most work for Webelos Scouts. Den leadership can encourage advancement by having boys begin work on requirements during the den meetings.

Remember that advancement is not a purpose of Cub Scouting, but a method. It is an ongoing process designed to help boys achieve Scouting's aims of character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

### **Special Pack Activities**

In addition to weekly den and monthly pack meetings, you will need to determine in which pack, district, and council activities or events your pack or den will participate. Examples are Scouting shows, derbies, pack money-earning projects, Scouting Anniversary Week activities, and community service projects.

Many special activities can be used to compliment the varied themes. Some examples are:

**Pinewood Derby races:** Pinewood cars are created by boys and run down a track during this exciting pack meeting.

**Kite Derby:** Boys create and fly kites during a fun-filled summertime pack event.

**Space Derby:** A rocketship is detailed by Cub Scouts and races are run across a mid-air track.

Details and hints for organizing and conducting these special events are found in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* and *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*.

Your pack can put the “outing” into Scouting with camping events scheduled during the annual planning conference. These camping experiences might include pack overnights, day camp, resident camp, or council-organized family camping. BALOO training (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) will provide the adult in charge of pack overnights the know-how to create a fun and safe first camping experience for many families.

All planned activities should support the purposes of Cub Scouting and complement your pack’s program. These activities demonstrate to youth and parents that they are involved in a program that is larger than their pack. Make sure careful thought and planning are given to special activities to ensure that the needs of the boys and the pack are being met and that activities are age-appropriate.

### **DEN LEADER/DEN CHIEF MEETINGS**

This informal meeting is usually held as part of the pack leaders’ meeting for the purpose of evaluating how the den meetings are going and to go over plans for the next month’s den meeting. They also are designed to:

Share information on den and pack plans.

Make assignments.

Coach den chiefs in skills or activities.

Coach den chiefs in dealing with problems, such as lagging advancement, behavior problems, etc.

Answer any questions den chiefs may have.

### **DEN PROGRAM**

The Cubmaster and/or pack trainer works with the den leaders to develop den meeting programs.

*Cub Scout Program Helps* provides theme-related den meetings each month for Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear dens. The *Webelos Leader Guide* likewise provides monthly den meeting plans for each of the Webelos activity badges. These program guides can be adapted to meet the needs of the den.

In planning the den program, the den leader uses the basic outline developed at the monthly pack leaders’ meeting and the outlines in *Cub Scout Program Helps* or the *Webelos Leader Guide*, considers other resources, and completes Den Meeting Program sheet found in the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for the specific program area.

### **CUBCASTS**

Cubcasts are audio podcasts featuring a variety of how-to and information topics for Cub Scout leaders and parents. You can reach the Cubcasts by logging on to the national Web site: [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

Each month, a new topic will be featured, as well as activities for the current month’s theme. All the Cubcasts are available to listen to, not just the current month.

### **SCOUTPARENTS UNIT COORDINATOR**

Your pack’s ScoutParents unit coordinator will help encourage all parents to take on one task or assignment in the pack each year. This coordinator will also help den leaders with parent orientations.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

#### **Leadership Training**

All Cub Scout leaders need training to help them understand the aims and purposes of the Scouting program, to learn Cub Scout skills, and to learn how to plan an effective Cub Scout program. The leadership training program of the Boy Scouts of America provides this information and helps leaders become confident in carrying out their responsibilities.

#### **Religious Emblems**

Most of the major religious organizations in the United States have programs to recognize Cub Scouts who demonstrate faith, observe their creeds or principles, and give service. Religious emblems are not Scouting awards; they are presented by religious groups to boys who work with their religious leaders or counselors on a program or requirements that often take a year or more to complete. A list of religious emblems available to Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts can be obtained from your local council service center or Scout shop.

#### **Fun for the Family Award**

Fun for the Family is Cub Scouting’s family activity program. It contains a series of activities and requirements designed to help strengthen families and to develop good character skills among family members. These activities occur through adventure learning experiences.

Categories:

- Sharing Your Family Identity
- Developing Personal Skills
- Building a Family Team
- Connecting With Your Community
- Facing Family Challenges

**To earn the patch,** complete two activities from each of the five categories.

**To earn the pins,** complete two additional activities to earn each of five possible pins.

Awards are earned through family activities and are presented at pack meetings. This is a great resource to help families accomplish the goals of building and strengthening family relationships.

#### **Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program**

The Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program is a supplemental enrichment program to help boys learn new skills or improve skills they already possess. The *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide* (34299) is the main resource for implementing the program. A variety of recognition items are available for the boys who participate in the program.

