

Pack 4377

Rules for Advancements

Scouts are encouraged to work on badges and requirements outside regular den meetings and activities. Scouts who have lots of badges earn most of them on their own. In most cases you will not be able to earn the badge for your rank unless you do some work outside den meetings. If a requirement says to tell your den about something, you can discuss it with your parent or guardian instead. If a requirement says to make something (project, list, report, etc.) turn it in to your den leader (be sure to put your name on it). If a requirement says to go somewhere, bring a picture of yourself at that place. We will start having a table at pack meetings to display these items. You can take them back home after the pack meeting.

All requirements completed outside den meetings should be listed on a sheet of paper and turned in at the beginning of a den meeting. The completed requirements will be recorded on the Meeting Record Sheet, the list you turned in will be signed by an adult at the meeting and returned to you. In your book where it says "recorded by the den leader" the parent should fill in the date the requirement was turned in at the den meeting. The book is for you to fill out, not the den leader. Pack records will show the date on the record sheet as the date of completion. Requirements completed in den meetings will be recorded by the den leader on the Meeting Record Sheet.

The requirements are different for each rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelo) in Cub Scouts you need a book to understand what these requirements are. You also need a book so you can find out what you need to work on to earn advancements.

First year Cub Scouts (except Tiger Cubs) must earn their Bobcat Badge before any other advancements can be awarded. Parents have to sign the requirements and turn it in at a den meeting. You can work on other badge requirements before you get your Bobcat Badge, but you cannot receive the other badges. Tiger Cubs must earn their Tiger Cub Badge before they can earn a Bobcat Badge.

You cannot count things you have done before you joined Cub Scouts toward completion of requirements.

In our pack, the only Scouts who 'cross-over' in the spring are second-year Webelos who are going into Boy Scouts. Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, and first-year Webelos keep the same rank until September 1. Activities completed during the summer count toward advancements for the previous year.

Example: If you were a Wolf during the 2001-2002 school year, activities during the summer of 2002 count toward Wolf advancements. You cannot work on Bear Advancements until September 1, 2002.

You can only work on advancements for one rank at a time. If you completed requirements over the summer, you need to turn them in before you turn in anything for the new school year.

If you have questions, about advancement rules please call John Geffre at 756-6091 or Perri Downing at 756-3870 or (cell) 756-6740, and leave a message. We will call you back if we aren't available when you call.