# THE CUB SCOUT CYCLE



JUNE JULY AUG. SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC. JAN. FEB. MAR. APR. MAY

**Tiger Cubs, first grade**

**Wolf Cub Scouts, second grade**

**Bear Cub Scouts, third grade**

Begin "year one" of the Webelos Scout program plan in June of third grade.

**Fourth-grade Webelos Scouts**

**Fifth-grade Webelos Scouts or 10 years old**

**Crossover  
to Boy Scouts**

- When enrolling Tiger Cubs in June and July, ensure there is sufficient program to last them through the summer.
- Roll over on June 1. Tiger Cubs become Wolf, Wolf to Bear, Bear to Webelos Scouts.
- Fifth-grade Webelos Scouts graduate in February and begin meeting with a troop in March.
- Leader selection is February through April for the next program year.



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# PACK PROGRAM PLANNING CHART

To Achieve a Better Program in Your Pack, Use the *Cub Scout Program Helps* and *Boys' Life Magazine*



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Charter Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

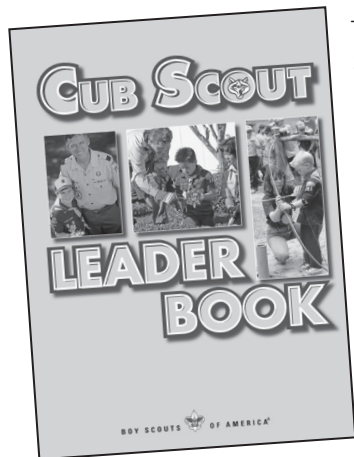
Month and Boys' Life Theme Feature	Den-Home Projects	Pack Activities	District and Council Activities	Webelos Activity Badges	Special Projects	Monthly Meetings
<b>Cub Scout Pockets</b>  7 Labor Day				Year 1 A: Citizen (1/2) B: Citizen (1/2)  Year 2 A: Communicator B: Sportsman and Communicator		Roundtable _____ Date _____ Time _____ Pack Leader _____ Date _____ Time _____ Den Chief _____ Date _____ Time _____ Pack _____ Date _____ Time _____
	<b>Jungle Safari</b>  12 Columbus Day (observed)				Year 1 A: Citizen (1/2) B: Citizen (1/2)  Year 2 A: Showman B: Showman	
<b>Cub Scout Salute</b>  3 Election Day 11 Veterans Day 26 Thanksgiving Day				Year 1 A: Craftsman (1/2) B: Craftsman (1/2)  Year 2 A: Readyman B: Readyman		Roundtable _____ Date _____ Time _____ Pack Leader _____ Date _____ Time _____ Den Chief _____ Date _____ Time _____ Pack _____ Date _____ Time _____
	<b>Works of Art</b>  25 Christmas Day				Year 1 A: Craftsman (1/2) B: Craftsman (1/2)  Year 2 A: Scientist (1/2) B: Artist and Scientist (1/2)	
<b>Power Up!</b>  1 New Year's Day 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day				Year 1 A: Fitness B: Fitness  Year 2 A: Scientist (1/2) B: Artist and Scientist (1/2)		Roundtable _____ Date _____ Time _____ Pack Leader _____ Date _____ Time _____ Den Chief _____ Date _____ Time _____ Pack _____ Date _____ Time _____

<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p>	<p><b>Happy Birthday, BSA</b></p> <p>7 Scout Sunday 8 Anniversary Day, BSA 7-13 Scouting Anniversary Week 18 Scout Sabbath 19 Presidents Day 22 Baden-Powell's Birthday</p>				<p>Year 1 A: Scholar B: Scholar</p> <p>Year 2 A: Engineer (½) B: Engineer (½)</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>
<p><b>MARCH</b></p>	<p><b>Take Flight</b></p> <p>1 Boys' Life Anniversary Day</p>				<p>Year 1 A: Artist and Athlete B: Athlete</p> <p>Year 2 A: Engineer (½) B: Engineer (½)</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>
<p><b>APRIL</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Into Action</b></p> <p>22 Earth Day</p>				<p>Year 1 A: Sportsman and Family Member B: Handyman and Family Member</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>
<p><b>MAY</b></p>	<p><b>In the Spotlight</b></p> <p>9 Mother's Day 15 Armed Forces Day 31 Memorial Day</p>				<p>Year 1 A: Outdoorsman B: Outdoorsman</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>
<p><b>JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Hoop-De-Do!</b></p> <p>14 Flag Day 20 Father's Day</p>				<p>Year 1 A: Traveler</p> <p>Year 2 A: Handyman B: Traveler</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>
<p><b>JULY</b></p>	<p><b>Celebrate Freedom</b></p> <p>4 Independence Day</p>				<p>Year 1 A: Aquanaut</p> <p>Year 2 A: Geologist B: Geologist and Aquanaut</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>
<p><b>AUGUST</b></p>	<p><b>Waves of Fun</b></p>				<p>Year 1 A: Naturalist</p> <p>Year 2 A: Forester B: Naturalist and Forester</p>	<p>Roundtable Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Leader Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Den Chief Date _____ Time _____</p> <p>Pack Date _____ Time _____</p>

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# Cub Scout Literature and Resources



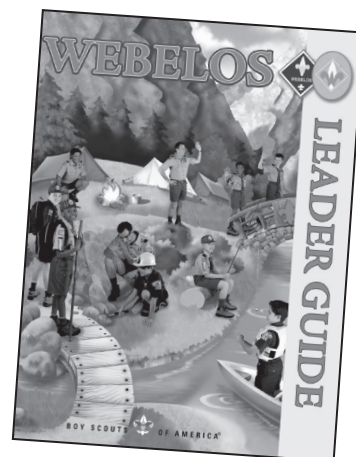
The *Cub Scout Leader Book*, No. 33221, is a guide for all Cub Scout leaders. It contains the basic information needed to operate and support Cub Scouting, such as information on Cub Scout policies, leadership duties, program planning, and youth protection.

The *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*, No. 33832, includes a broad assortment of time-tested program activities for Cub Scout dens and packs. By using these activities, leaders

not only help strengthen family relationships but provide opportunities for boys to have fun while they are advancing in rank.

The *Webelos Leader Guide*, No. 33853, includes most of the information a Webelos leader needs for meeting preparation. It contains information formerly provided in *Webelos Den Activities*, the *Webelos Planning Guide*, and *Webelos Program Helps*.

Below is a list of resources that will help you in the program areas listed. Go to [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) or contact your local council service center or Scout shop.



## THE BASICS

No. 33211	<i>Den Chief Handbook</i>
No. 33212	<i>Cub Scout Ceremonies for Den and Packs</i>
No. 33221	<i>Cub Scout Leader Book</i>
No. 33451	<i>Bear Handbook</i>
No. 33450	<i>Wolf Handbook</i>
No. 33452	<i>Webelos Handbook</i>
No. 33832	<i>Cub Scout Leader How-To Book</i>
No. 34713	<i>Tiger Cub Handbook</i>
No. 33853	<i>Webelos Leader Guide</i>

## PROGRAM

No. 33012	<i>Family Fun</i>
No. 33122	<i>Group Meeting Sparklers</i>
No. 33210	<i>Cub Scout Magic</i>
No. 33222	<i>Cub Scout Songbook</i>
No. AV-058CD	Cub Scout Songbook CD
No. 33721	Cub Scout Grand Prix Pinewood Derby Guidebook
No. 33748	National Summertime Pack Award Planning Guide
No. 34282	Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet
No. 34299	<i>Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Guide</i>
No. 34409	<i>Cub Scout Program Helps</i> (annual)
No. 14-190	Centennial Quality Commitment and Achievement Form for Unit Awards
No. 26-001	Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook
No. 26-004	Pack Program Planning Chart

## MEMBERSHIP

No. 13-500	Selecting Cub Scout Leadership
No. 34301	Join the Race flyer
No. 34298	Cub Scout Recruiting flyer
No. 34300	Cub Scout Recruiting (rocket)
No. 34683A	Race to Cub Scouting Recruiting banner

## PACK MANAGEMENT

No. 33819	Pack Record Book
No. 13-513	Cub Scouting Highlights (current year)
	Family Talent Survey (available in <i>Cub Scout Leader Book</i> )

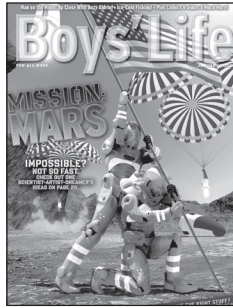
## TRAINING

No. 34870A	New Leader Essentials Training with CD
No. 34875	Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training
No. 34876A	Cub Scout Leader Training poster set
No. 34450	Den Chief Training
No. AV-01DVD22	Cub Scout and Boy Scout Fast Start Leader Training DVD

# Cub Scout Program Partners

**Boys' Life magazine is the official youth magazine of the Boy Scouts of America.**

- **Good Reading.** *Boys' Life* is a skillful mix of exciting stories and valuable information, published in three demographic editions to match the reading level needs of subscribers, first grade through high school.
- **Good Scouting.** *Boys' Life* brings Scouting into the home 12 times a year. *Boys' Life* subscribers advance in rank faster, stay in Cub Scouting longer, enjoy stronger family support of Cub Scouting, and are more active in den and pack activities than nonsubscribers.
- **Good Character.** Each issue of *Boys' Life* brings Cub Scouts stories about strong role models, admirable heroes, and successful leaders. "Scouts in Action," one of the most popular articles in *Boys' Life*, features the story of a scout hero each month.



## **Boys' Life supports Cub Scouting program themes.**

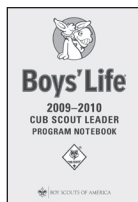
Member subscribers advance in rank two-to-one over member nonsubscribers. This happens because *Boys' Life* provides articles and stories that help Cub Scouts with their rank advancement requirements. Leaders can find a summary of these articles in each issue of *Scouting* magazine—see, "Let *Boys' Life* Be Your Program Helper." (Hint: Make a copy of this page and share it with parents who do not get *Scouting* magazine.)

## **Boys' Life magazine publishes three demographic (age-specific) editions.**

1. **Tiger Cub demographic edition**—goes to all Tiger Cubs and Cub Scouts through age 8 who subscribe. Twelve to 16 pages are swapped out between the two Cub Scout-age editions and the Boy Scout edition for each issue to create age-appropriate reading material. The Tiger Cub edition also contains four pages—written especially for Tiger Cubs and very young Cub Scouts—that are not found in the other two editions of *Boys' Life*.
2. **Cub Scout demographic edition**—goes to all Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts age 9 and above, and adults in the Cub Scouting program who subscribe. Cub Scout and Webelos Scout readers get more pages of word games, puzzles, cartoons, and Cub Scout-specific topics. Both Cub Scout-age editions bear a gold color bar on each page edge for articles appearing only in the Cub Scout-age versions of the magazine. This way Cub Scouts can go directly to those pages written especially for them.

### **Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook (No. 26-001)**

The pocket-sized 4" × 6" *Boys' Life* Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook is useful for all Cub Scouting leaders. Its 96 pages include a guide to effective Cub Scouting program planning; individual pages for each monthly recommended theme and activity badge; 12 monthly calendars; full-page, fill-in-the-blank outlines for each weekly den meeting; planning outlines for the monthly pack leaders' meeting and the pack meeting; a miniature reproduction of the Boys' Life Pack Program Planning Chart, No. 26-004; and the current requirements for the National Pack Quality Unit Award and the National Den Award. The Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook is available through your local council service center.



## **Boys' Life Commitment to Literacy**

*Boys' Life* promotes literacy as an essential part of the personal fitness development of its readers. Teachers will tell you that good readers are better students.

Parents know that *Boys' Life* provides interesting, wholesome reading that will help their sons grow in Cub Scouting—and life.

Look for the **Cub Corner** to direct readers to *Boys' Life* articles that are written especially for Cub Scout-age youth. *Boys' Life* readers will find Cub Corner only in the Cub Scout edition of *Boys' Life*.

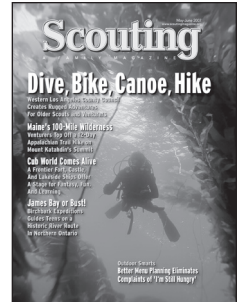


3. **Boy Scout demographic edition**—goes to all other subscribers. This edition provides more articles on the outdoors, science, history, and personalities. These features are geared toward the older readers—their interests, their active lifestyles, and Boy Scout-specific topics. The Boy Scout edition table of contents page does not use the cartoon characters of the Cub Scout-age editions, but has a more mature look and feel.

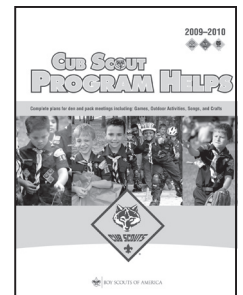
Each edition of *Boys' Life* is mailed automatically to subscribers based on age and program.

## **Scouting magazine is mailed six times a year to all registered BSA leaders. Inside each issue the reader will find**

- **Scouting News:** Articles and stories that keep Scout leaders up-to-date with the latest developments in Cub Scouting.
- **Cub Scout Program Help Segments:** these segments are included in each issue of *Scouting* magazine, except the October issue.
- **"Let *Boys' Life* Be Your Program Helper":** This page guides the Cub Scout leader to articles in *Boys' Life* that help with specific Cub Scout advancement requirements.



**Cub Scout Program Helps** follows national BSA Cub Scout themes and gives leaders a complete outline of activities and resources necessary to ensure a successful Cub Scouting program.



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